



# St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

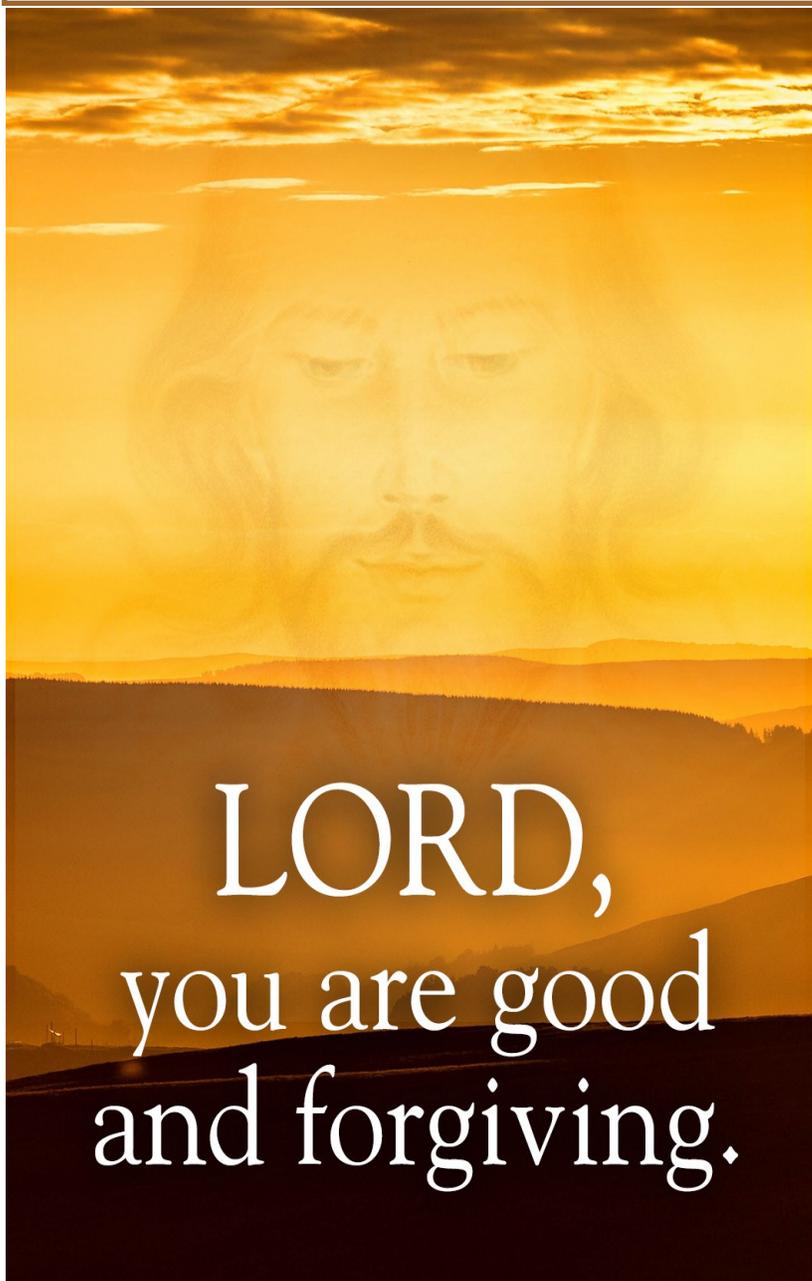
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Living the Eucharist in Loving Service

Sixteenth Sunday, July 19, 2020

Masses Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:30, 10:00 11:30

8:30 Vietnamese—Livestream 4 pm Mass



Mass Intentions  for the Week

Thank you for worshipping with us.

Sanctuary Candle: John Wolosin+ (John & Cathy Parents)

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 19, 2020</b>
7:30am	Carol Alywood+ (Ray & Margaret Flanders)
8:30am	Francis Van Orskie (Marge Harris)
10:00am	Mary Anne & Ed Wood+ (Anita)
11:30am	Eleanor Simonelli+ (Loving daughter)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 20, 2020</b>
8:30am	Walter & June Rinard+ (Ed Grimes)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 21, 2020</b>
8:30am	Parishioners
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 22, 2020</b>
8:30am	Gerald Schueller (Lay Associates)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 23, 2020</b>
8:30am	Rev Paul Gaudreau –60th Anniv.(Ed Grimes)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 24, 2020</b>
8:30am	Art & Fran Morrill+ (Ed Grimes)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 25, 2020</b>
8:30 am	Patricia Hoffmann+ (Riley Family)
4:00pm	John Wolosin+(Cathy&JohnWolosin, parents) Rooney Philip+ (Sandra Rousseau-Great Grandma) Rooney Philip+ (Barbara Rooney & Larry Swett)



Scripture Readings the Week of July 19,

**Sunday Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time**

Wis 12:13-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30

**Monday Saint Apollinaris,**

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday Saint Lawrence of Brindisi,**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday Saint Mary Magdalene**

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Thursday Saint Bridget**

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17

**Friday Saint Sharbel Makhlūf**

Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday Saint James, Apostle**

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

**Sunday Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; ; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

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## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Hymn: O Bless the Lord

Refrain:

O bless the Lord, the God of our salvation, Rock of strength and a refuge sure! O bless the Lord, the God of every nation, over all the earth!

Verse:

O bless the Lord, highest heavens above!  
Bless the Lord! Glorify his name!  
Sun in the day, moon and stars in the night, worship and praise! (to Refrain)

### Presentation Hymn: Seek Ye First

Verse:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.  
Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; Knock and it shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.  
You do not live by bread alone, but by every word That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia

### Communion Hymn: Blest Are They

Verse:

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.  
Refrain:  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

### Sending Forth Hymn: Blest Be the Lord

Refrain:

Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of mercy, the God who saves.  
I shall not fear the dark of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.

Verse:

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.  
He will protect me from their wicket hands.  
Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice to find a dwelling place secure. (to Refrain)

*Thank you for worshipping with us.*

## Parish Giving

### Parish Mass Offering—July 12, 2020

**Mass Count: 367—Offertory: \$5,780.50**

**Candle Money \$95. /Missionary Co Op \$1,205.**

**Last year at this time the Mass Count was 632 and Offertory \$6,533. The Mission Appeal \$2,212.**

**A good number of parishioners are following the Mass on Facebook streaming the Sat. 4:00 Mass and available Sunday. Thank you for keeping your eye on this page. We are here for you. The work of the parish continues, so call or stop in 9:00 to 2:00.**

**Visit [svdpfl.com](http://svdpfl.com) if you would like to sign up for online giving!**

**Consider coming to weekday Mass at 8:30 to receive Holy Communion or spend so quiet time in church. Open from 8 am to 8 pm.**

## Finance Corner

### WORD OF APPRECIATION

Your contribution is at work to spread the Gospel. This past week we paid bills including: Trash Removal \$167.20, Copier Lease \$209.99, Household Expenses \$56.99 and Fingerprinting \$51. Our monthly expenses for July 2020 are budgeted at about \$55,000, which means it costs about \$12,790 a week to meet expenses through offertory and donations income.

Your moral and monetary support sustains the daily service our parish is able to offer to the many who need the church in these trying time. You enables us to continue the ministry of the parish. The offertory this week was great. Your contributions help us tremendously as we attempt to rebuild our budget loss and meet expenses.

Repairs on the education building and garage roof will begin Tuesday July 14th.

You may have noticed we have an area marked off on the sidewalk next to the pond. Unfortunately, we have a major repair needed to the sidewalk. We found a company and the cost is around \$2,000, but are looking for additional bids.

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## Abundance Holy Hour for Vocations, July 22, 2020

You are invited to join Deacon Joshua Bertrand and the Serra Club in praying for an abundance of vocations in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. On Wednesday, July 22nd, at 7:00 pm, you can attend via live stream or in person. If you wish to join us in praying for vocations at the Cathedral of St. Jude, we ask that you practice the same guidelines which have been followed for daily Masses.



### *Youth Ministry News!* *Youth Activity Gathering*

Our primary concern for our families is to have a safe and enjoyable summer. Limitations are placed before us with the requirement of social distancing, refraining from touching and wearing a face covering. It is necessary to be protected. Also helpful is getting outdoor and exercising your favorite activities, like mowing.

Mass is celebrated every day at 8:30. So come and receive Holy Communion to experience the difference it will make in your day. Summer is a good time to hang with God and find what brings you peace. In all things give thanks!

Looking forward to seeing you!

### **Pray Together Play Together**

## Weed Out the Sin in Your Life

One thing that made Jesus such a good teacher was that He knew His audience, and therefore, He knew how to successfully teach and preach to them. Since society at that time was agrarian, he could use stories related to farming and the land knowing that his audience could relate.

This weekend we hear the parable of the good seed from Matthew's Gospel. Unlike last Sunday's Gospel of the sower and the seed which spoke about God's Word, today's parable teaches us about the nature of the Kingdom of God.

One of the lessons of this parable is that it is a reality in the world that good will exist alongside evil. We witness this all the time, particularly during times of national emergency, crisis, or natural disaster. These times tend to bring out the best in people in the way they step up to help their neighbor. But there are also those who take advantage of these circumstances for their own benefit and profit. We might ask, "Why does God allow this to happen?" We remember that God is patient with us, and calls us to forgiveness and conversion of mind and heart.

What if we make it more personal by looking at our own lives? We are created in the image and likeness of God, and therefore, created good. But we have to be vigilant in making sure that we don't allow the weeds around us to choke away our goodness. That's why it's important to pay attention to the company we keep, our friendships, and those we spend time with. We might have to realize that someone is not a good influence in my life, and is not helping me to get to heaven. In the end, God's justice will prevail, and goodness will triumph. But for now, we need to do our part to promote goodness in the world, even in the midst of the weeds around us.

Some things we can do is to have a good prayer life, to come to Mass on Sunday, go to Confession, read and study scripture on a regular basis, and practice charity. If you do these things, you'll not only weed out the sin in your life, but you also can bring others to Christ!

**Bishop Gregory Parkes**

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## Loans keep 'essential ministries' going during national emergency

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairman of the U.S. bishops' domestic policy committee said the federal emergency "bridge loans" that dioceses, parishes and other Catholic entities applied for provided a lifeline, allowing "our essential ministries to continue to function in a time of national emergency."

"The Catholic Church is the largest nongovernmental supplier of social services in the United States," said Archbishop Paul S. Coakley. "Each year, our parishes, schools and ministries serve millions of people in need, regardless of race, ethnicity or religion. The novel coronavirus only intensified the needs of the people we serve and the demand for our ministries," he said. "The loans we applied for enabled our essential ministries to continue to function in a time of national emergency."

"The Paycheck Protection Program was designed to protect the jobs of Americans from all walks of life, regardless of whether they work for for-profit or nonprofit employers, faith-based or secular," Archbishop Coakley said.

"The shutdown orders and economic fallout associated with the virus have affected everyone, including the thousands of Catholic ministries — churches, schools, health care and social services — that employ about 1 million people in the United States," the archbishop said.

According to CNN, more than 4.8 million small business owners have utilized the program. On June 30, the U.S. Senate extended to Aug. 8 the deadline to apply for the loans. The extension came as over \$130 billion allocated to the program remained unused.

The Paycheck Protection Program loans are partly "forgivable," meaning the money does not need to be repaid if the employer uses the money for payroll costs, mortgage, rent and utilities as required by the program.

"These loans have been an essential lifeline to keep hundreds of thousands of employees on payroll, ensure families maintain their health insurance, and enable lay workers to continue serving their brothers and sisters during this crisis," he added. By some estimates thousands of individual churches, schools, food pantries and other social service programs would have shuttered all around the country were it not for federal loan program..

Our parish made application to participate in this loans program to help make the difference meet payroll and utilities cost. Thank you for the sacrifices you have made.

**JOIN our S.V.de P. Society  
Wish List This Week: As the food  
pantry remains open during this  
time we need: stew, chili and peanut  
butter.**



Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom.

**This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.**

We are in need of both cash donations and food. Cash donations can be put in an envelope marked SVDP Society and placed in the offertory basket or dropped off at the office.

*Thank you for your support, the SVdP Society is made possible by your participation in serving this ministry.*

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Calling all families for your assistance in preparation of our continued Faith Formation of your children. It is time to order the books and materials needed for each grade level. Ms Charlene Vassalli will be speaking at all the Masses next weekend and be available to help you with early registration. Or you may call the Faith Formation office at 938-1974. We look forward to assisting you and pray the watchful eye of God be on you and your family during these summer days.

### Support Groups: Meet in the Education Building

Monday, 7:00 pm NA, GA, GA (family)

Tuesday, 7:00 pm Al-Anon, OA

Wed. 7:30 pm AA

Thurs 6:30 AA Women Only

Friday, 11:00 am Al-Anon

Friday 7:30 pm Al-Anon

Saturday 7:00 pm NA

RECOVERY & SUPPORT



## Catholic Charities Helps Families Financially Impacted by COVID-19

A growing numbers of families are turning to Catholic Charities due to Covid-19. With expanded ability to help people in need of rent and utility assistance; around 500 more people will be assisted so they can keep on their lights and air conditioning and stay in their homes.

“Our Pathways Program provides rent and utilities assistance. We have various funding sources that we receive throughout the year to help us with this program. When COVID hit, we received additional funding from some of those sources, including Bishop Gregory Parkes. He is partnering with us by contributing \$100,000 to help us expand our assistance,” said Maggie Rogers, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese.

Those who need assistance will have to document that they’ve lost income during the COVID-19 pandemic and must show that their utility bill has an outstanding balance. The goal of the Pathways Program is to *assist people who are in danger of becoming homeless or are simply in need of emergency utility assistance*. Catholic Charities has noted that it will offer the assistance until the funds run out, with the long-term desire being for those struggling to get back on their feet.

While the ability to afford rent and utility bills has taken a hit in households nationwide, Rogers says this is a concern that is very close to home. “We own or manage over 2,000 housing units, so we have close ties to those we are serving in the community. We realized during COVID-19 that many of them have suffered a lot and this is a way to address one of the issues we’re faced with every day..”

Catholic Charities is focusing on doing everything virtually. People will be able to send their documents in by taking a picture with their phone or scanning it in. “We’ve had to rethink our processes to be able to continue to provide our services,” Rogers said.

Part of the goals for Courageously Living the Gospel is addressing the need for affordable housing for low-income, working families and individuals. The resources that are provided through the expanded Pathways Program are indispensable to these communities.

To contact Catholic Charities By phone:(352) 686-9897 ext. 157 or email [utilityassistance@ccdosp.org](mailto:utilityassistance@ccdosp.org), (Pasco Counties)

## Family Faith Formation



### Luke 10:38-42

I am certain that when I hear some people speak of the Christian life, I am hearing them say that nothing less than perfection is allowed. We are regaled with the rules; then we are reminded that if we depend on the presence of the Spirit, there will be no problem. It seems as though we are being driven into a corner from which there is no escape.

As one reads the New Testament, in the order in which it was likely written, one discovers that there is a great concern for personal behavior. There is no compromising the call to perfection, but there is also the acknowledgment that it is not likely to happen.

For instance, take another look at Matthew's Parable of the Weeds or the Parable of the Net and you will see that he is struggling to define the nature of the church as a fellowship in which both good and bad exist together and that judgment is God's business.

Paul writes to the church at Philippi about perfection and then confesses that he is not there yet. Reread what he does say and it becomes a bit more possible for the rest of us. A call to perfection is always there. But there is an acknowledgment that when we falter, there is One who understands.

Reread Hebrews 4:14ff and contrast it with Hebrews 6:4ff. It is clear that the early church was struggling with this matter and that we ought not to be surprised if we struggle with it too. The truth is that most of us wish for ten handy rules that will guarantee that all is well with our soul. The Good News is, as Paul makes clear in Romans 7, that in the final instance our hope is in the grace of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. May God bless your home and household. Your love for one another makes it a dwelling place for God.

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## *Grace* A Rosary for Peace, Healing and an End to the Pandemic

Livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

**Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.  
July 16, 23, 30 & August 6**

July 16 Rosary will be led by Bishop Gregory Parkes



**COURAGEOUSLY**  
*Living the Gospel*

**Pray with us!** [Facebook.com/diostpete](https://www.facebook.com/diostpete) & [dosp.org/livestream](https://www.dosp.org/livestream)

– Please join us via livestream from the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle *each Thursday at 12:00 Noon on July 16, 23, 30 and August 6* to pray the Rosary, a remedy against severe trials, temptations and the hardships of life. This form of prayer is one of our greatest weapons in the battle against evil. Let us join together as one family and one community to pray for an end to the pain, discord and upheaval so many are experiencing at this present time. The first diocesan-wide Rosary prayer on July 16 will be led by Bishop Gregory Parkes.

Dear Jesus, teach us to love to the utmost, with all the consequences that this may entail. In a holy communion of life we are one with you as you are with us. On the cross we go this way united with you, drinking of your grace, relying on your presence. Beloved, infuse us with your Holy Spirit, and bond us to live in the Body of Christ. Always, everywhere, in all circumstances to the praise and glory of the three in One. Amen.



## **Gospel Reflection on Matt. 13:24**

Where have these weeds come from?

An enemy has done this!

We are living with a dangerous pandemic that has no regard for who is infected. Everyone is obligated to take precautions. Our lives have been limited in social interaction, travel, entertainment and even places of worship. Yes, it does feel like an enemy had done this. How are we to distinguish between the wheat and the weeds? The garden we share is overgrown with both. Our government is paralyzed unable to cultivate a harvest of righteousness. Our church lacks the unity to know the Father's will and bring about the reign of God.

Catholics on both sides of the aisle believe themselves capable of assuming the role of God in judging the human heart. Jesus warns us that this judgment is not our responsibility. We are not the ones to separate the wheat and the weeds.

Sure, we can see the difference between the two. But we lack the ability to pull out the weeds without destroying the wheat. It is God alone at the end of time who will separate the wheat and the weeds. The weeds will be thrown into the fires to be destroyed. But it is not the harvesters, the workers in the field, who are charged with this mission.

### **It is God.**

What we need, in our present age, is a deeper memory of what it means to be Catholic. The Church is on pilgrimage,

moving toward union of life, toward total communion with a merciful God. My task is not to prematurely separate out the wheat and the weeds. The togetherness of the two is part of God's mercy.

Weeds can become wheat. Wheat can become weeds. God has allowed the Church to exist in history, in time and space, for the sake of conversion.

The virus of disunity seeks to create a pure church. Membership in this Church consists of the really faithful, the super intentional, those who think and pray just like me. To the rest, good riddance, to hell you go. Little do we know, we damn ourselves in this proclamation.

As Catholics, belonging to a Church that is one, holy, universal and apostolic, we must fight against this tendency. The only person's holiness I can judge is my own. I can discern my own infidelity, my own apathy, the weeds that choke the love in my heart. This, I can and should change. Let Christ preach the Gospel. Let Christ be the judge of the wheat and the weeds.

It is time to stand up against the heresy of Donatism, of creating a pure Church that alone is true, right and just. We will be saved, as Catholics, together. In a unity that we do not enact but comes as a gift from a merciful God. Until then, let us pray that all the weeds — starting with myself — may become The wheat of Eucharist.  
Edited from OSV.