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Catholic Church

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday September 5, 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.

A Prayer for Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day,
we thank You for the blessing of work.
We ask for strength to complete each day.
We ask for rest when we are weary.
We ask Your guidance
for everyone seeking employment,
and we ask that
You be with those whose faces
we might never see
but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of us all.
Amen.

Prayer for the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Lord God, Master of the Vineyard,
How wonderful that you have invited
us who labor by the sweat of our
brow to be workers in the vineyard
and assist your work to shape the
world around us. As we seek to re-
spond to this call, make us attentive
to those who seek work but cannot
find it. Help us listen to the struggles
of those who work hard to provide for
their families but still have trouble
making ends meet. Open our eyes to
the struggles of those exploited and
help us speak for just wages and safe
conditions, the freedom to organize,
and time for renewal. For work was
made for humankind and not human-
kind for work. Let it not be a vehicle
for exploitation but a radiant expres-
sion of our human dignity. Give all
who labor listening hearts that we
may pause from our work to receive
your gift of rest. Fill us with your Holy
Spirit that you might work through us
to let your justice reign. Amen.

Blessings from Our Sunday Visitor

www.osv.com

Take time this Summer to visit the Blessed Sacrament for quiet prayer. The church is open at 7:30 am until 9:00 pm.
8:05 morning prayer, 8:30 weekday Mass, 9:00 Exposition to noon with the rosary and divine mercy chaplet.
11:55 Benediction / Angelus. Parish office hours Tue. thru Friday 9am 2pm call for an appointment at other times.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

2021 National Migration Week celebration from September 20-26 culminates with the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday, September 26.

In solidarity with the Vatican, NMW will use the theme – **“Towards an ever wider ‘We’”**. In his message announcing this year’s theme, Pope Francis emphasizes that “this focus calls on us to ensure that ‘after all this, we will think no longer in terms of ‘them’ and ‘those,’ but only ‘us’”. (Fratelli tutti, no. 35) And this universal us must become a reality first of all within the Church which is called to cultivate communion in diversity.” The “we” of which Pope Francis speaks is not determined by national borders or ethnic and racial identities but is based on our common humanity and in our conviction that each of us is made in the image of God. As the Holy Father has noted elsewhere, we are a “Church without borders” and as such have a responsibility to reach feed the hungry, cloth the naked, comfort those in prison, and welcome the stranger, wherever they may be.

What does the Church say about refugees? It is a core Catholic teaching that every human being is created in the image of God and is therefore entitled to dignity and respect. The Catholic Church views assisting those in need as a fundamental Christian duty that is derived directly from the words and the life of Christ, who himself was a migrant and part of a refugee family. We as Christians are called to welcome our new neighbors with the same love and compassion we would want ourselves to be shown in a time of persecution. We must remember that refugees from all over the world are sent to our communities and are fleeing danger, exploitation, and persecution.

Do refugees create a burden on receiving communities? In fact, it’s the complete opposite. Soon after resettlement, refugees become self-reliant and productive members of the community. One study of refugees in the Cleveland area found that the fiscal impact of refugees was \$2.7 million in tax revenue and \$48 million in economic benefit in 2012 alone, in addition to 38 businesses started by refugees that created 141 jobs in the area.⁴ In addition, refugees culturally enrich receiving communities by adding new perspectives, stories, and cultures. More recently, the New American Economy has reported on the significant contributions made by refugees across the United States. Refugees do not just contribute economically, but desire to become American, with “more than 84 percent of refugees who have been in the country for 16 to 25 years have taken the step of becoming citizens.”



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings in Breaking Bread Hymnal, page 205

Please pick up a Hymnal at the church doors.

Entrance: Though the Mountains May Fall (BB 429)

Presentation: Psalm 42: As the Deer Longs (BB 496)

Communion: As the Deer Longs (BB 768)

Sending Forth: In the Day of the Lord (BB 576)

Entrance Hymn: Come Just as You Are

Ref: Come just as you are, hear the spirit call.

Come just as you are. Come and see,
come receive, come and live forever.

Come just as you are, hear the spirit call.

Come just as you are. Come and see,
come receive, come and live forever.

Vs: Life everlasting, and strength for today.

Taste the Living Water and never thirst again. (to Ref)

Sending Forth: Let the River Flow

Vs 1: Let the poor man say, “I am rich in him.”

Let the lost man say, “I am found in him.”

Oh, let the river flow.

Let the blind man say, “I can see again.”

Let the dead man say, “I am born again.”

Oh, let the river flow. Oh, let the river flow.

Ref: Let the river flow. Let the river flow.

Holy Spirit, come; Move in power,

Let the river flow. (Let the river flow.)

Let the river flow. (Let the river flow.)

Let the river flow. (Let the river flow.)

Let the river flow.



Faith Formation

Welcome Back! Faith Formation starts next weekend with Mass either at 8:30 or 10 am and continues in the Education Bldg. until 12:30.



Youth Group also resumes next Sunday at 12:30 in Fr. Farrell Hall grades 6 and up. Come and join us!

September 5, 2021—www.svdpfl.com

Parish Giving

Sunday August 29—Sunday Offering 5,962.00

Total—\$7,215.50

Mail in—\$1,059.00, Candle Money—\$150.50,

Catholic Schools—\$1,033.00, Thank You!

Mass Attendance was 517 people

4:00 - 95 7:30 - 69; 8:30— 154; 10:00 - 120; 11:30 - 79

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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Sanctuary Candle Intention for the week:

Terry Sangalang Sr. + (Cecilia and family)

Sunday September 5, 2021

- 7:30am Michael Culligan+ (Janet, wife and family)
- 8:30am Salvatore & Josephine Lombardo (Joe & Margie Rivera)
- 10:00am Luigi & Angelina Vassalli+ (Charlene & family)
- 11:30 Maria Dos Santos+ (Oliveira family)

Monday September 6, 2021

- 8:30am George Joseph+ (Thomas family)

Tuesday September 7, 2021

- 8:30am Beth Combetta (Dick & Sue Combetta)

Wednesday September 8, 2021

- 8:30am Tim Thompson+ (Family)

Thursday September 9, 2021

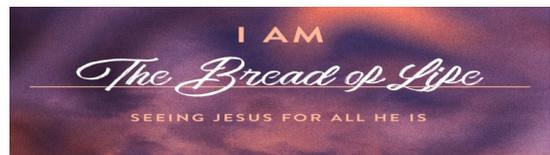
- 8:30am Ray & Margaret Flanders (A friend)

Friday September 10, 2021

- 8:30am Parish Family

Saturday September 11, 2021

- 8:30pm Don Vosburgh+ (Ed Grimes)
- 4:00pm Terry Sangalang Sr.+ (Julius & Julie & family)
- Mike Mularchik+ (Jane Orlo)



SCRIPTURE READING

Readings for the Week of September 5, 2021

- Sunday** Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
- Monday** Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday** Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-23
- Thursday** Saint Peter Claver, Priest
Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday** Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:4c-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



Celebrate the start of **Fall**

And the start of

Fall Planting

and Home

Repairs with SCRIP



Gift Card Ideas!

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

No activation fees!

Order Forms due in the Office by Sept. 13th!



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 flocknotes recommended by our diocese. We appreciate you sharing in the updates and prayer requests important to our 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.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Annual Pastoral Appeal

It is the Bishop's role to ensure that worship throughout the Diocese of St. Petersburg reflects the principles of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, which was the first document promulgated by the Second Vatican Council, (December 4, 1963).

The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* states: "It is very much the wish of the church that all the faithful should be led to take that full, conscious, and active part in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy, and to which the Christian people, 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people' (1 Peter 2:9, 4-5) have a right and to which they are bound by reason of their Baptism." (#14)

The Office of Worship assists the Bishop in his mission as "promoter and guardian of the liturgical life" of the diocese by:

- Coordinating diocesan liturgies, such as the Rite of Election, Chrism Mass, Ordinations, etc.,
- Developing programs and workshops that contribute to the advancement of liturgical life
- Providing liturgical formation and serving as a resource to clergy and laypersons in the parishes of the diocese regarding liturgical matters.

Together, we are a community of 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. Every pledge helps those in need of services within our Diocese.

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 **\$75,797** in pledges and **\$69,836.76** has been paid by 228 families. **Summer** attendance at Mass is low. We need a small gift of \$50 pledges from those who have not yet pledged. Thank you for your pledge. Envelopes are at the church doors. Fill it out and drop in the basket. Thank you for doing your part and God Bless you.

Finance Corner

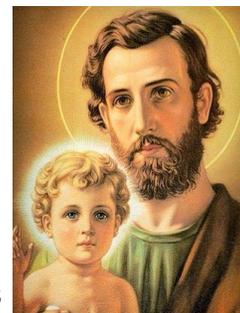
WORD OF APPRECIATION

Your gift helps our parish to pay for required Sidewalk Upgrade and Repair \$3,082, Computer Maintenance \$500, Mass Cards \$91.32, Food \$132.27, Periodicals \$82.30, Maintenance \$28.97, Candles \$100, Paper Products \$140.39, Telephone and Internet \$672.63, Required Fingerprinting \$51, Needy \$801.93, Office Supplies \$23.59, and Faith Formation Books \$18.09. Thank you for the support given to the parish while dealing with the pandemic. We are looking for an increase at Mass attendance, but summer is a time when many take vacations. Your offer-tory gift helps to pay down our operating expenses. Thank you for your ongoing support.

To those who are homebound, keep us informed of your needs. Thank you and God Bless you!

Year of Saint Joseph – Model of Obedience

Saint Joseph, obedient and humble of heart, pray for us



Saint Joseph must have suffered deeply and had to do violence to his humility each time he was obliged to command Jesus and Mary. Still he did it with great grace; it was the order established by God. Shall we be foolish enough to pride ourselves in authority granted us? God said; "A little child shall govern them and lead them." God thereby manifests His power and His mercy. To keep ourselves in the proper sentiments of humility, those who are placed above others would do well to remember this lesson. Saint Joseph, teach us to be childlike, and to honor and follow the lesson you teach us by your humility and obedience to the will of our Father. Amen

We were blessed to have a visit from Father John Keenan, S.S.S. last week. The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, S.S.S. priests have served St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Church since 2003. We are extremely blessed to have the charism of their spiritual father, St. Peter Julian Eymard with us, daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Eucharist at the center of our parish life. Father John has been living his Priestly vocation in service to the many needs of God's people. He receive a very favorable impression of our vibrant parish life in worship and service.



Celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1. In the United States, the most basic, powerful, and counter-cultural thing we can do for God's creation is pray. The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation kicks off the *Season of Creation*, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days, ending on October 4th, feat of St. Francis.

We live in a culture that values busy-ness and accomplishments. Following our Creator's call to "Be still and know what I am God" (Psalm 46:10) humbles us. With prayer, we become open to God's guidance, inspiration, and calls to action. With prayer, God knits us closer together in community. Only by the grace and inspiration of God can hearts and minds transform.

The Creation Justice community is diverse. We have many different ways of praying. Whether you will be taking time on September 1 to go on a meditative nature walk, celebrate liturgy in community, engage with scripture, speak sacred words aloud, or sing your prayers, it matters. Thanks for joining us in prayer!

"60 minutes for Jesus," Fr Jim Sichko is a notable preacher bringing the message of God's Word to life. At **St. Michael the Archangel** Parish in Hudson, Fr. Jim will speak at all weekend Masses on September 18th and 19th. **His presentation will be on Sunday, Sept. 19th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM and Mon, Sept. 20th 6:00 to 7:00 PM.**

Fr. Jim has made headlines for random acts of generosity and kindness, giving away thousands of dollars to people at the grocery stores, on the streets and especially to those most in need. . Fr. Jim uses real lives experiences and ties those experiences into the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Known for his presentations each talk is geared for all in a family household with no exceptions.

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 we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering. On September 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor?

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

Can you take the time to join us in an hour of prayer on Wednesday, September 22 at 11 o'clock? The presence of Christ draws us together to count our blessings.

The Associates of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament with the Vincentians of our parish will present the Holy Hour to honor the love St. Vincent de Paul showed for children and the poor. His work continues in our parish..

All are welcomed to participate with us in this special hour of prayer and adoration. *"Go to the poor, you will find God."* St. Vincent de Paul



"The Eucharist is a mystery to be believed, celebrated and lived."

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Glory to God

"They were exceedingly astonished and they said, 'He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'" - Mark 7:37

If you follow me on social media, you probably know I am a sports fan, and I'm sure many of you are too. Here in Tampa Bay we've been on a good run with winning championships lately. At the conclusion of a championship game, occasionally you'll hear a victorious player say, "First, I want to give glory to God for making this possible!" The athlete is so excited that they want to proclaim God's goodness in victory. Most viewers smile, although some non-believers might roll their eyes in doubt that God had anything to do with it.

In Mark's Gospel this weekend, we read the account of Jesus healing the deaf man, thus allowing the man to hear and speak normally. The man was ecstatic, but Jesus instructed the man and the witnesses not to tell anyone. But, like an athlete in victory, they were so astounded that they couldn't help but tell everyone who would hear that it was Jesus who had performed the miracle.

Most of us will not win the Super Bowl or Stanley Cup, or be a witness to a miraculous healing, but we have everyday victories we can celebrate. I often say that we need to celebrate the small victories in life. Maybe you or a loved one recovered from a severe illness or got a job that you'd been hoping for. Maybe you passed a test that you were unsure of. You might have uttered, "thanks be to God" when you received the results. We should be grateful to God.

This passage reminds us to be thankful for the big events in life, but also the little, everyday blessings. We should start our day in thanksgiving for the gift of a new day of life and end it with a prayer of thanksgiving for the day we lived. Why not come to church this weekend and be thankful for every blessing – big and small – that we've received in life.

~ **Bishop Gregory Parkes**

Family Faith Formation



Jesus, Savior of the World

Mark 7:24-37

Have you ever received a blue ribbon for something you made? I received a blue ribbon once for a photograph I took of a duck flying off a river in Alaska. Actually, it was a series of four pictures showing the duck on the water, starting to leave the river, the beginning of flight, and the duck in full flight. I framed the four pictures and entered it in the State Fair. I received a blue ribbon for first place.

The ribbon is great, but it isn't as exciting or as special as the actual photographs of the duck taking flight in the wild. The blue ribbon just shows how special the photographs are.

That is what we have going on in our reading from the Bible. Mark tells us about two special miracles that Jesus performed. Jesus heals a woman's daughter who was very ill. The mother wasn't a follower of Jesus. But Jesus' love and compassion reached out to all people. Then Jesus heals a man who was deaf. Jesus wants us all to hear the message of his amazing love.

Jesus did many miracles during his ministry on earth. They were like blue ribbons. They point to the fact that Jesus has the power and the love to give all people life. The picture is Jesus as our Savior. The miracles that Jesus performed pointed out that he is truly the Son of God, and that he came so that we might hear God's message of saving hope. Jesus' miracles point to his greatest miracle: He makes us children of God. Jesus is our Savior.

Prayer: Boys and girls, let us unite our hearts and hands in prayer. Jesus, when we hear all the miracles you did to help people, we began to see how wonderful and great your love is. Thank you, Jesus, for making us a part of your family: truly your greatest miracle. Help us now to live as your children. In your name we pray. Amen.

Prayer Warrior Team

VOCATION MINISTRY

PRAY FOR PRIESTLY, RELIGIOUS LIFE, AND ALL VOCATIONS

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The Diocese of St. Petersburg Communications Office launched a new blog and radio series, hosted by Teresa Peterson, Executive Director of Communications.

The series is called ***Making Space for Grace***, and offers lessons and reflections for navigating our media environment so that it doesn't harm our faith and family life. The goal is to develop healthy and holy habits so we can focus more on real-life interactions that foster personal, relational and spiritual growth. To learn more, visit www.MakingSpaceforGrace.org.

Youth Ministry News! *Youth Activities gathers with area parishes to help us witness to our faith in Christ . Pray Together Play Together is our motto.*

Regardless of your age, when was the last time you spent some time with young people? It is time you get to know in a personal way the young people of our parish. The best time to do this is on the second and fourth Sunday afternoon each month.

You will enjoy getting to know Katie Groves an Echo Catechetical Apprentice with the University of Notre Dame working here in the Diocese of St. Petersburg helping Mike Buckler and Ryan Phelan !

You are invited to join the other youth ministry leaders of the Diocese for Lectio Divina on the first Thursday of every month from 11am-12pm. These will be opportunities to take a breath, center ourselves in scripture, and share our faith. The first of these will be this coming week on Thursday, September 2nd.

People worry about the lack of young priest in the church while they fail to encourage our youth in sharing the joy of being together. Plan to take part Courageous Youth Ministry trainings available to help you, the staff at St. Vincent de Paul, or any volunteers. They cover a variety of topics, are free, and can be offered online or in person.

Margaret Flanders on behalf of our youth ministers at St Vincent de Paul acknowledged all that Mike and Ryan have done for us especially during the sheltering due to the pandemic. Their spirit, interaction and Zoom meetings with the youth group leaders encouraged and supported us during a very difficult time. We look forward to taking advantage of future opportunities presented whenever possible. Reach out to Ryan and Mike if you have any questions, Ryan Phelan, rmp@dosp.org, Michael Buckler mb@dosp.org