

Date	Holy Mass Intentions	Readings
<p>Saturday April 1 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p>4:00 p.m. ✠ Delores Giangrante 6:00 p.m. ✠ Octavio Restrepo ✠ Carolina Restrepo</p>	<p>Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 130: 1-8 Romans 8: 8-11 John 11: 1-45</p>
<p>Sunday April 2 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p>8:00 a.m. ✠ Deborah Palcak 10:30 a.m. Parishioners (Living & Deceased) 4:00 p.m. In thanksgiving - for Pope St. John Paul II</p>	<p>Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 130: 1-8 Romans 8: 8-11 John 11: 1-45</p>
<p>Monday April 3</p>	<p>12:00 p.m. Paul Amodio, Jr.</p>	<p>Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Psalm 23: 1-6 John 8: 1-11</p>
<p>Tuesday April 4 <i>Saint Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i></p>		<p>Numbers 21: 4-9 Psalm 102: 2-3, 16-21 John 8: 21-30</p>
<p>Wednesday April 5 <i>Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest</i></p>	<p>12:00 p.m. ✠ Rod Dalton</p>	<p>Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95 (Psalm) Daniel 3: 52-56 John 8: 31-42</p>
<p>Thursday April 6</p>	<p>12:00 p.m. ✠ Mary Elizabeth Hommick</p>	<p>Genesis 17: 3-9 Psalm 105: 4-9 John 8: 51-59</p>
<p>Friday April 7 <i>Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest</i></p>		<p>Jeremiah 20: 10-13 Psalm 18: 2-7 John 10: 31-42</p>
<p>Saturday April 8</p>		<p>Ezekiel 37: 21-28 (Psalm) Jeremiah 31: 10-13 John 11: 45-56</p>

Readings for Sunday, April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2: 6-11
Matthew 26:14—27:66



The Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.





For all our Dearly Beloved Departed



The names of those who have recently passed from this life to the next will remain on the bulletin necrology for nine weeks. They will then be transferred to the permanent parish necrology, also known as the Book of the Dead. Mass Intentions for loved ones after this time will be printed the week that the Holy Mass is scheduled.

Lord Jesus, remember especially in loving mercy:

Delores Giangrante, Octavio Restrepo, Carolina Restrepo, Deborah Palcak, Robert George Westlake, Carrie Smith, Mary Elizabeth Hommick, Ben Carns, Brendan O'Marra, Rodney Dalton, Dominic Anthony Evangelista, Phuong Pham, Robert Fox,
and all those who have gone before us.



Pro-Life Answers to Pro-Choice Arguments Ultrasounds and Parental Notification Laws The Way to Reduce Abortion



Over the years, as the humanity of the unborn child has become increasingly apparent and incontestable, abortion advocates have had to change their rhetoric. They have been forced to profess some "compassion" for the innocent, unborn victim and we now sometimes hear them claim to want abortion to be "safe, legal and rare".

In spite of this claim, they continue to impede all efforts to reduce the number of abortions. For example, many states already have or are considering legislation that would ensure that ultrasound viewing is available or mandatory to women considering abortion.

Knowledge comes to us in a variety of different ways, but visual images are the most powerful. That is why when we change our minds on an issue, we say our "eyes were opened".

An increasing number of expectant mothers' eyes are being opened when they see their babies on ultrasound. When these young women see fingers, toes and a beating heart, they fully appreciate the emerging life within them. No one in an abortion clinic can tell them that "it" is "only a blob of tissue". As in the words of the great hymn, "Amazing Grace"; "Was blind, but now I see".

An increasing number of crisis-pregnancy centers have ultrasound equipment and the centers report that anywhere from 62% up to 95% of women who had intended to abort changed their minds after seeing images. Planned Parenthood and NARAL adamantly oppose this ability to see, calling it "intimidation" and "emotional blackmail".

Another initiative which would significantly reduce the number of abortions is parental notification laws. These laws would require abortionists to notify one or both parents of a minor daughter considering an abortion; studies suggest they would reduce abortions by as much as 27%. One would expect those who profess to want abortion to be "rare" to be in favor of such laws. Absolutely not! In fact, Planned Parenthood has repeatedly gone to court to prevent such laws.

The plain truth is that abortion advocates, Planned Parenthood in particular, oppose any measure to reduce abortions.



IN YOUR PRAYERS



To request prayers for yourself, or for loved ones who are sick, or who have special intentions, please list their name in the Book of Petitions located on the table across from Fr. Adrian's office. Prayer intentions will be listed in the bulletin for one week and will remain in the Book of Petitions for a period of six months. Names listed by Monday will be printed in the bulletin the following weekend.

Please pray for:

Fr. Omar Loggiodice, Deacon Steve and Rita Bek, Joseph Hein, Katherine Pirnik, Geri Roberts, Sara McDaniel, Fred Speeney, Olga S. Torres, Nancy Calta, Fr. Michael S. Sherliza, Cathy and Greg Roesch, J.C. Facemeyer, Bill Gilbert, Joyce and Jerry Fowler, Marylou Bishop, Jeanne Pucci, Rebekah Heaton, Pete Patton, Carmen Amodio, Paul Amodio, Jr., John Powers, Claude Hamilton, Victims of recent violence, Nicole Baker, Berlina Bolin, Mary Bolin, Scionnie Gernaat, AA Albert Halle V, Lela Maul, Theodore Roulette, Jr., Joseph Nappi, Julia Nunez and family, Henrii Gonzalez, Marsiala family, Emily and Jill Strauss, Ed and Mary Ann Strauss, Diane Paulaskas, Sherry and Sybil Casey, Kathy Dillion, Dottie Lawley, Christopher Lojo, Larry Whittaker, Christian, Caroline, and Matthew Hernandez, Jean and Juan R. Hernandez, Deacon Norm and Barbara Keller,

and all of our family and friends who are ill but not listed. We ask the Lord to grant them comfort and healing.



Bricks for the Prayer Garden



You are invited to purchase a brick to be placed in the SVdP prayer garden. The cost is \$100. You may engrave your brick with your name or the name of a loved one. Order forms are available in the Narthex on the table between Rooms #13 and #14.



33 Days to Morning Glory



What better way to experience the true meaning of the Lenten journey and to celebrate the Resurrection than to let the Lord form us into saints? Join us in the "33 Days to Morning Glory" group retreat and learn how to tap into the amazing graces that our Lord is pouring out during this extraordinary time of mercy. God wants to raise up many, many saints in our day, if only we will open our hearts to Him. We will be led in this class to entrust ourselves to Mary and we will do this by consecrating ourselves to Jesus through His mother.

The class, a small-group retreat, will be facilitated by a parish member, Nancy Chisholm, and will take place at her home which is located five minutes from SVdP Church in Dallas. **Classes will meet weekly, starting this coming Tuesday, April 4**, for six Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Videos highlighting the teachings of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta and Pope St. John Paul II will lead us to the Heart of Jesus, through Mary. Consecration will take place on May 13, 2017, the 100 year anniversary of the first visitation of Mary to the children at Fatima.

The cost for materials is \$34. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. For more information, please call Nancy at (404) 630-4030.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 8 - 4 p.m. Holy Mass

Deacon:
Lectors: Nancy Chisholm Paul Amodio
E.M.O.H.C.: Julie Burger
Eucharistic Guardians: Lee Burger Dan Barth
Servers:
Ushers: Dave Gover Bill Gilbert Ken Bishop
Greeter: Ken Bishop
Set Up: Carmen Amodio

Saturday, April 8 – 6 p.m. Holy Mass

Deacon: Deacon Jose Perez
Lectors: Hilda Fuentes Luz Gonzalez
E.M.O.H.C.:
Eucharistic Guardians: Nelida Morales Carmen Perez
Servers: Jhovanex, Jhonas and Johansel Rodriguez
Ushers: Carlos Neyra Jesus Gonzalez
Greeter: Carolina Ortiz
Set Up: Carmen Perez

Sunday, April 9 – 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Deacon: Deacon Jim McDermott
Lectors: Denise Fournier Doug Vail
E.M.O.H.C.:
Eucharistic Guardians: LeAnne Wilkins Kevin Ebelhar
Servers: Cameron Ebelhar Ian Wilkins Emmanuel Alerte
Ushers: Tony Pucci Bob Strauss Brent Buechler
Greeter: *Need a volunteer*
Set Up: Millie Reisinger

Sunday, April 9 – 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass

Deacon:
Lectors: Paul Ware Al Stumm
E.M.O.H.C.: Joni Pfaff Michael Evangelista
Eucharistic Guardians: Florence Coons Jan Evangelista Steve Pfaff
Servers: Nicholas and Chris Holland *Need a volunteer*
Ushers: Judy and Randy Brown Klara Jones Mary Stumm
Greeter: *Need a volunteer*
Set Up: Jan Evangelista

Sunday, April 9 - 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass

Deacon:
Lectors: Dale Nawrocki Glenn Gallagher
E.M.O.H.C.: Theresa Dodd
Eucharistic Guardians: Yanira Koch Rochelle Focaracci
Servers: Will Dodd Gabriel Focaracci Alex Espino
Ushers: Fred Lojo Ethan and Andrew Valbuena
Robert Dodd
Greeter: Theresa Dodd
Set Up: Lorraine Dannehold

The ministry schedule is also available on-line at

www.saintvincentdepaulchurch.org.

Ministry Volunteers: If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement and note the change on the posted master schedule.



Sunday April 2 - Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45



Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. We are invited to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life. The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus.

Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks and that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope.

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Catechism Corner - from the *Catechism of St. Pius X* First Article of the Creed-God the Father Almighty



4 Q. Why is the Father the First Person of the Blessed Trinity?

A. The Father is the First Person of the Blessed Trinity, because He does not proceed from any other Person, but is the Principle of the other two Persons, that is, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

5 Q. What is meant by the word Omnipotent?

A. The word Omnipotent means that God can do all that He wills.

6 Q. God can neither sin nor die, how then do we say He can do all things?

A. Though He can neither sin nor die, we say God can do all things, because to be able to sin or die is not an effect of power, but of weakness which cannot exist in God who is most perfect.



Pope Francis' April Prayer Intention



Young People –That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.



Lenten Guidelines



The Catholic Church calls all believers to certain practices that emphasize the communal nature of repentance, especially during the Lenten season. These common practices include:

- **Abstinence** from meat - This is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.
- **Fasting** - This is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
- **Those who are sick, pregnant, nursing, or whose health would be adversely affected by fasting and abstinence should not consider themselves bound by these norms.**

Lent is a season of penance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. During Lent, we are all called to embrace penances and to perform works of charity that reflect our desire for conversion of heart. Let us all pray fervently for those Catechumens and Candidates who will celebrate the Easter sacraments with us this year. May this Lent lead us all to a deeper union in Christ and with one another.



Stations of the Cross during Lent



Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6:30 p.m. in the Church on Fridays during Lent, and are followed by the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

There will not be a 4:00 or 6:00 p.m. Holy Mass on Saturday, April 15. Only one Holy Mass is celebrated on Holy Saturday and it will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m.



You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Leviticus 19:18

St. Vincent de Paul's 2017 Parish Goal: \$ 38,000.00
 Paid (includes pledged and unpledged donations): \$ 14,324.63
 Outstanding Pledges: \$ 16,842.87

Current Number of Donors for 2017: 71
Number of Donors in 2016: 321

Thank you for your donations.

If you have not yet made a pledge or gift this year, please prayerfully consider doing so online or with your parish envelopes.



First Fruits of Our Labor Offerings for March 25-26, 2017



1st Collection

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	\$ 1,566.05
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	\$ 373.00
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	\$ 1,110.25
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	\$ 1,690.17
Sunday	4:00 p.m.	\$ 870.00
Box/Mail		\$ 532.31
Online		\$ 1,293.00

Total 1st Collection \$ 7434.78

Total 2nd Collection \$ 951.58
(Catholic Relief)

The second collection next week will be for Growing in Grace.
Thank you for your donations!



A Lenten Reminder:



Wednesday Holy Masses during Lent are celebrated at 12 noon, due to Penance Services held during the evening and requiring Fr. Adrian's presence. Confessions are heard immediately following Holy Mass on Wednesdays during Lent.



The Sacrament of Baptism



To schedule a Baptism, parents and godparents are first required to attend a Baptism Preparation class. To register for a class, please call the church office or register in person at the church. Baptisms will not be scheduled until parents and godparents have attended the class and all paperwork has been turned in. The paperwork includes a St. Vincent de Paul Parish registration packet (if the family is not already registered), the Baptism registration form and sponsor certificates for the godmother and godfather.

Upcoming Baptism Classes will be held on

April 9 - 9:15 a.m.

April 22 - 7:15 p.m. (in Spanish)

May 14 - 9:15 a.m.

(Classes are held in English unless otherwise noted.)

Note: Baptisms are not scheduled during Advent or Lent.

Holy Week Ministry Schedule

Please remember that the Holy Week and Easter Sunday ministry schedule is voluntary. Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex to sign up.

Easter Season Schedule

We hope that you are able to join us for St. Vincent's Holy Week liturgies and events. The Parish Office will be closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Monday following Easter Sunday. Holy Mass will not be celebrated during the weekdays of April 17-21 or April 24-28.

The Covering of Crosses and Images

The crosses and images are veiled from the fifth Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil celebration because Christ, during this time, no longer walked openly among the people, but hid himself. Hence in the papal chapel the veiling formerly took place at the words of the Gospel: "Jesus autem abscondebat se." Another reason is added by Durandus, namely that Christ's divinity was hidden when he arrived at the time of His suffering and death. The images of the saints also are covered because it would seem improper for the servants to appear when the Master himself is hidden (Nilles, "Kal.", II, 188).

Blessing of Easter Baskets (April 15 at 3 p.m.)

The tradition of blessing food on Easter Saturday is a century's old tradition that was brought to the United States by immigrants from Poland, Czechoslovakia, the Ukraine, Russia and other Slavic countries. It is a custom rich in symbolism and one that the whole family can do together. An Easter Basket can contain traditional items, items that individual family members have "given up" for Lent, or some of the food the family plans to have for their Easter meal.



2017 Holy Week and Easter Schedule



Palm Sunday - April 9, 2017

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Holy Jerusalem
Saturday Vigil Holy Masses at 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. in Spanish) and
Sunday Holy Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
(Procession with Palms at 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass)

Holy Thursday - April 13, 2017

Holy Mass of the Lord's Last Supper at 7:00 p.m.
(Parishioners are invited to keep vigil with the Lord, in the Garden of Repose, immediately following Holy Mass on Holy Thursday through 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday. A sign-up sheet is posted on the information table outside Fr. Adrian's office.)

Good Friday - April 14, 2017

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m.
Rosary at 3:30 p.m.
Crosswalk at 4:00 p.m.
Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Christ at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday - April 15, 2017

Blessing of Baskets at 3:00 p.m.
(The custom of blessing the food for Easter arose from the discipline of fasting throughout Lent. Easter was the first day when meat and other foods could again be eaten. We hope that you and your family will join in this tradition by bringing your basket of food to be blessed.)

Easter Vigil Holy Mass at 7:30 p.m.

(The celebration includes the blessing of the fire, the lighting of the Paschal Candle, the reading of the history of Salvation, the reception of new members into the church, the renewal of Baptismal promises and the celebration of the Eucharist.)

Easter Sunday - April 16, 2017

The Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ
Holy Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 23, 2017

Holy Masses will be celebrated at the regularly scheduled times.
The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed in song at 3:00 p.m.



April 2017

The following schedule is in effect unless otherwise noted:

Weekend Holy Masses: Saturday Vigil 4 p.m. & Santa Misa en Español at 6 p.m.

Sundays 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Daily Holy Mass: Monday 12 Noon; Wednesday 6:30 p.m.; Thursday 12 Noon

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the Thursday Holy Mass at noon, and will conclude at 2:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession/Penance): Wednesday 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.; Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets on Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

Adult Choir practice - Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Parish Office Hours - Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 2nd Collection - Growing in Grace No RE	3	4	5 12 noon Holy Mass (Confessions will be heard immediately following Holy Mass) RCIA 7:15 - 9:00 p.m.	6	7 Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. Fish Fry 7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group	8 RCIA Retreat 8:00 - 1:00
9 Palm Sunday 2nd Collection - Holy Land Baptism Class - 9:15 a.m. No RE	10 Knights of Columbus 6:30 p.m. Rosary 7:00 p.m. Social 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting	11	12 12 noon Healing Holy Mass (Confessions will be heard immediately following Holy Mass) No RCIA	13 Office Closed No 12:00 noon Holy Mass Holy Mass 7:00 p.m.	14 Chaplet 3:00 p.m. Rosary 3:30 p.m. Crosswalk 4:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy 7:00 p.m.	15 Blessing of Baskets 3:00 p.m. No 4:00 or 6:00 p.m. Holy Mass Easter Vigil Holy Mass 7:30 p.m.
16 Easter Sunday 2nd Collection - Archdiocese of Atlanta Seminarians No RE	17 Office Closed No Holy Mass Women's Altar Rosary Guild 6:30 p.m. Dessert and Coffee 7:00 p.m. Rosary 7:30 p.m. Meeting	18	19 No Holy Mass No RCIA	20 No Holy Mass	21 Charismatic Prayer Group	22 Baptism Class 7:15 p.m. (in Spanish)
23 2nd Collection—Growing in Grace RE Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.	24 No Holy Mass	25	26 No Holy Mass RCIA 7:15 - 9:00 p.m.	27 No Holy Mass	28 Charismatic Prayer Group	29
30 2nd Collection - Catholic Home Mission RE						