

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

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Served by The Blessed Sacrament Congregation
Living the Eucharist in Loving Service

Mass Intentions for the Week

Thank you for worshipping with us.

Sanctuary Candle: Blessings on our Parish Family

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| Sunday | November 29, 2020 |
| 7:30am | Andrew Stregare+ (Ray & Margaret Flanders) |
| 8:30am | Parish Family |
| 10:00am | Dolores Fenning+ (Arlene Schnitt) Mary Tokarz+ (Bud & Nancy Corcoran) |
| 11:30am | Frank Q. Picone+ (Marie) and Therese Sannuto-Birthday (Sannuto Family) |
| Monday | November 30, 2020 |
| 8:30am | Bill Grau+ (Dianne Maxwell) |
| Tuesday | December 1, 2020 |
| 8:30am | Joan Milloy (Jane Lupic-40 days of life) |
| Wednesday | December 2, 2020 |
| 8:30am | Rosaleen Kenny (Mary Brady) Parish (Mary Brady) |
| Thursday | December 3, 2020 |
| 8:30am | Glenn Kuiper+ (Father) |
| Friday | December 4, 2020 |
| 8:30am | Annakutty George (Thomas Family) |
| Saturday | December 5, 2020 |
| 8:30am | Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament |
| 4:00pm | Francis Scalfani+ (Dick & Sue Combetta) |



All is ready at St. Vincent de Paul Church Enjoy our annual Christmas Luncheon

Sponsored by Our Lady's Guild

Tuesday, December 1 2020

Father Farrell Hall Doors open at 11:00 AM

*Cost: \$20.00 per person. Door Prizes and Raffles
Join us for a fun filled afternoon of dancing, delicious food, raffles for beautiful gift baskets, door prizes and 50/50! Share the Christmas spirit with members of Our Lady's Guild and St. Vincent de Paul Parish.*

Ring Noel Concert! Dec 06, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Holiday United Church of Christ, 4826 Bartelt RD, Holiday.

Come celebrate the holiday season with **Suncoast Bronze Ringers at our Ring Noel Concert Series!** Tickets are \$5.00 purchased at the door. Let us join our neighbors and share the joy of Christmas. Hope to see you there.



First Sunday in Advent

1st Sunday of Advent

Entrance: To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul (#400)

Refrain: To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul.

Verse 1: Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your paths, guide me. You are my Savior. (To Refrain)

Verse 2: Good and upright our gracious God, showing the way, guiding the humble to justice. (To Refrain)

Presentation: Maranatha

Refrain: Come. O Lord, and set us free. Maranatha.

Verse:

Desert and dry land will grow green in praise; clay will rejoice with full bloom.

Showers of flowers given birth in dead earth; in colors they echo his song.

Communion: I Rejoiced (10 AM Mass only)

Refrain: I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to the house of the Lord.

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Verse: I rejoiced when they said to me
“Let us go to the house of the Lord today.”

And now we stand within your gates; my heart is glad and I will sing with joy.

Communion: Jesus, Come to Us (#394)

Refrain: Jesus, come to us, lead us to your light.

Jesus, be with us, for we need you.

Verse 1:

Lord, we come before you, listen to our prayer.

Fill us all with hope and your love.

Verse 2:

Lord we come to praise you for your faithfulness through night.

You will be with us, this we know.

Sending Forth: Soon and Very Soon (#577)

Verse 1:

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King; (to Refrain)

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Verse 2:

No more crying there, We are going to see the King;
No more crying there, We are going to see the King;
No more crying there, We are going to see the King; (to Refrain)



Prepare: “Jesus said to his disciples: Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” – Mark 13:33

This weekend we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of new liturgical year. It's also Thanksgiving weekend. Generally, when we think of Advent, our thoughts turn to preparing for the birth of our Savior at Christmas. The anticipation and birth of a child brings emotions of hope and joy. And yet, the reading from Mark's Gospel this weekend seems a bit more ominous.

Advent is indeed a time of preparation. We prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in history, and we prepare for His second coming in glory at the end of time. It is the latter that Our Lord is speaking of when He says, “Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: Watch!” In fact, the word “watch” is used four times in this short Gospel reading.

Jesus mentions the times of the day when we are typically most tired or sleepy: evenings, mornings, midnight or at dawn. These are times when it is most difficult to stay awake and vigilant. Jesus was not using these times in the literal sense, but rather figuratively. The reality is that many people go through life on cruise control. We can fall into habits and lose track of the meaning and significance of why we do certain things – like going to Mass each weekend. Some miss a Sunday at church, then another, and then it becomes a pattern.

We know that Our Lord will return in glory to judge the living and the dead. Our time on earth is but a moment in time, and we don't know how much time we may have. Therefore, we should be prepared.

Live each day as if it could be your last day. Don't put off until tomorrow what we should do today. Tell your family and friends that you love them and forgive those who need to be forgiven. Seek God's forgiveness in your own life. Be the person that God has created you to be. Prepare. If you do so, there's no need to worry about the Master's return. ~ Bishop Parkes

Parish Giving

Parish Mass Offerings November 22, 2020
Will be reported next week do to early posting of the bulletin. Visit www.svdpl.com to sign up for online giving! Consider coming to weekday Mass at 8:30 to receive Holy Communion or spend some quiet time in prayer. Open from 8 am to 8 pm.

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

THE JOURNEY. A WAY TO DEEPEN YOUR EXPERIENCE OF JESUS, THE GIVER OF GRACE

There may be things in your past that have made you think you are not worthy of the love of God. Perhaps you have felt that others judged you and shut you out of their lives or out of your faith community.

Spend some time in prayer asking God for the courage to believe in his love, grace and forgiveness. Imagine being asked by him to tell others of his infinite mercy.



First Week of Advent

The First Sunday of Advent Begin your Advent journey by blessing your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." and finish by saying the following prayer:

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Christmas Season Grand Opening!

On Saturday, December 12, the church celebrates the vigil of **Gaudete Sunday**. "rejoice the Lord is near." New from Covid-19 is the practice of holding a drive-thru. You may not be able to come to church, but we hope you will hop in your car and join a procession of cars at 5 pm following Mass to see the Christmas lights and decorations on the church property.

The day before, on Friday and Saturday morning we hope to have many families set up their nativities on the front lawn. To register for a spot to decorate please call the parish office to give your family name and the time you plan to set up your display. Decorating will begin on December 11 and must be completed prior to the 4 pm Mass on December 12th. The nativities will be blessed by Fr. Bill. Entries will be judged and the winner will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card following the 4 pm Mass on December 24.

You can drive through the parish grounds and enjoy the decorations. The children will decorate the front of the Education Building and Fr Farrell Hall. Fr. Dominic and the Vietnamese Community will decorate the front of the Church.

At the front of the Church there will be a place to drop off food for the St. Vincent de Paul Society for Christmas and a drop off for gifts purchased for the Giving Tree. Enjoy Christmas music and then go home and set up your own nativities to celebrate the Blessed birth of our Savior.



SCRIPTURE READING

Readings for the Week of November 29, 2020

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| Sunday | First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16-19, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37 |
| Monday | Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22 |
| Tuesday | Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24 |
| Wednesday | Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37 |
| Thursday | Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27 |
| Friday | Saint John Damascene, Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31 |
| Saturday | Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5-8 |
| Sunday | Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8 |

First Sunday in Advent

Advent Activities and Ideas

- * Set up and pray the Advent Wreath.
- * Celebrate St. Nicholas day Dec 6 Learn who he was and why he was so special.
- * Attend Mass on the Feast of Immaculate Conception (Check the Mass times below).
- * Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec 12 by having Mexican food for dinner.
- * Celebrate St. Lucia's Feast day by making easy Saffron buns (see recipe below).
- * Put up your nativity set.
- * Attend Confession as a family.

Easy St. Lucia's Bread

Take 2 cans cinnamon rolls and braid them into a crown and bake according to directions. Drizzle with white icing and insert white birthday candles. Light the birthday candles. St. Lucy is the patroness of the blind, so say a prayer to her to open the eyes of the spiritually blind. Then blow out the candles.



Fit Faith Into Your Crazy Busy Life

*Catholic Planner
Father Connor Penna*

*New YouTube Series
Starting November 20, 2020
[Youtube.com/diocesefstpete](https://www.youtube.com/diocesefstpete)*

DIocese of St. Peterburg
COURAGEOUSLY
Living the Gospel

Finance Corner

WORD OF APPRECIATION

This past week we paid bills including: Telephone and Internet \$668.72, Building Repair and Maintenance \$87.20, Cleaning Products \$95.511 and Needy \$744.32.

Thank you for your support by giving to the **Annual Pastoral Appeal**. Our goal is \$89,275 and we have pledges of \$69,607. To date \$63,788.16. have been paid. From our 617 registered families 241 have made pledges, with the average pledge being \$285. Now is a good time to make your pledge. Show your appreciation for work of the Diocese with a generous gift to the Annual Pastoral Appeal. Help us reach our goal. We thank all those who cannot make it to church but still send your contributions to help meet our expenses. Thank you and God Bless you!

Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree is set up in the Church Social Hall.



Please take a gift tag and return the unwrapped gift and tag to the Social Hall by the tree before December 16. The Christmas Gift program is in the hands of Charlene Vassalli and a group of volunteers. Thank you for your support of this program. If you know of any family in need of help, please call the parish office at 727-938-1974.

Advent Waiting

waiting with gladness

Sunday—29th

First Week of Advent
Faith Formation Class 11 am
Youth Group 12:30 pm

Monday—30th

Arts and Crafts 10 am
Share the Word 10 am
Divine Mercy/Journey 1 pm
Divine Will 3 pm

Tuesday - 1st

OLG Christmas Luncheon 11 am

Wednesday—2nd

The Journey 9:30 am
Rosary Makers 1pm
The Journey 2 pm



Our Lady's Guild meets on **Tuesday, December 8** from 11:30 to 2:00. We are celebrating with a luncheon and some Christmas fun as well as business. Come join us. Membership is open to Christian men and women for only \$5.00.

Arts and Crafts is working hard to prepare for **the December 4th and 5th Arts and Crafts/Bake Sale**. Thank you to all of you who have donated homemade items for our sale. Additional homemade donations may be dropped off in our "Arts and Crafts" bin in the social hall. In addition, please donate any old costume jewelry or any small nick knock items you no longer want. We will use those in the St. Nick Workshop sale which will be on **December 13**. We are inviting parishioners to help us run the **St. Nick Workshop** for the children of our parish. The workshop is in the Media room of the Education building. Children shop for items for family members. We need helpers to sit at the tables to help the children, someone to collect the money and others to wrap the gifts for the children. Guild members will also be there to help. The event is really cute and the children are so excited about the treasures they buy in order to give. We ask that you give of your time for a worthwhile ministry for our youth. We would need your help from 11:30-1:00. If you can give even one hour of your time, your help is very much appreciated. Please call Robin Emmons at 630-740-2730 or Ellen Shadle at 407-908-5339 and let us know how you can help.

The December 4th and 5th Craft sale will be held on **Friday from 9-2 and 4-7 and on Saturday from 9-2**. You can shop before or after you eat at the Knights sponsored Friday night dinner, and on Saturday the 5th our sale will run in conjunction with the breakfast that will be held in Father Farrell Hall! If you have any questions, call Robin Emmons at 630-740-2730 or Ellen Shadle at (407)908-5339.

Rosary Makers meets the first Wednesday of each month. Their next meeting is on **December 2**. They have made over 7,000 rosaries that are distributed throughout the world to spread the love of Jesus and our Mother Mary. Rosary making is easy and fun. It is a very friendly group who will teach you!

Advent watch, wait, wonder, wish!

Now, let us begin again a new liturgical year of the church. Let us begin in pregnancy, watching and waiting with wonder for the wish fulfilled in birth.

The gospel of Mark opens the door of Advent with the words. "Be watchful! Be alert!" We are on a journey awaiting the time of return. We open our minds and our hearts to welcome the One whom the entire world is waiting for—Jesus. Let's lift our eyes to the Master and let's live waiting for Him in watchful prayer because every moment is pregnant with salvation.

The liturgy tells us about our origins and our final destination. When a child is being baptized the priest asks the parents: "What do you ask the Church for this child?" And the answer is "Eternal life". The beginning and the end are linked together. Our life will be where the freedom of the unselfish love for God and the generous service to neighbors is cultivated. The God who becomes flesh for love puts himself in our weak hands and in our hearts that become a crib. If we live in charity, every moment becomes the presence and the coming of God in us. If we live in charity, God lives in our heart always: in the evening, at midnight, at sunrise, in the morning.

It is not easy for us to live the time of waiting for God who comes to us. We wonder with a pure heart to recognize the All Holy One, to be born in human flesh and found as a Child in a manger. We cannot keep ourselves from being happy for a God who is so close to us up to the point to be born in Bethlehem (city of bread) to become Bread of Life.

God waits for our awakening. When we finally open our eyes, we see the deception of the evil, which makes our hearts blind with the lure of things. Advent is the time to open the doors and the windows of our souls to hear the 'steps' of the coming God. Let's live the time of Advent with the confidence that God is waiting for us in the Manger, at the Last Supper, on the Calvary, in the Church and at the end in His and our Home. Life is soon to change as we look into the silence and darkness of night. Stars shine and the wish of heaven touches the earth. We know that life is changed by the encounter with Life. Waiting is to live thinking not only of us. We must look around us and we'll see many brothers and sisters who like us are "beggars of love."

Thursday—3rd

The Journey 1pm
SVdP Food Pantry 1 pm
Confession 3 pm
Contemplative Prayer 4 pm
Confession 7 pm

Friday—4th

K of C Coffee Social 8 am
Arts & Crafts and Bake Sale
9 am and 4 pm
The Journey
Friday Night Dinner 4:30 pm
Formation Associates 5 pm

Saturday - 5th

Arts & Crafts and Bake Sale
9 am and 4 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3 pm

Sunday—6th

Second Week of Advent
Faith Formation Class 11 am
Youth Group 12:30 pm

First Sunday in Advent



The Knights of Columbus

Friday night dinners Father Farrell Hall

December 6. The Knights will have their monthly General Meeting on Monday December 21, at 7:00pm. All the Knights are welcome and encouraged to come. Face masks will be worn and social distancing held.

The Ladies Auxiliary will have their monthly card party on Monday, December 28, from 11 to 3pm in Father Farrell Hall.

There will be a hot lunch served at noon for your enjoyment. The cost for the card party is \$7.00. There will be social distancing and face mask worn for your safety.

The next monthly meeting is on Monday, December 21, at 7:00pm, in Father Farrell Hall. Ladies if you would like to come and see what we do and how we go about doing things with the Knights, you are more than welcome to come and join us. Face masks will be worn and social distancing will be in effect.



Family Faith Formation



This is a season of preparation. We are preparing to celebrate a truly special day for all humankind. What day am I talking about? That is right -- Jesus' birthday. I brought an Advent calendar with me this morning. How many more days do we have to get ready to celebrate? Twenty-five days is right. Advent calendars give us a countdown that helps us to be prepared.

We can make a list of all the things that we will need to get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth. What do you think might be on that list? Writing Christmas cards to announce the good news of God's love reaching out to us in Jesus' birth. Baking Christmas cookies to share with others is a special treat. Planning a family gathering to celebrate that in Jesus we are a part of God's family. Shopping for Christmas gifts reminds us that God has given us the greatest gift of all -- his Son Jesus. Decorating our homes and our church announces that this is a very special season of preparation and is also on this list.

With the countdown from our Advent calendar, we can write a completion date next to the items on our list. Now we have a plan to be ready to celebrate the birth of God's Son Jesus on December 25.

In our reading from Mark this morning, we heard Jesus tell us that it is extremely important that we be prepared. He wasn't talking about his birthday but about the day when he will return as our conquering Savior. When will that be? We don't know when Jesus will return, but Jesus says that we need to be ready every day.

What are some of the things we can do to be ready for Jesus to come back? We can go to church each week so that we can be encouraged in our faithfulness. We can read the Bible every day so that we will be guided and encouraged by God's word. We can pray to Jesus every day so that we may grow stronger in our relationship with him. We can let love and mercy guide our friendship with others; to care for others is to care for Jesus. And because we don't know when Jesus will return, we do these things every day. Then when Jesus does come, he will find us prepared.

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for coming to us and showing us how much our heavenly Father loves us. As we prepare to celebrate your birthday, help us to prepare every day of our lives for your return. Jesus, be in the midst of our preparations. Amen.

**JOIN our S.V.de P. Society
Wish List This Week: We are still
in need of the regular items we pass
out such as cereal, soup, canned
meat, peanut butter, pancake mix
and syrup.**



As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

With a growing number at our door 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.

Youth Ministry News! Youth Activity Gathering

Our primary concern for our families is to have a safe and enjoyable place for our youth gather. We observe the requirement of social distancing, refraining from touching and wearing a face covering. There are still many ways to have fun and enjoy friendships.



**Today from 12:30—2:30,
Pray Together Play Together**

November 27, 2020 www.svdpfl.com

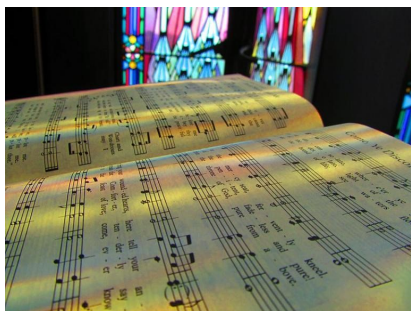
Advent begins a new Liturgical Year and the time to change out our hymnal. Due to the pandemic and the requirement to sanitize our worship space, we are required to remove the hymnal shared among parishioners. We missed our hymnals and found a solution that will keep us free from infection.

Richard Mucha provided a great service to our parish in overseeing the cost of the hymnals. You are

asked to pick up your personal copy to take home with you and bring it with you when at Mass.

Please put your name and phone # on the inside cover.

We can do longer leave them in church. You may also want to prepare the Sunday readers at home or on the way to church. Thank you for your participation in our Sunday and weekday worship.

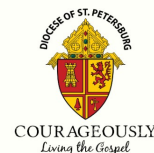


BE COURAGEOUS

Daily Scripture Reflections

Prepare for the birth of Jesus. Reflect on the Scripture of the day and your personal faith journey with a daily prayer intention. The reflections feature a variety of writers from around the Diocese of St. Petersburg and will be sent to you each day via email or text.

Sign up to receive it at:
www.dosp.org/reflection
or text REFLECTION to 84576.



CONFRATERNITY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE.

Please visit: www.cealservants.com, to sign up or use the enrollment link: <http://bit.ly/CEAL> Enrollment. The Confraternity consists of Lay Faithful, Religious and Clerics from around the world who pledge to spend some number of hours a year in Eucharistic Adoration in their parishes and institutes to pray for the objectives of the Confraternity such as: Protection of life in the womb from Abortion. Protection of children and youth from Human Trafficking. Protection of the elderly from euthanasia. Protection of the troubled from suicide. Members share in the indulgences attached to Eucharistic Adoration. Father Robert G. Romaine

