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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 12, 2023



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.*

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the Kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.” Each of us come to listen to the teaching of Jesus and pray, “Thy kingdom come.” The Holy Spirit guides our lives to live in the love of God.



World Marriage Day, the second Sunday in February, coinciding with St. Valentine’s Day. Popularized by the Catholic Church to emphasize the beauty of marriage and to honor husbands and wives for their faithfulness and sacrifices. It highlights the promise of a marital union and the beauty of being a lawfully wedded couple in the eyes of Christ. It is an initiative that aims to improve the married life of struggling couples. World Marriage Encounter promotes the ethos of marriage and honors the sacrifices and faithfulness of husbands and wives. Catholic couples celebrate the day by attending the Sunday mass and recommitting themselves to the values of the institution of marriage.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Sat 4:00 pm.

Sun: 7:30, 10:00, 11:30.

(Vietnamese), 8:30.

Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m.

Confession Thurs. 3:00-4:00 and
7:00-7:30 pm.

The church is open 7:30 am to
9:00 pm to visit the Lord for
quiet prayer.

Morning Prayer: 8:05 a.m.

Exposition: 9:00 a.m. with the
rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet.

Benediction: 11:55 a.m.

Call the parish for any need,
anointing of the sick or home
visits for communion. Office
hours 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

HAPPENING THE WEEKS.

Volunteers need to help setup and lend
and hand for the RUMMAGE SALE.

This Monday is your last chance to
bring items to the garage for the sale.

Our next Youth Group meeting will be
Sunday, Feb. 26th after class in Fr Far-
rell Hall. All are invited.

Faith Formation will be burning Palms
Sunday, Feb. 19th. in preparation for
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, Faith..

Please bring your old palms from last
year. Bins will be in the Social Hall and
the Education Bldg. to collect them.



*Welcome Reverend
Father John Thomas
Lane, S.S.S. on your
pastoral visit to Saint
Vincent de Paul
Church. We are happy
to share this time with*

*you as a ministry of the Province of Saint Ann in the Congregation of the Blessed
Sacrament and Lay Aggregation. Province Leadership:
Frs. John Kamas, John Thomas Lane, Thomas Smithson, William Fickel, S.S.S.*

**The season of Lent begin next week. Masses on Ash
Wednesday will be at 8:30 AM and 4:00 and 8:00 PM.** Each
year, the readings for Ash Wednesday call us to a change of heart and
teach us about the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and
almsgiving. These disciplines do not ask us to 'give something up.' Rather
Lent is a time to take something on.

During Lent we find the example in
Jesus who did the Father's will and
taught his disciples the power of
prayer, the denial of fasting and the
generosity of caring for others in their need. We need to do the same.

**Ash Wednesday †
2 22 2023**

The meaning of tracing a cross on our foreheads with ashes is a
summary of our death to sin and finding new life in Christ. The ashes re-
mind us of our origin and our death. In the words of the prayer said
when we receive ashes: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you
will return." We die to self so that Christ might live in us.

FISH IN A BOX Place your order for **Pickup on Ash
Wednesday** fish dinner from Fr. Farrell Hall prepared
by Chef Mark. Call the parish office to place your or-
der. Price is \$8. Fish, fries, slaw. Let us know the time
you will pickup between 5 and 7 PM to take home.



**Parish Staff—Pastor, Fr. William Fickel, SSS; Parochial Vicar, Fr. Dominic Long, SSS
Parish Administrator, Christine DeLieto; Stewardship, Laura Worhacz;
Faith Formation Director, Charlene Vassalli; Choir Director, Tierra Carson Booth;
Secretary, Anabella Batista; Maintenance, Rocky Hieu Nguyen; Chef/Hall Rental, Mark Brose**

PARISH GIVING JANUARY 29, 2023

Sunday Offering \$ 8,244.00

Candle Money \$ 191.50

Total (Thank You!) \$8,435.50

Visit www.svdpfl.com for online giving.

Mass Attendance 759

4:00 p.m. 188 \$1584.00

7:30 a.m. 93 \$ 904.00

8:30 a.m. 149 \$1867.00

10:00 a.m. 205 \$ 223.00

11:30 a.m. 124 \$1155.00

Mail In \$ 115.00

Additional \$ 115.00

Viet. Mass Jan 23/24 \$ 853.00

Catholic Ministry Appeal \$1428.00

Thank you for sharing your time with us.

God bless your sacrifices.

The Mass is live streamed on Sat. at 4:00 p.m.



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NEXT ORDER: March 6, 2023

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Thank you for worshipping with us!

**Sanctuary Candle Intention for the week,
Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament**

Sunday	February 12
7:30am	Rosalito Bonifasi+ (Van Der Henst Family)
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:00am	Chun Rata & Anna Rata+ (Peter Rata)
11:30am	Jerry Tamburillo+ (Tamburillo Family)
Monday	February 13
8:30am	Victor Rosamilia+ (Joan Rosamilia) and Intention for those who duty fully, prayerfully lead the Rosary.
Tuesday	February 14
8:30am	Tim Perenick+, birthday (K.C. Drez) and Bill Donovan+, birthday (K.C. Drez)
Wednesday	February 15
8:30am	Maurice Batista+ (Ray & Margaret Flanders) and Campbell Mae Holstead, newborn Blessings (K.C. Drez)
Thursday	February 16
8:30am	John McCann+ (Joan Rosamilia) and Esther Leonard+ (Janet Leonard, daughter)
Friday	February 17
8:30am	William Moran+ (Joan Rosamilia) and Maurice Batista+ (Cecilia Sangalang)
Saturday	February 18
8:30am	Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament and Jackie Flynn+ (Jean Flynn)
4:00pm	Special intentions (Marcial Laplace)

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/ Mt 5:38-48

Arts & Crafts

Preparation is underway for our Spring Arts and Crafts show on Friday March 31 9:00-2:00 and 4:00-6:00 and Saturday April 1st 9:00- 2:00.

We are in need of old lamp bases made of ceramic or metal, flower pots and clay pots empty and clean, baskets any size and pastel ribbons. We meet every Tuesday in the Education Building from 9:30—11:30. We will also be doing wreath decorations. **Come join the fun!**

Calling all Men to come together for the 13th Annual/Tampa Bay Men's Conference.

Saturday February 25, 2023

6:30 am to 3:00 pm.

This is a life changer brought to you by Suncoast Catholic Ministries.

*Featuring Bishop David L. Toups, and Fr. Dwight Longenecker, The theme of the conference is **Spiritual Warfare. "For though we live in the world, we are not carrying on a worldly war."*** 2 Corinthians 10:3. St. Paul knew that behind his visible opponents lurked powers that were invisible and demonic, but he was confident that he was aided and protected by an even greater divine power through the weapons of spiritual warfare - Prayer, Scripture, Sacraments, Evangelization.

Suncoast Catholic Ministries builds a strong multi-community network of Catholic men passionate about the Lord, to organize meetings for those interested in deepening their own faith in Jesus Christ to kindle in others through their enthusiasm and witness, and to communicate an awareness of faith-based programs, events and materials that have been proven valuable to other parishes and communities throughout the Florida Sun Coast region. contact us [in-fo@suncoastcatholicministries.com](mailto:info@suncoastcatholicministries.com) or call us direct: Jim (813) 951-2134 | Jeff (813) 927-2484 | Dimitre (727) 403-8060 | Terry (813) 240-0554 |

Finance Corner

Where does the money go?

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for your support in paying these bills: Payroll \$7781.18, Payroll Taxes \$557.60, Electric \$4572.23, Trash Removal \$397.14, Copier Lease \$209.99, Office Supplies \$172.72, Paper Products \$383.84, Food for Concert \$107.03, Cathedralricum \$885.83 and Catholic School Support \$1328.75.

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

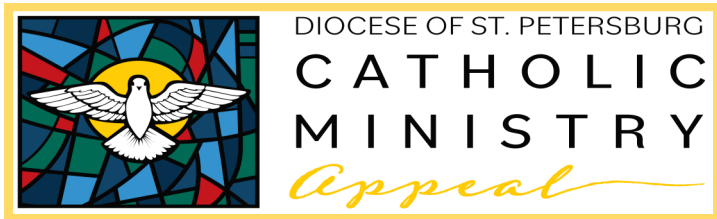
Gospel Reflection

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— Father John Muir, ©LPi



***Lent begins soon. Please join with others to
Notice God in Our Everyday Lives.***

Lent begins next week. It is time to decide how to make this the best Lent you can by taking on a practice that will make a difference in your daily life. What will you do?

Well thanks for asking. Here is a suggestion to consider. Join a weekly book sharing group to keep you on track with others. The book we will be reading this Lent/Easter season is entitled, ***“And That Got Me to Thinking...”*** with the subtitle, ***“Noticing God in Our Everyday Lives.”*** The author is Ellen Shadle and she is excited to guide us along the way.

This is a book of personal ordinary experiences that invite time for reflection, a prayer and activity. The chapters are just 1 to 3 pages. Each week your group will meet on a day and time of your choice. Reading a story a day will give you seven lessons to share. Each person is asked to speak about the story highest or lowest on their list. Take time to learn from one another without comment. After all have shared take a look at the activities and decide on a Lenten practice for the coming week. These will change week by week and you grow in noticing God in your daily life.

The thing to do is drop an index card with your name and phone# or email, the day of the week and the approximate hour of the day you are available. We will try to gather the group and give you a location. If you already have a small group, just send us the names and info contact along with time, day and place. The cost of the book is a contribution of \$10. Any questions call the parish office, we are happy to work with you in getting our parish Lenten practice of noticing God in our daily life.

More than 3,300 people from across the Diocese of St. Petersburg participated in a survey last fall, sharing feedback to assist us in launching the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*.

Here are some highlights of the survey: Most people believe **supporting shared, larger ministries is a vital part of keeping the Catholic faith alive in our diocese.** **“Support for Catholic Schools and Centers, Faith Formation, and Inviting Others Into Our Faith”** was chosen as the most important reason to give to the appeal, though many reiterated that all reasons given were important and necessary.

38% of respondents are interested in learning more about “affordable housing, assistance for the homeless and medical assistance programs.”

100% of donations will go directly to ministry, programs, and outreach affecting people, communities, parishes, and schools. This includes pastoral outreach and service, formation, worship, discipleship and vocations. Additionally, donors will now be able to direct their donation to a specific ministry they may wish to support.

“What do you mean by “shared ministries”?”

The survey referred to “shared ministries” when asking respondents why they are willing to support the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*. “Shared ministries” are those that cannot be supported by one parish alone and serve the entire Diocese. Examples include the Bethany Center, Spirit FM, Catholic Charities and priest retirement.

Once again, we thank all participants for sharing their thoughts with us. We are extremely grateful for all prayers, generosity, and continued commitment to our diocese, and we look forward to another successful year of our *Catholic Ministry Appeal*!



In the Gospel Jesus says:
"Whoever fulfills and teaches
these commands shall be great in
the kingdom of God."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Church is hosting it's Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, Feb. 17th, from 9 AM to 2 PM and Saturday, Feb. 18th, from 9 AM to 2 PM

Do you have some time this week to help us with setup to make this a success?

Just stop by the parish hall to volunteer to set up, clean up and run the rummage sale. A sign up sheet is also posted on the Community Events Board in the Church Social Hall please take the time to lend a hand and help.

There's something for everyone! Come and check us out! For further information please contact Christine DeLieto at 727 938-1974.



I saw a slogan once for an Internet start-up: "There is one rule; there are no rules." In fact, when I searched for this slogan again online, I was surprised at all of the variations on the "no rules" sentiment. Apparently, even Justin Bieber has a documented quote: "I want my world to be fun. No parents, no rules, no nothing. Like, no one can stop me. No one can stop me." Wow. My own kids seldom read my reflections. If they are reading this one, don't get any ideas!

Of course, a society without laws or rules will not exist for very long. The laws of a society are there to protect us from perhaps our greatest enemy: ourselves. We can't just do whatever we feel like. We will eventually hurt others or ourselves. The laws of God and his Church have the same effect. Sinful and imperfect people need parameters. Christians who choose sin or their own will over God's commandments not only break the relationship they have with their God, but they hurt others and diminish the body of Christ.

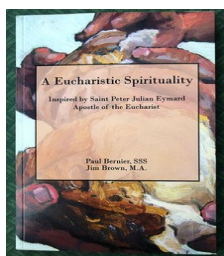
A stewardship way of life asks of us to live in a certain manner. We sometimes think that our cultivation of gifts and giving them back with increase to God is for God's sake. God's commands do not benefit God, for God is complete and perfect without need for increase. But this way of life is for the benefit of his creation. There is no power struggle here between a God of rules and his children. The cross bears witness to that. Instead, God's "rules" prevent us from destroying ourselves, and give us a path so we may flourish. Whether you are an ordinary Joe or an ordinary Bieber, following God's commands will lead to the real satisfaction in this gift of life.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Friday Nite

Dinners Come see us on Friday to enjoy an "ALL YOU CAN EAT" dinner for \$12.95. Spread the word and help us to put a flyer in your club house. Richard will give you one when you come to dinner. Join the Knights of Columbus. We thank all the Knights for showing up for our monthly meeting on the **Third Monday** of each month.



During a Year of Eucharistic Revitalization, all are welcome to join our **First Friday Book Study**, beginning **March 3, 2023**. Join us in prayer and an option of dinner followed by an hour and half **Book Study**, held every **First Friday**, unless otherwise stated, for a Chapter a month, offered by the Associates of the Blessed Sacrament. **Sign Up** on the website or contact Gloria Jung, Margaret Flanders, or Marge Harris.

Evening Prayer 4:40 pm. ~Benediction ends at 5 pm, **Dinner Option** ~ from 5 pm to 6 pm, **Book Study Time** ~ from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, **SIGN UP NOW**— Limited Books for sale in the parish office or order a book.

Deepen your love in a journey of Eucharistic Spirituality inspired by Saint Peter Julian, the Congregations of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Associates of the Blessed Sacrament, a walk with Fr. Paul Bernier, S.S.S. and Jim Brown, chapter by chapter to deepen your love for the Eucharist. info@aggregationblessedsacrament.org Website: www.aggregationblessedsacrament.org



Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love.