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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022 | 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"We need to help our youth find
a personal day to day intimate
relationship with Christ
to function in this world."*

- Mary Stoft, Parishioner, St. Raphael, St. Petersburg



Through **Faith Formation & Evangelization**
we assist parishes and offer all who seek God an opportunity
to encounter Him and enrich our spiritual lives,
fostering our response to God's call to serve.



DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG
**CATHOLIC
MINISTRY**
Appeal

GIVE TODAY AT GIVETOMINISTRY.DOSP.ORG

Take time to visit the Blessed Sacrament for
quiet prayer.

Church Hours: 7:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer: 8:05 a.m.

Exposition: 9:00 a.m. to noon
with the rosary and divine mercy chaplet.

Benediction / Angelus: 11:55 a.m.

Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass

Sat: 4:00 p.m. (Livestream)

Sun: 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. (Vietnamese),
10:00 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass: Mon-Sat: 8:30 a.m.

Catholic Ministry Appeal Prayer

More numerous than the stars in the
sky are your blessings, O Good and
Gracious God.

You have called us to spread the Good
News of your Son, Jesus Christ,
through our words and actions.
Strengthen our faith and open our
hearts to care for all of our brothers
and sisters, especially those who need
us the most.

Help us to understand the difference
we can make, the love we can share
and the lives we can bring to Christ
through the Catholic Ministry Appeal.
We pray that your grace, O Lord, will
lead us to be your loving heart and
hands today. *Amen.*

*"Brothers and sisters, be firm, stead-
fast, always fully devoted to the work
of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord
your labor is not in vain."*

The Lord gives us occasions to put love
into action every day—in our family,
our workplace, and our wider commu-
nity. As a parish, we actually have one
of those chances before us today: to
contribute to our diocesan Catholic
Ministry Appeal. This is your time to
not only give generously, but also to
contribute to the "good fruit" that our
diocese is producing today, sharing
the love of the Lord with so many who
desire to receive it. The Lord invites
you to put your love into action today.
Thank you for your generosity.

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Catholic Ministry Appeal Numbers

Appeal \$62,346.00

Pledge Amount \$21,097

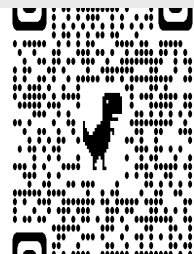
Paid \$16,344.50

By 121 of our 638 Families

We're counting on you to pledge.

You will make a difference with your pledge to the Catholic Ministry Appeal. Text "2022appeal" to 727-788-5125 to receive a direct link to our secure online giving page to donate or pledge..

QR Code - You can scan the code and be redirected to our secure online giving page. If you require assistance contact the Campaign Processing Office by phone at 727- 341-6841. email at kck@dosp.org.

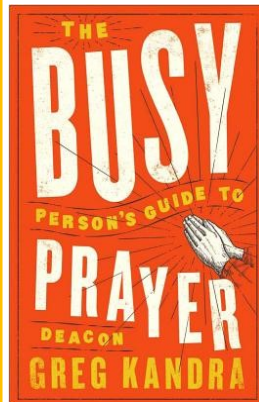


Jesus tells us something evident, "the blind cannot lead the blind." A disciple learns to be a good disciple from the teacher. The person who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to give sight to the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works the teacher requires.

Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. To produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

In order to do good deeds and be of service to others, we must have integrity and a good heart. The Catholic Ministry Appeal teaches us to understand Jesus' teachings and to examine our conscience and change our own behavior. Modeling good behavior is one appropriate way to participate in the mission of leading others to Jesus. Support children in understanding that Jesus teaches us to focus on our own behavior rather than focusing our attention on judging others. We can influence our friends in a positive way by first focusing on our own behavior and setting a good example caring for the needs of others.

This LENT we invite you to focus on your prayer life and praying with others.



There is always room for growth when it comes to prayer. The first step to take is sign up this week-end after mass or email secretary@svdpfl.com or call the office 938-1974 give us the day of the week and time of day that you would like to meet in a small prayer group. We will get back to you with the location for the prayer group.

You must let us know your interest this week before next Sunday so we can get back to you. Talk this over with friends and give us a group of names if you like. Morning, noon or night, and the time that works for you.

The material for group sharing will come from the book: ***The Busy Person's Guide to Prayer***. It is a practical tool to use with advice; ***consider this, try this, pray this in each chapter***. Like chapter 5 Prayer of Friendship, *Finding faith in one another*. Chapters are short and can help one another in praying together. Time is used for teaching, sharing and prayer. You have so much to gain in praying with others. Just call and give your name, day, and time to join.

Lent begins this Wednesday. Ashes will be given at the Masses celebrated at 8:30 AM, 4:00 PM, and 8:00 PM.



The 40 days of Lent, provides one of the Church's most visible outward signs of faith when the minister uses ashes and inscribes a cross on the heads of the congregation.

Catholics know that the ashes represent mortality and penance—a reminder that our earthly lives are finite and that Lent is a season of sorrow for sins and consequent repentance. Ashes are used to mark a cross on the forehead to serve as a symbol to, "repent and believe in the Gospel."

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Sanctuary Candle Intention for the week: **Terry Sangalang Sr. + (Sangalang Family)**

Sunday	February 27, 2022
7:30am	Sr. Marian Phillips, M.M. (Riley Family)
8:30am	Parish Family & Souls in Purgatory (Virginia Hesterhagen)
10:00am	Joseph Lubelski+ (Faith Formation)
11:30am	James Naughton+ (Robert & Irene Murray)
Monday	February 28, 2022
8:30am	Barbara Jean Vargo+ (Glueckler family) and Pedrita Gallenero Cagoco Jumalon (Denny & Clare Auza)
Tuesday	March 1, 2022
8:30am	Arline Caplick+ (Diann Bimmerle) and Maren Thomas—Birthday (Thomas family)
Wednesday	March 2, 2022 ASH WEDNESDAY
8:30am	Jeanette Bastien+ (Tom & Lorraine Parsons) and Carole Flocco—Birthday (Ray & Margaret)
4:00 pm	John Bochniak+ (Christine & Stephan Fischl) & Theresa Harris—healing (Anita McMahon)
8:00pm (Bilingual)	Domenica Carrozzo+ (Sandra & Alan Breland)
Thursday	March 3, 2022
8:30am	William Gleason Sr. + (Dick & Sue Combetta) And Solowczuk family (Marie Solowczuk)
Friday	March 4, 2022
8:30am	Terry Sangalang Sr. + (Cecilia & family) and Clifford Miller+ (Bernie, friend)
Saturday	March 5, 2022
8:30 am	Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament and Sally Cote+ (John & Cathy Wolosin)
4:00pm	Mary Jeanette Bastien+ (Ed Grimes)

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PARISH GIVING FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Sunday Offering	\$7,864.00
Candle Money	\$ 216.00
Total (Thank You!)	\$8,080.00
Mass Attendance 777	
4:00 p.m. 188	\$1972.00
7:30 a.m. 98	\$ 859.00
8:30 a.m. 175	\$760.00
10:00 a.m. 200	\$2010.00
11:30 a.m. 116	\$1388.00
Mail In	\$235.00
Misc.	\$635.00

Thank you for sharing your time with us. God bless your sacrifices.

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

Visit www.svdpl.com for online giving.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS AT 3:00, SACRAMENT OF PENANCE TO FOLLOW.

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of February 27, 2022

Sunday:	Sir 27:4-7//1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Monday:	1 Pt 1:3-9//Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	1 Pt 1:10-16//Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Joel 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20//Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a//Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14//Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

MARCH MADNESS

GIFT CARD Order Forms can be found at the entrances of Church.
Forms are due in the Office by MARCH 7, 2022



PURCHASE GIFTS FOR MARCH WITH ON-SITE GIFT CARDS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE OR GIFT SHOP



Visa \$50	
Lowe's \$25	WAWA \$25
Target \$25	Cracker Barrel \$10
Amazon \$25	Walmart/Sam's Club \$25

We have all these cards at Gift Shop or Parish Office



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From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more

satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In

focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites. ©LPi



SAVE THE DATE Prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Plan to attend an encounter with the Sermon on the Mount. Frank Runyeon will be here on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 1 pm, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Holiday. Bring friends and family to feel the pull between the Media and the Gospel. Hollywood vs. Faith frame 3 other Beatitudes. Using hilarious anecdotes from his years in Hollywood and his own family's life, Frank helps all ages to laugh at the way the media portray the world. Frank Runyeon has starred in over 1,000 television shows over the last 20 years... opposite Meg Ryan on *As the World Turns*, on *Santa Barbara*, *Falcon Crest*, *General Hospital*, *LA Law* and *Melrose Place*. He is also an honors graduate of General Theological Seminary and Princeton University. *We will be taking free will offerings for this event.*



Youth Ministry News!

This Sunday, February 27 at 12:30 to 2:30 calling all our youth 6th grade and up to join in Activities in Fr. Farrell Hall and outdoor. Take time to build friendships and have some fun. We want to hear from you, so bring your ideas, we'll put them together to build a great time as young people ...

Pray Together Play Together





Plan to join us for the next meeting of **Our Lady's Guild on Tuesday, March 8 at 11:30-2:00.** All Christian men and women can join Our Lady's Guild for a \$5 dues. Our guest presenter will be from SOLVE which helps families in the area clothe and provide for their children. We will hold a

baby shower for this wonderful organization. You might like to bring some new or gently used baby and toddler clothing, toys, diapers and other toiletries. A collection bin will be placed in the social hall of the church. Visitors are always welcome!

If you missed our Our No Bake Sale on February 13, you can still contribute by dropping an envelope marked "No Bake Sale" with a check made out to Our Lady's Guild (or cash) in the collection basket. This donation goes directly to our church to help in any way we can.

Arts and Crafts meet every Monday from 9:30—11:30 in the Media Room of the Education Building. They are currently working on spring/Easter crafts for the **April 1 and April 2 Spring Arts and Crafts Sale.** They are in need of chocolate and wine for raffle baskets. You may drop off your donation on Mondays in the media room from 9:30-11:30 or at Charlene Vassalli's office in the Rectory. Thank you!

Arts and Crafts is looking for new leadership for the group. Marilyn Inkrott and Bernadine Quinton currently lead the group and have done a creative and marvelous job for many years! We have been blessed to have them; however, life circumstances have called them in another direction. If interested, please contact Robin Emmons at 630-740-2730 and I will pass your information on to them.

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

Finance Corner

WORD OF APPRECIATION

Your gift helps our parish to pay for Pest Control \$152, Copier Lease \$323.96, Needy \$113.03, Mass Cards \$225, Cleaning Supplies \$94.57, Paper Products \$108.74, Liturgical Books \$655.89 and Locksmith \$100. We will be having smaller fundraisers this year and your support of those will greatly help the parish. 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!

When you need some time for yourself, stop into the church and spent time with the Lord. You will enjoy peace in his company.

Confession Times are Thurs: 3:00-4:00, and 7:00-7:30 pm. Parish Office Hours Mon-Fri: 9:00-2:00 p.m. (Call for an appointment at other times.)

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: "Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother's eye when you miss the plank in your own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit...."



It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart.

God's love is witnessed by the charity given through our care for others in need. Every gift is given to express the love God has shown to us in Jesus his Son. Jesus was incarnated of the virgin Mary and born in a manger. He came as food to nourish a hungry human family of his brothers and sisters. All of us.

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

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Peace and Quiet

In today's world it's hard to find a little peace and quiet in order to meet oneself and God. It's not easy to avoid the constant harassment of all kinds of calls and messages. The worries and hurry of each day take up our whole attention. Not even in our own home, pervaded by television and digital

media, is it easy to find the tranquility and recollection we need to joyfully relax with God.

Have we forgotten what it means to pause, interrupt our hurry, free our minds for a few moments and let ourselves be penetrated by the silence and calm of sacred space? Often it's enough to stand still and be silent for a short time, in order to quiet the spirit and recover lucidity and peace. How much we need to find the silence that helps us to enter into contact with our very selves in order to recover our freedom and to rescue once again all our inner energy.

Accustomed to noise and agitation, we don't suspect the wellness that can

come from silence and being alone. Eager for news, images and impressions, we've forgotten how to be nourished and enriched in the deepest depths of our being.

Without some inner silence, we can't hear God, recognize the divine presence in our life and grow from within as human beings and as believers. According to Jesus, people draw goodness from the store of goodness in their hearts. Goodness doesn't blossom without help. We need to cultivate it and make it grow in the depth of our heart. How our lives would blossom if we stopped to notice what God is stirring up in our heart.

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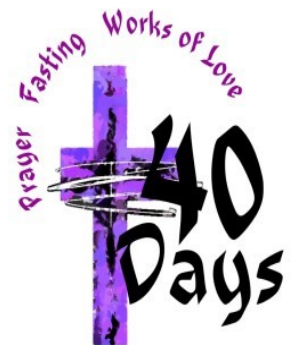
Pray + Fast + Give

LENT gives us three extraordinary ways to draw closer into this mystery:

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

- All over the age of 14 are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent.

In addition to the above traditional forms, try fasting from social media, technology, gossip, and excessive screen time. Fasting reminds us of our Scripture References for Fasting: Joel 2: 12-14; Isaiah 58: 6-7. Matthew 6: 16-18; Mark 1: 12-15



Prayer: Prayer is conversation with God. It is essential for fasting and almsgiving because prayer gives us the strength to fast. Pope Francis said, "Lent is a privileged time for prayer." In prayer, we draw closer in relationship with God. Relationship with God makes us grateful for the blessings we have received. Prayer is the cornerstone of our Lenten journey and is vital to all of our actions in life. Scriptures Prayer: Zephaniah 3: 17; -John 16: 33; Philippians 3: 10-11

Fasting & Abstinence: Fasting and abstinence are old traditions in Judeo-Christian history and early Lenten practice. Found in the Scriptures, they offer a way of growing closer to God. Pope Francis reminds us, "Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else..."

The current regulations:- Individuals between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by having only one full meal and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal

Almsgiving: Almsgiving (giving) is a response to God, one that we can come to through prayer and fasting. It is a way to live out our gratitude for all that God has given us, reflecting the realization that we are the Body of Christ, responsible for each other. Justice, mercy, and charity are integral elements of our baptism that call us to be disciples of Jesus.

Scripture References for Almsgiving: Leviticus 19: 9-10; Proverbs 19: 17 Luke 19: 1-10; Romans 15: 25-28
Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving lead us to the heart of what Lent is about - a deeper conversion. ~

SUNSHINE CHRISTIAN HOME

There are many hidden works of mercy offered by so many of you who make up our parish family. Everything you do is seen and appreciated by our God. Each Thursday the residents at the Sunshine Christian Home are greatly blessed to have Father Bill or Father Dominic celebrate holy Mass. Jim Inkrott has been serving this ministry for the past few years with so much love. Jim sets up for Mass, offers his musical talents on the piano, and attends to the needs of the people by providing them

with spiritual reading material & bulletins.



Loretta Madsen is another incredible blessing. Although we miss her lecturing at Church, the residents at Sunshine hear Loretta offer the first reading and intercessory prayers at Mass each week.

There was a nice group of people gathered this morning and happy to know their photo would be shared with you. Corrine Morrill has been a resident at the Sunshine Christian Home since this past June. She looks wonderful, and enjoys time spent with others who gather for Mass each week. The goodness of God is found in them.

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