St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

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Living the Eucharist in Loving Service

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday October 3, 2021
Masses: Saturday 4:00, livestream
Sunday, 7:30, 10:00, 11:30
Sunday 8:30 Vietnamese,
Welcome One and All
Let's keep everyone safe.

Respect Life Month

October 1, 2020

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others, in your mercy. Amen.

Let us pray with and for our pets in honor of St Francis, the blessing will take place Sunday, October 3rd at 12:30, come one, come all!

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings in Breaking Bread Hymnal, page 213,
Please pick up and return Hymnals at the church doors.
Entrance: Morning Has Broken (# 623)
Entrance: Sing to the Mountains (# 534)
Presentation: Where There is Love (# 657)
Communion: One Bread, One Body (# 336)
Sending: They'll Know We Are Christians (# 583)

Sending Forth (10 AM): Sweet Redeemer
V1: King of Kings, blessed Jesus, hand of mercy,
giver of grace; I have come to sing glory,
to lay my heart before you in this place.
Ref: Sweet redeemer, I surrender all I am to you.
Sweet redeemer, I surrender all I am to you.
V2: I was lost and you found me; in the darkness,
you were my light. When I fell down, you forgave me,
lifted me up and held me to your side. (to Ref)
Bridge: From the shadows of the tomb you called me,
you rolled away the stone.
From the burden of my sin you saved me,
you made my heart your home. (to Ref)

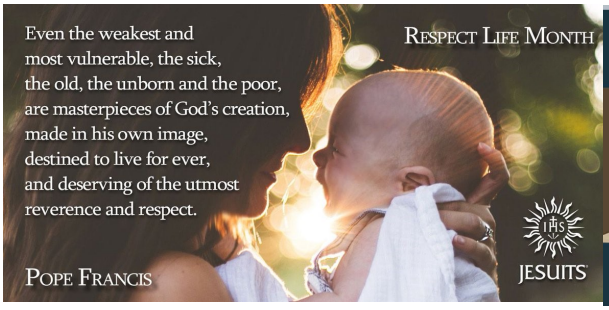
Friday dinners are back and we hope you will join us in Father Farrell Hall, 4:30-6:00 p.m., take the evening to share time with your parish family. Start your weekend with a delicious meal prepared for you by Chef Mark for $10.95! You'll have a choice of three entrees, potatoes, salad, deserts, and all you can eat.

October as *Respect Life Month*, this is a time we use to deepen our accepting of life as belonging to God, for comes from God and returns to God. Life a gift freely given to us out of love. This year our hearts turn to St. Joseph, as a defender of life. He didn't hesitate to follow God's will of faithfully caring for and protecting Jesus and the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph's example reminds us that we are also to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters.

After an angel of God appeared to St. Joseph in a dream, he welcomed Mary into his home, even though her pregnancy was mysterious. On the long road to Bethlehem, Joseph guided and provided for Mary and the unborn Christ Child. He welcomed Jesus as his own son in a humble stable and loved Him with a father's heart.

In prayer this Respect Life Month, we can strive to become more like St. Joseph in our kindness toward others: To realize how precious every person is and seeing Christ in them. As we go about our day, to treat people accordingly. To help those in our society who are struggling to welcome new life, like moms who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances. To reach out to those having a hard time seeing the worth of their own lives. To reassure those at the end of life who are afraid they are a burden or feel like their lives don't have meaning. Every day offers us opportunities to change the direction of society that stand apart from these life challenges.

We may feel like we can't make a difference, or that we're unequipped for what God is asking of us. But St. Joseph "teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses." When human life is threatened, when our brothers and sisters need support welcoming or embracing life, may we lovingly respond with the faithfulness of Joseph.



Parish Giving

Sunday September 26—Sunday Offering $5,466.00

Candle Money—$182.00/Needy $220.00

Debt Reduction $1,581.50

Thank You! Total—$7,449.50

Mass Attendance was 631 people

4:00 - 103; 7:30—56; 8:30 - 192; 10:00 - 179; 11:30 - 101

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!

flocknote
Keep in touch with us
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

Good News! Since our commitment cards have been submitted, we have 530 emails in our parish flocknote system, we began with under 200. We are greatly blessed to be in communication through flocknote recommended by our diocese. We appreciate you sharing in the updates and prayer requests important to or church. Please keep, Mail@flocknote.com in your contacts to avoid your messages going into spam mail. Please let us know if you stop receiving messages by calling the office or by email, Laura@svdpfl.com.

Celebrate the start of And the start of Fall Planting and Home Repairs with SCRIP

Fall

Order Forms due in the Office by Oct. 11th!

Gift Card Ideas!

AMAZON $25	SUBWAY $10
HOME DEPOT $25	CVS $25
LOWE'S $25	STARBUCKS $10
VISA $50	WALMART $25

No activation fees!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Thank you for worshiping with us!

Sanctuary Candle Intention for the week:

Frank & Marianna Mucha+(Richard Mucha)

Sunday	**October 3, 2021**
7:30am	Parishioners
8:30am	Susan & Melanie (Marge Harris)
10:00am	Mary Patricia McLaughlin Carroll+ (Ed Nessler)
11:30am	Frank & Marianna Mucha+ (Richard Mucha)
Monday	**October 4, 2021**
8:30am	Terry Sangalang Sr. + (Cecilia & family)
Tuesday	**October 5, 2021**
8:30am	Fr. Julian Rousseau+ (Mary Webb)
	& Thomas Webb+ (Mary, wife)
Wednesday	**October 6, 2021**
8:30am	George Castle+ (Gloria Jung)
Thursday	**October 7, 2021**
8:30am	George Castle+ (Ray & Laura Worhacz)
Friday	**October 8, 2021**
8:30am	Kevin Downing+ (Christine & Stephan Fischl)
Saturday	**October 9, 2021**
8:30pm	Kenneth Geiger+ (Shannon Martin)
4:00pm	Terry Sangalang Sr.+ (Jeanne & Jackie)

Readings for the Week of October 3, 2021

Sunday **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

Monday **Saint Francis of Assisi**
Jon 1:1—2: 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday **Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos,**
Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday **Saint Bruno,**
Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday **Our Lady of the Rosary**
Mal 3:13-20; Lk 11:5-13

Friday Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Annual Pastoral Appeal

Next weekend we will again have a second collection to support the Pastoral Appeal of the diocese. Pick up an envelope at the church doors and join others in the parish who help us to meet our obligation to the expenses of the diocese.

We are a church in need of your generosity. Know that the blessings you have received come to the aid of others in their need. By working together we become a people in service of the Gospel. In coming together to grow in our faith, nurture our children with a love of God and progress toward the greater good. Every pledge helps those in need of services within our Diocesan family.

The Office of Life, Justice & Advocacy works to teach respect for all human life from conception to natural death, to organize for its protection and to encourage and enable programs to care for and meet the needs of pregnant women, children, persons with disabilities, those who are sick or dying, all who have been involved in abortion, refugees and immigrants.

The Office exists to lead respect life efforts of the diocese, supervise public policy advocacy, educate for life, peace and justice, and help Catholics in the Diocese of St. Petersburg engage in Ministries of Mercy. We can do this! With a few more donors joining the ranks, now is the time to add your pledge and help us to make our share needed by the diocese of **$85,661.** To reach this goal, support from every family helps. Thus far we have received **$77,795** in pledges and **$73,793.22** has been paid by 240 families. We need a small gift of $50 pledges from those who have not yet pledged. Fill out and drop your pledge in the basket. Thank you for doing your part.

Plan now to join Bishop Gregory Parkes for the Opening Mass of the Synod on Synodality, Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, or view the livestream at www.dosp.org/livestream. Help to shape the church for the future.

Finance Corner

Statement of Activities
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Income	
Offertory Revenue	$403,288.24
Other Operating Revenue	65,795.74
Worship & Music	9,834.00
Faith Formation	1,508.00
Charity & Outreach	19,947.00
Our Ladies Guild	8,929.46
Rentals Operations	4,245.00
Gift Shop	3,433.25
Fundraising	4,279.29
Income Totals	$521,259.98
Expense	
Pastoral Leadership	$123,727.21
Worship & Music	41,309.17
Faith Formation	21,590.19
Charity & Outreach	20,559.96
School Support	12,880.00
Our Ladies Guild	2,966.10
Administration	205,329.19
Facilities	116,241.78
Gift Shop	2,257.18
Fundraising	2,826.01
Expense Totals	$549,686.79
Income – Expenses	**$ 28,426.81**

While the income statement shows a negative number, we did extremely well through the pandemic thanks to your support. We were waiting for the forgiveness of the PPP loan we received in the amount of $43,020. We finally received that forgiveness in September.

We will be having smaller fundraisers this year and your support of those will greatly help the parish.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact Christine at 727-938-1974, ext. 1 or by email at Christine@svdpfl.com.

Our parish is open seven days a week and serves many people in area with our prayers and outreach. To those who are homebound, keep us informed of your needs. Thank you and God Bless you!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting of Our Lady's Guild on Tuesday, October 12 in Father Farrell Hall from 10:00-11:30. This is a time difference from our typical meeting time as we are holding a **"Share and Prayer"** meeting on that day. This is a NEW spiritual and fellowship mission for Our Lady's Guild. We will reflect on our Lord, Mother Mary, the saints and Scripture and the impact all have made in our lives! We love to socialize, have fun, and think of ways to help our Church and one another. The cost for membership is $5.00. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month. Watch the church calendar and bulletin for meeting times and announcements.

Join the fun in Arts and Crafts! They meet every Monday from 9:30—11:30 in the Media Room of the Education Building. They are busy working on Christmas crafts for their Christmas Arts and Craft Fair on December 3 and 4. The Crafters need donations of yarn which can be placed in the red Arts and Crafts bin located in the church social hall OR brought directly to the Arts and Crafts meeting on any Monday between 9:30 and 11:30. They also need donations of chocolate and wine for Christmas raffle baskets. Wine and Chocolate should ONLY be donated on Mondays during the Arts and Crafts meeting. Their next meeting is on Monday, September 27.

Rosary Makers meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:00—2:30 in the Media Room of the Education Building. Their next meeting will be on October 6. Rosary Making is easy and fun! They will teach you how to make a rosary! They have made well over 7,000 rosaries that are distributed throughout the world to spread the love of Jesus and our Mother Mary.

VOCATION MINISTRY

PRAY FOR PRIESTLY, RELIGIOUS LIFE, AND ALL VOCATIONS

Youth Ministry News!

Youth Group

This Sunday at 12:30 join in Youth Activities in Fr. Farrell Hall. This week we celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul and his love for children and the poor. Take time to build friendships and have some fun. We want to hear from you, so bring your ideas and let us put them together to build a great time as young people to **Pray Together Play Together**

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, Jesus tells his disciples, "Let the children come to me…for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and cold.

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

Join us in 40 Days for Life. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church to commit to a half-hour or hour of prayer outside of the abortion clinic in Clearwater to support 40 Days for Life. The dates for our parish are Tuesday, October 5th, and October 19th.

If you have never had the opportunity to pray at the clinic and would like to go with someone please contact Fr. Bill or meet us for prayer at the address: 28960 US 19 North Clearwater, FL 33761

Joan Milloy is the Chair of Ministries for the Social Concerns/Respect Life council of our parish. If you are interested in learning more about supporting this ministry please contact the parish office they will connect you to Joan for more information. Call the parish office # (727) 938-1974.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"From the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' "

A joyous time for a church community is celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage with their parishioners. I often see many of our local clergy on social media with pictures of newlyweds, and most couples have photos and videos of their special day. We even read in the Gospel of John how Jesus performed a miracle at the wedding feast at Cana by changing water into wine. Unfortunately, for some, as time passes, the joy of marriage can turn to sadness and hurt, and the couple eventually separates.

A reality today is that many couples have divorced. The reasons for the separation are varied, but in the end, the two parties are usually left picking up the pieces. If you have not been through a divorce, you likely know someone who has, and the fallout can have lasting impacts on family as well as friends. Unfortunately, there is a lot of false information and misconceptions regarding the place of divorced persons within the ChurchBeing civilly divorced should not prevent you from coming to Church and receiving the sacraments, as long as you have not entered into a new relationship. After a divorce, many eventually seek another relationship, fall in love, and want to marry again. There is a process that is necessary for a Catholic who was originally married in the Church, is divorced, and desires to marry again. It is called the annulment process. You should contact your parish priest or deacon to discuss how this process works.

Please know that the Church is always here to welcome you home and to assist you in dispelling any misconceptions you might have about marriage and divorce. Again, if you have questions about your marriage, past relationships, and getting right with God, talk to your local parish priest or deacon. They can answer any questions you might have so that you might have that peace of mind that only God can give you. Bishop Gregory Parkes

A Childlike Faith

Who knows how electricity works? Anyone? That's okay. I don't understand how it works either. I do know that we wouldn't have any lights in our church or homes if it weren't for electricity. Oh, I guess we could use candles or oil lamps. That might be fun for a little while, but then we would realize how poor the light is and how inconvenient they are as a light source.

Now we agree we really don't understand how electricity works, but that doesn't stop us from using it. Turn the light switch off? The light is important isn't? Now turn it on again. Even though you don't understand how it works, you trust that every time you flick the switch the light will go on or off.

Jesus tells us that we are to receive the kingdom of God as a little child. Jesus wants us to understand that it doesn't take great knowledge and understanding to enter his kingdom. It is enough for us to know that God loves us and wants us to be part of his family. His love for you and me forgives us and enables us to simply trust that Jesus will save us. You don't have to understand all the mysteries of God and the world. It is enough to know that the Bible tells us that Jesus came to love and not to judge you so simply place your trust in Jesus! You don't need to understand everything about electricity to turn on the lights. And a simple trust, a childlike faith in Jesus, is all it takes to be a part of God's great kingdom. **Prayer:** . Jesus, your love for us is truly beyond our understanding. Your creation can never be fully understood. All you ask of us is to place our trust, our faith, into your loving hands. Lord, even to do that is impossible without the help of your Holy Spirit. Help us by faith to receive you as our Savior. Jesus, in your holy name we pray. Amen.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is often shrouded in silence. People outside the family hesitate to interfere, even when they suspect abuse is occurring. Many times even extended family denies that abuse exists, out of loyalty to the abuser and in order to protect the image of the family. Some people still argue—mistakenly—that intervention by outside sources endangers the sanctity of the home. Yet abuse and assault are no less serious when they occur within a family. Even when domestic violence is reported, sometimes there are failures to protect victims adequately or to punish perpetrators. **Anyone in need of help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours).**

A joyful prayer of thanksgiving was offered in blessing the newly installed Mosaic of the fruitful vine and branches. The work was the creation of Janice Van Der Henst who from the beginning to completion encouraged many to be part of this message of invitation into our church.

In the prayer of blessing Fr. Bill said, "Bless this dwelling place of life and love, for you alone assure the peace and strength, the care that covers all our differences. Let your Spirit dwell in us and open us to all who need our hospitality and care.

This was the finial message Jesus spoke after the meal in the upper room before his betrayal. "I am the true vine, you are the branches. The one who abides in Me and I in you will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. (v5). As the father loves me, so I also love you. Abide in My love. (v9).

A Labor of Love! Saint Vincent de Paul invites all people to come and share life with us. It is the life and love of Jesus that lives here among us. In this time of the pandemic we experienced the requirement to close our doors to public worship. The church remained open for private prayer and our Food Bank to distribute food to people driving by. When permitted to reopen the church for public gathering while observing masks and social distancing we wanted to show a symbol of healing to all those returning. The idea was to create a mosaic made from many pieces of stones coming together as living stones of the church. Each piece represents we who are many all contribute our gifts in building up the Body of Christ. This was an awesome undertaking for all who gave their time to bring it to completion. Grapes become wine, a gift of our lives to become the blood of Christ. May all be welcomed in our praise to the glory of God.