



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

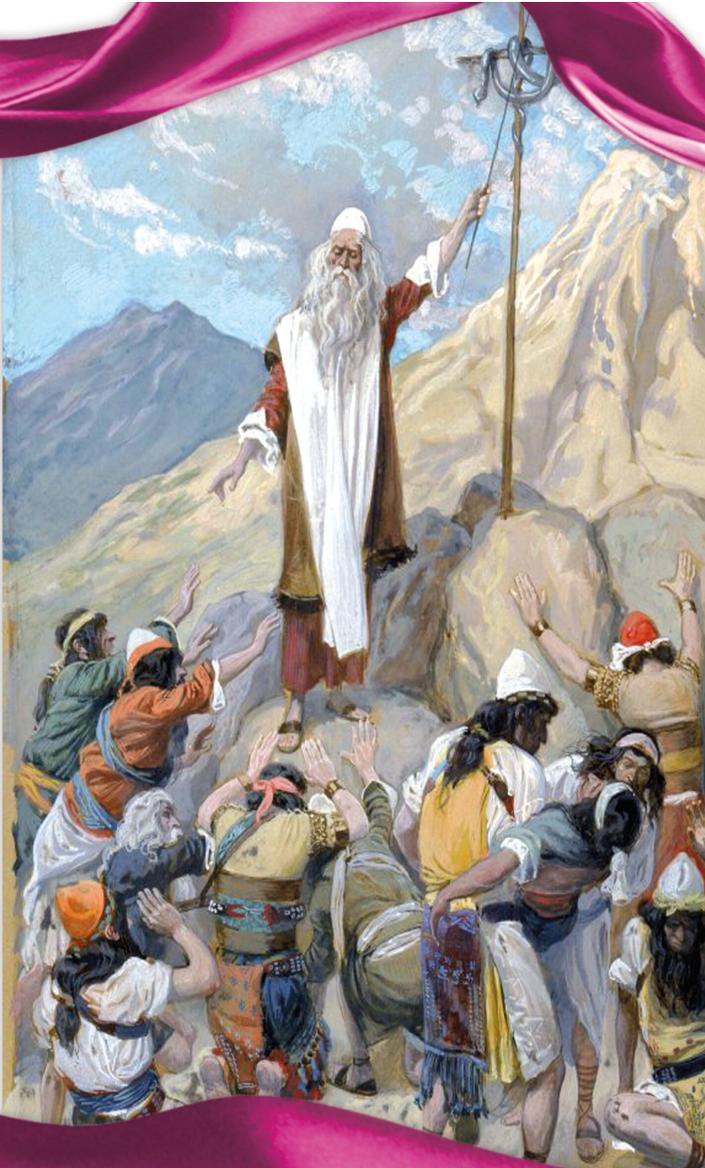
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Living the Eucharist in Loving Service

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021
Masses Sat. 4:00 pm, livestream.
Sunday, 7:30, 10:00, 11:30
Sun. 8:30 Vietnamese,
Please wear a mask, sanitize
hands, keep social distance inside
the church. Keep everyone safe

Jesus said to
Nicodemus:
“Just as Moses
lifted up the
serpent in the
desert, so must
the Son of Man
be lifted up,
so that everyone
who believes
in him may have
eternal life.”

John 3:14,15



The Brazen Serpent
by James Tissot, circa 1899



4TH SUNDAY OF

LENT

Taking time to be in prayer

Just to sit in your presence,
in silence, Lord: is a prayer...

To be in the dark and ask,
"Where are you?" is a prayer...
To rest in the quiet and remember
you're near: is a prayer...

To enter the stillness, and ponder
your mystery: is a prayer...
To take a deep breath
and inhale your peace: is a prayer...
To hear in my heartbeat, the pulse of
your presence: is a prayer...

To close my eyes to the world around
and open my heart to you within:
is a prayer...
To gaze on your Cross
and see your love: is a prayer...
To open my heart just
to empty it out: is a prayer...

To open my hands
and wait to be filled: is a prayer...
To humbly mumble
what my soul longs to say: is a prayer..
To hear in the quiet
the whisper of promise: is a prayer...

To open my heart, Lord,
to speak but your name: is a prayer..
.To say not a word and hear
only the silence: is a prayer...
To trust my silence is a
language you know: is a prayer...

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Entrance: Rain Down (#600)

Refrain: Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

Verse: Faithful and true is the word of our God.

All of God's works are so worthy of trust.

God's mercy falls on the just and the right;

full of God's love is the earth. (to Refrain)

Presentation of the Gifts: Amazing Grace (#433)

Verse 1: Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind but now I see.

Verse 2: 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed.

Communion: Christ Be Our Light (#587)

Verse 1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Sending Forth: Irish Blessing (#372)

Refrain: May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always with you.

May the sunshine warm you always 'til we meet again.

Verse 1: May the rain fall softly on you.

May the hand of God uphold you. (to Refrain)

Verse 2: Christ before you, Christ behind you.

Christ beneath you, Christ above you. (to Refrain)

Seder Meal, March 27 at 5:00 PM

We need to hear from you to prepare a place at the table to share in the Seder Meal. Please *RSVP* and get your tickets for the cost of \$7, and must be prepaid. Please call the Rectory Office or Faith Formation to make your reservations to our Passover.

Lent – A time for Spiritual Growth

Easter is drawing near as we count down the Forty (40) day of Lent to be made a new person ready to meet Christ in the Paschal Mystery. Check to see your progress to cultivated a daily spiritual practice of prayer. Have you experienced prayer in quiet contemplation, or meditative prayer, or liturgical prayers as those said during Mass? Have you tried a new form of prayer or focus on one you currently practice and delve more deeply into it?

Enjoy this time it takes to develop a new spiritual daily practice these days of Lent. Come up with one or two of your own to deepen your relationship with God. You may want to keep a list of random acts of kindness shown to others, acts of goodness are good for you. Put them in your rice bowl that you return to the Church.

If you have been practicing your daily habit you are beginning to realize the power that habit has to enrich your life. Practicing prayer even if it is only 5—10 minutes a day can have a profound effect on your day and your relationships. How has this time changed you? As Matthew Kelly says, "It's not about what you give up, but who you become".

Encourage your family to join you. You have spent 26 days of your 40. Can you hear your master say to you, "well done, good and faithful servant, enter your master's joy." Now is the time to decide and follow through with it. Plan for obstacles that can pop up and create a plan for how to work around them. Continue to open yourself to God. Let Jesus be the one to live and act in you. Practice WWJD right now in this situation. Have fun with it. Jesus did not have a phone, but he got his message out to others just the same and so can you. Enjoy the way you spend this week with Jesus living in you.

Easter Novena Cards

Share our joy in the Resurrection of Christ from death to eternal life. Enroll your loved ones, living and deceased in a novena of Masses beginning on Easter Sunday. Cards are available in the Gift Store and Parish office. Simply take a card for those you would like enrolled in the nine days of Masses, stop by or send in the names and your \$5 donation per card. The novena will begin Easter Sunday, April 4th, 2021 and will end on Monday April 12th. Wonder what to give loved ones for an Easter gift. Consider the greatest gift, the Holy Mass offered for their intentions.



March 14, 2021—www.svdpfl.com



Sunday March 7—Parish Offering \$6,825.00
Candles—\$219.00 / Needy Donation \$1,311.00
Total—\$8,355.00—Thank You!

Masses Attendance was 591 people
4:00 - 142; 7:30 - 85; 8:45- 145; 10:00 - 130; 11:30 - 89

Thank you sharing your time with us.

God bless your sacrifices.

Follow the Mass on Facebook live streaming on
Saturday at 4:00 pm.

Visit www.svdpfl.com for online giving!

Pick up your Cards today!

Help support St. Vincent de Paul

The following gift cards are available at the Parish Office or Gift Shop for immediate purchase! This is a great way to support your Parish, while doing everyday shopping.

Amazon \$25	Subway \$10
CVS \$25	The Home Depot \$25
Lowe's \$25	Visa \$50
Starbucks \$10	Walmart/Sam's Club \$25

Communications—Flocknote

Thank you to all who are signed up for **flocknotes**, sharing in the daily prayers and messages. If you suddenly stop receiving **flocknote** communication please let me know by sending an email to: Laura@svdpfl.com and I will reset your email to the group. To be sure your internet service will not block the **flocknote** messages it is best to have them added to your contacts, Mail@flocknote.com. Please reach out to others and invite them to join us on **flocknote** and check in with those you know to make sure they are still receiving this parish communication. Also the emails may be going to spam or trash until **flocknote** is safe in your contacts.

Living Stations of the Cross

Please join the parish youth as they present the Living Stations of the Cross, by Faith Formation, on Palm Sunday at 11:30 am in Fr. Farrell Hall and on Good Friday at 7 pm in the church. Come and see our children's beautiful tribute to Our Lords Passion and Death.



Thank you for worshipping with us.
Sanctuary Candle: For Reconciliation of Sinners

Sunday March 14, 2021

- 7:30am Vocations
- 8:30am Parish Community
- 10:00am Karol Powers Case+ (John Rodgers)
- 11:30am Edward J. Welsch+ (Mulcahy family)

Monday March 15, 2021

- 8:30am Helen Halliday+ (Mary & Thomas Mullen)
- Rosalito Bonifasi+ (Jesus Van der Henst)

Tuesday March 16, 2021

- 8:30am Jamusz Bok+ (Bok family)
- Jean Barry+ (Gerard Scanlan)

Wednesday March 17, 2021

- 8:30am Cosmo Moncello+ (Loving wife)
- Marilyn Jordan+ (Joan Rosamilia)
- Richard Prechtel+ (Ed Nessler)

Thursday March 18, 2021

- 8:30am Victoria Fanco+ (Ray & Margaret Flanders)

Friday March 19, 2021

- 8:30am Andrew Saverese+ and Daniel Capone+ (Mary Brady) and Intentions of the Parishioners

Saturday March 20, 2021

- 8:30am Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament
- Nancy Logaglio+ (Louise Piper)
- 4:00pm Margaret Leach+ (Anita McMahon)
- Joan Leaverton+ (Jean McGrath, mother)

SCRIPTURE READING

Readings for the Week of March 14, 2021

- Sunday** Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 36:14-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
- Monday** Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday** Saint Patrick, Bishop
Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday** Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday** Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-16; Rom 4:13-22; Mt 1:16-24
- Saturday** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday** Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Our Call to Community "Make a House a Home"

St. Vincent de Paul parish shares the joyful news that we will be assisting a young mother who is working hard to provide a home for her daughter. This is our first step in collaboration with the Coalition for the homeless who plan to house 225 of our approximately 800 homeless individuals/families in Pasco County within the next 180 days. This is a challenge as affordable and available housing is not easy to find. If you see a house, mobile home or apartment with a FOR RENT sign on it send the contact information and address to Housing Locator- Kelly Miller-Funk at rentinpasco@gmail.com. If you have rental properties or know someone who does, please encourage them to support this effort.

We anticipate getting more families in the coming week. These individual do not have the basic necessities to make these houses a home. We have many items but are still in need of the following: Dish drainer or mat, can opener (manual), sponges, trash bags, spatulas wooden spoons, ice cube trays, food storage containers, measuring cups and spoons, toilet brush and plunger, mop and bucket, broom and dustpan, vacuum, toilet paper and paper towels, cleaning products, dish and laundry soap, salt and pepper, cooking oil, flour sugar, condiments, Ziploc bags, plastic wrap and aluminum foil. Some individuals or families may need furniture. We will need help with picking up the furniture and moving it. Please call the office and we can make arrangements for you to drop off the items.

Lent is a perfect opportunity to look at the extras, or unused items in your home that would benefit these new home owners. This is a way to pull our parish together in a common project. You can help make a difference in reaching out to lend a hand in putting this together.

Please give a **call to the office at 727-938-1974**. Put your name and email or phone # on our "Helping Hands" list. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this project. If you are interested in being a liaison with one of these families or individuals, please let us know.

We appreciate all of the love and support you offer to those who are less fortunate in our community. It is a call to our Catholic Social Teaching. ***What ever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do for Me.***

Finance Corner

WORD OF APPRECIATION

Your offertory gift helps to pay down our operating cost. This past week we paid bills including: Trash Removal \$167.10, Copier Lease \$209.99 and Needy \$450.

We thank all who from home still send your contributions to help meet our costs and carry out our ministries . Thank you and God Bless you!

Annual Pastoral Appeal supports the ministries of the diocese of St. Petersburg. You will find your contribution at work

when you visit our website and view the 2021 video. It shows a variety of the ways we are reaching out to the



broader community and offering support. We are a community of steadfast servants to the Gospel, coming together to grow in our faith, nurture our children with a love of God and progress toward the greater good.

Our share needed by the diocese is **\$85,661**. To reach this goal, support is needed from every family. Thus far we have received **\$46,863 in pledges and \$32,120.46 has been paid by 90 families**. It puts us to the half way mark with the hope that the many who have not yet made a pledge will do so by Easter. One dollar a day is a pledge of \$365, or a pledge of ten dollars a month is \$120. Please do not delay your pledge. Envelopes are at the church doors. Just fill it out and drop in the basket at the altar. Do your share to help others and the parish.

Thank you to those who have returned their pledge cards. Every pledge helps those in need of services within our Diocese. Thank you and God Bless you.

Sunday—14th
NO Faith Formation Classes
NO Youth Group

Monday—15th
OLG Arts and Crafts 9:30 am
Share the Word 10 am
Divine Mercy 1 pm
Divine Will 3 pm
K of C General Mtg. 7 pm
Ladies Aux General Mtg. 7 pm

Tuesday - 16th

Wednesday—17th
Our Lady's Guild Card Party
11 am

Lose the weight of sin

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” – John 3:16



When you ask someone what their favorite bible verse is, many will go straight to John 3:16—“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” But in the reading from John’s Gospel this weekend, we also must examine the surrounding scriptures, which might not be as pleasant and hopeful.

I’m confident that everyone desires a good life and to go to heaven when our life is over. However, a reality of our human nature is sin. While we desire strive to live a good life, we are often pulled into the darkness of this world—a darkness that on the surface seems to satisfy some need that we have. However, it is short lived and we soon find out that sin fails to satisfy.

Why do we hide things from others? It’s likely because we know that whatever we did is not good for us, and we would be embarrassed if it became known. Adam and Eve hid in the garden from God, for they wanted to keep their secret and disobedience from God. But we know that God sees and knows everything. We can’t hide from Him.

Sometimes we do things that we know are wrong in secrecy—lust, adultery, stealing and false witness. When those secrets grow larger, they can become an anchor for our soul and can lead us deeper into the abyss of despair. Unfortunately, many may remain in that darkness and do not even know it. We need to free ourselves from the weight of sin, and get out of those shadows, so that we can live in the light.

We are called to live in the light of Christ and called to be light for others. Take some time this Lent to see where you are in your life and in your relationship with God. If you have sins that are weighing you down, free yourself from them by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation “so that you might not perish, but might have eternal life.” ~ Bishop Gregory Parkes



Our Lady’s Guild

Our Lady’s Guild is looking forward to our Tuesday, April 13 meeting in Fr Farrell Hall. We are having our Day of Recollection from 10-11:30 with our meeting to follow with a light lunch from 11:30-2. We welcome visitors and a membership to Our Lady’s Guild is only \$5. Membership is open to all Christian women and men. Come join the fun!

An **Easter Basket Raffle** drawing will be held on **March 28 (Palm Sunday)** in Father Farrell Hall. You may purchase your raffle tickets before and after masses at the Divine Mercy (circular Drive) door. Ticket sales will be **March 13/14 and March 20/21**. The Basket will include Easter goodies as well as a \$50 Publix gift card.

Rosary Makers will meet on Wednesday, April 7 from 1:00-2:30 in the Education Building. They meet the first Wednesday of every month. Rosary making is easy and fun! Over 7,000 rosaries have been sent around the world to spread the love of Jesus and his Mother Mary. The total number of rosaries made since September 2020 has totaled 3,491!

There will be a Card Party on Wednesday, April 21 in Father Farrell Hall from 11-3. The cost is \$7.00 for a delicious lunch and the fun of playing the game of your choice with friends.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation at one of the area parishes. Times are:
St. James, Port Richey, Wednesday, after 8:30 am Mass and on Saturday, 3:00-3:45 & after 4:00 Mass.
O. L. Q. of Peace, NPR, Saturday, 11:00 am– 12 noon.
St. Thomas Aquinas, NPR, Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm.
St. Peter the Apostle, Trinity, Saturday 3:00-4:00 pm.
St. Ignatius Antioch, Tarpon Springs, Saturday 3:00-3:45.
St. Vincent de Paul, Holiday, Thurs. 3:00-4:00 & 7:00-7:30 pm.

Thursday—18th
 SVdP Food Pantry 1pm
 Contemplative Prayer 4pm
 Confession 3 pm and 7 pm

Friday - 19th
 Coffee Social 8 am
 Stations of the Cross 3 pm
 Friday Night Dinner 4:30 pm

Saturday - 20th
 Confirmation Retreat 8:30 am
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3 pm

Sunday - 21st
 Faith Formation Classes 11am
 First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting 11:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Please join us for **The Knights of Columbus Friday night dinners Fr. Farrell Hall**. The Knights will have their monthly General Meeting on Monday March 15, at 7:00 pm. All the Knights are welcome and encouraged

to come. Face masks will be worn and social distancing held.

The Ladies Auxiliary next monthly meeting is on Monday, March 15, 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.



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.



In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

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**

We found out late that this is Spring Break for school and that our time will have to be postpone until next month. Please keep check to find the next meeting time. There are still many ways to have fun and enjoy friendships.



Pray Together Play Together

Family Faith Formation



Stuck together by Love. John 3:14-21

We are in the middle of Lent and we are learning a lot about the way Jesus lived and prepared to die. No one who really knew Jesus wanted him to die. If you were one of his disciples, would you have wanted him to die?

See, you are just like Peter and Mary and all of the others that loved Jesus. We like to think of Jesus as a healer and a teacher and a wonderful friend. None of us want to think about Jesus dying. But Jesus began to talk about the reason for his dying. He told his close friends that it was a plan of God. He was going to die because of all the sin that was in the world.

Jesus taught his disciples to believe in his way and in the truth that he taught. He told them if they just believed in him, they would live forever.

Believing in Jesus and all that he taught us is important. But most of all, the love of God sticks to us and brings us together.

Don't delay another day! Place your brick order now.

We can wait any longer, time has run out and we must get enough orders filled to place the order of bricks for the shrine of Mary outside Fr. Farrell Hall. Bricks need to be order in a batch of 5 in the three different sizes. **Call JoAnn Corlett at 727-389-0518. Order forms are available in the church social hall.** JoAnn has had to wait in order to put in a full batch of bricks because she did not have enough orders that would prevent from being charged a fee per brick size. Without at least 5 bricks of each size the Auxiliary is charged a service fee for making the bricks. As it stands now I have 1-4x4, 1-8x8, and 3-12x12. I am still waiting for other folks to contact me with their orders so I can send the order in.

Bricks are intended to mark significant people and events in our lives. Honor a person or special event of anniversary, birthday, graduation, achievement with the purchase of a brick. Do it before the end of March. Thank you.

Fridays 3:00 Pray the Stations of the Cross. The church is open until 9 pm. Spend time in quiet prayer as a family. Your home is a church and your church is your home.

***The Annual Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday
April 11, 2021 at 3:00
Jesus, I trust in you!***

All are invited to bring your families and friends to St. Vincent de Paul Church to celebrate the gift of Divine



Mercy poured out upon the world. The presider is Rev. William Fickel, S.S.S. who will lead us in the celebration of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Caplet of Divine Mercy, Praises of Divine Mercy, Scripture readings and veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy.

Last year the churches were in lockdown due to the pandemic and the prayer was held in the privacy of our homes. The Novena for Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday, April 2nd. Observing the Triduum you are asked to begin the first three day in your home. The novena continues in church following the 8:30 Mass, Easter Monday, April 5 thru Saturday, April 10. Divine Mercy candles will be for sale for placement at the Shrine. Tee shirts are also available to make your love for this powerful image of Jesus known to others.

Saint Joseph – Servant to Jesus

*Joseph, Watchful Defender of Christ,
Saint Joseph, Safeguard of Families,
Pray for us*



Every grace Saint Joseph received was given him for the service of our Lord and the Blessed Virgin. Thus these graces were not for himself. They could not stop at him, but like a flower shooting forth from the stem, they had to blossom into a virtue which would bend in humbly directed service toward Jesus through Mary.

No other work, nothing with which (Joseph) came in contact, could claim his love and attention. The Father had created and adorned him for His Son; the Word had prepared him for Himself alone; the Holy Trinity had enriched him with all the graces that had been given to the just of the Old Law, to the patriarchs and prophets Both in nature and in grace he had the heritage of all the saints who preceded him. Closer to our Lord than anyone else, he had as it were, the choice of graces, the first fruits – but, they were given him only for the service of our Lord. (Eymard Vol 8, pgs. 26-27).

Joseph, servant to the Holy Trinity on earth, help me to live more fully committed to the work of serving my family and others for the greater glory of the kingdom of God on earth. Model for me the love, the ease, and the fidelity you showed when serving the welfare of Jesus and Mary. Keep me mindful that it is the Christ in me that serves the Christ in my family and others.