



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The parish business office is closed on Friday.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Fr. Adrian Pleus
Pastor

Rev. Fr. Omar Loggiodice
Priest in Residence

Rev. Mr. Jose Perez
Deacon

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Rev. Mr. Steve Bek (1945 - 2017)

Rev. Mr. Jim McDermott - Retired

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December 29, 2024
*The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph*



Holy Mass—Baptism—Marriage

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 9:00 a.m., 12 noon, 3:00 p.m. (En Español)

Weekday Holy Masses: Our weekday Holy Mass schedule and Reconciliation times are subject to change due to Holy Days of Obligation, Penance Services, etc. With that in mind we ask that you refer to our Parish Calendar, at the end of this Bulletin, the website, or call for current information.

Baptism: Parents who desire to have their child(ren) baptized are asked to attend a preparation class. The date of baptism will be determined once the necessary documentation has been received in the parish office.

Marriage: Marriage is a very important Sacrament. There are requirements for a marriage in the Church. We require six (6) months of preparation time. The wedding date should be determined in the presence of the celebrant. Please call the parish office for additional information. **Note: Weddings are scheduled on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. or 12 noon.**

Date	Holy Mass Intentions	Readings
Saturday December 28 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	4:00 p.m. Special Intentions of Fr. Adrian	Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14 Psalm 128: 1-5 Colossians 3: 12-21 Luke 2: 41-52
Sunday December 29 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	9:00 a.m. Parishioners (Living & Deceased) 12 noon + Bruce Grimm 3:00 p.m. All Volunteers for the 3:00 p.m. Sunday Holy Mass	Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14 Psalm 128: 1-5 Colossians 3: 12-21 Luke 2: 41-52
Monday December 30 Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	No Holy Mass—Church Closed	1 John 2: 12-17 Psalm 96: 7-10 Luke 2: 36-40
Tuesday December 31 Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	No Holy Mass—Church Closed	1 John 2: 18-21 Psalm 96: 1-2, 11-13 John 1: 1-18
Wednesday January 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	12 noon Parishioners (Living & Deceased)	Numbers 6: 22-27 Psalm 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8 Galatians 4: 4-7
Thursday January 2 <i>Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church</i>		1 John 2: 22-28 Psalm 98: 1-4 John 1: 19-28
Friday January 3 <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>		1 John 2: 29—3: 6 Psalm 98: 1, 3cd-6 John 1: 29-34
Saturday January 4 <i>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i>		1 John 3: 7-10 Psalm 98: 1, 7-9 John 1: 35-42

Sunday, January 5
The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60: 1-6
Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2: 1-12

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. Amen.



Flowers for The Altar

**Flowers for the Altar were donated in memory of
*Marie and Thomas Calka.***



If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact a member of the office staff during business hours, Monday-Thursday. The donation for flowers is \$50.

POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION - FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.





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:

Renee Jenkins, Joyce Odum, Rosemary Preston, Errol Trafton, Stan Hartdegen, Edward Lowe, Delfina Solis, Shelvy Jean Barnes, Terri Keiderling, deceased members of the Hommick family, Bruce Grimm,

and all those who have gone before us.



The Sacrament of Baptism



We are happy to assist with planning your child(ren)'s Baptism.

Parents and Godparents are required to attend an online Baptism preparation class.

Email kvondebur@svdpatl.com to register for the class and for the required forms. Please note:

- **Baptisms will not be scheduled until parents and Godparents have attended the class and all paperwork has been turned in.**
- **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 both Godparents.**
- **For children who are seven or older, there are additional requirements.** Please contact nchisholm@svdpatl.com for details.



Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus is an international order of Catholic men called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy, changing world. You will find Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply visit

KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #12287.

Congratulations to our December Honorees:

Knight of the Month— Deacon Jose Perez

And

Family of the Month—Fr. Omar Loggiodice and his many helpers



IN YOUR PRAYERS



To request prayers for yourself, or for loved ones who are sick, or who have special intentions, please print clearly the name(s) in the Book of Petitions located on the information table in the Narthex. Prayer intentions will be listed in the Bulletin and will remain in the Book of Petitions for a period of six months.

Please pray for:

Fr. Adrian Pleus, Fr. Omar Loggiodice, Fr. Selvaraj, Mrs. Werner Pleus, Virginia Loggiodice, Olga S. Torres, Rita Bek, Joni Pfaff, Sister Mary Treasure of Innocence, Marylou Bishop and family, Rochelle and Louis Focaracci and family, Joanne Pastor and family, Lucy and Marty Nicholson and family, Walt Reisinger, the Renee Jenkins family, Tristan Kilgore, Hyppolite F. Renous and family, Doris Takang, Scotty Mitchell, Sheckton Family, Kathy Bartoletti, George and Mary Marks, Rhett, Billy and Krysten Lawson, Kyleigh Reece, Dana Baxter, Addie Cole, Fr. Brian Sheridan MS, Fr. Paul Rainville MS, Margaret Adams, Dunaway family, Craig family, Michael Frizie, Pam Rafael, Joanne Anniban, Dennis Culbertson, Alan Le Barge, Lachney families, Stephanie and the de Blanc families, Sue Pearson Cowvillan, America, Trump and Vance families, Colleen McMahon, Jennifer Swartz and Baby Hunter, Dan and John Harmon, Juan Carlos Pedraza, Maximine Gonzalez, Erick Ventura, Jovita Pedraza Gonzalez, Londono/Villegas family,

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



From St. Faustina's Diary

To The Full Meditation

When I received Holy Communion, I said to Him, "Jesus, I thought about You so many times last night," and Jesus answered me, **And I thought of you before I called you into being.** "Jesus, in what way were You thinking about me?" **In terms of admitting you to My eternal happiness.** After these words, my soul was flooded with the love of God. I could not stop marveling at how much God loves us (Diary, 1292).

On my way to the veranda, I went into the chapel for a moment. My heart was plunged in profound adoration, praising God's incomprehensible goodness and His mercy. Then I heard these words in my soul: **I am and will be for you such as you praise Me for being. You shall experience My goodness, already in this life and then, to the full, in the life to come** (Diary, 1707).

My Prayer Response With St. Faustina

Lord Jesus, may I think of You and praise and thank You more fervently and constantly in anticipation of what You have prepared in Heaven for me and all those who love You!

The words of Jesus appear in boldface type.



FIRST FRUITS OF OUR LABOR

December 14-15, 2024



Saturday	4:00 p.m.	\$ 1,567.00	111
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	\$ 1,345.00	321
Sunday	12:00 noon	\$ 1,087.00	218
Sunday	3:00 p.m.	\$ 117.00	52
Mail-In		\$ 1,877.50	
Online		\$ 1,524.00	
Total Offertory		\$ 7,517.50	702
2nd Collection: Capital Improvement and Maintenance Fund		\$ 2,709.00	

Thank you for your generosity!

Gospel Reading – Sunday, December 22, 2024

Luke 2: 41-52

The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.

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In His Presence

Archbishops Annual Appeal 2024

St. Vincent de Paul's 2024 Parish Goal: \$ 32,800.00
 Donations Received: \$ 44,476.57
 Amount **Over (Under)** Goal: **\$ 11,676.57**
 Number of Donors: **122**
 Percentage of Goal Received: **135.6 %**

Here Today

The Discalced Carmelite Saints
Saint John of the Cross
 1542-1591 -- *Feast Day Dec 14*

"Mine are the heavens and mine is the earth; mine are the people, the righteous are mine and mine are the sinners; the angels are mine and the Mother of God, and all things are mine; mine and for me, for Christ is mine and all for me. What then do you ask for and seek, my soul? Yours is all this, and it is all for you."

--Prayer of a Soul Taken in Love--

SVdP Mass Schedule-January 1, 2025

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God - January 1, 2025, at 12 noon
(Holy Day of Obligation)



Information on Safe Environment and Reporting Child Abuse

The Archdiocese of Atlanta's 24 hour Abuse Reporting
 Hotline number is 1-888-437-0764. Archdiocese of Atlanta's Reporting Abuse webpage:
<https://archatl.com/offices/child-and-youth-protection/reporting-abuse/>

The Division of Family and Children Services: Report child abuse and neglect by phone to 1-855-GA CHILD
 or 1-855-422-4453, 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.

Ministry Schedule: January 4-5, 2025

	Set-Up	Deacon/ Livestream	Lector	Eucharistic Minister/ EMOHC/special positions	Guardian	Usher	Servers (Senior Server, Candle Bearer/ Paten, etc.)
Wednesday 12 Noon	Millie Reisinger	<u>Deacon</u> Jimmy Williams	Theresa Powers	<u>Deacon</u> Jimmy Williams	Millie Reisinger Don Imbordino	<i>Volunteer Needed</i> <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i> <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Saturday 4:00 PM	Millie Reisinger		Matthew Byrd	Carmen Amodio	Regina Harding <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Dave Fenner Ryan Trafton	Ian Wilkins <i>Volunteer Needed</i> <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Sunday 9:00 AM	Millie Reisinger	<u>Livestream</u> Dave Krut	Diane Long	Juan Molina	Millie Reisinger Cathy Bigler	Cliff Grimm Antoine Tsoungui Bill Hew	Zachary Holland Chiji Obialo Obinwanni Obialo
Sunday 12 Noon	Millie Reisinger		Theresa Powers	Maggie Hernandez	Dianne Karampelas John Ngeh	Maria Stormont Jim Stormont Juan Hernandez	Donald Gettemy Vincent Gettemy
Sunday 3:00 PM	Hilda Fuentes		Hilda Fuentes	<i>Asistente 1</i> Juan Guardado <i>Asistente 2</i> Marco Castro	Maria Sandoval Maria Guardado	Nelida Morales Alicia Vento	<i>Crucifero</i> William Alvarado <i>Cirial 1</i> Eliezer Morales <i>Cirial 2</i> <i>Volunteer Needed</i>

How Can YOU Help Those Who Can't Come to Mass?

Do you know a parish member who is unable to attend Mass due to illness, injury, or age and infirmity? To make sure that they know they are prayed for and loved by our parish family, we gather once a month to send a card to each of our Homebound. Do you have one hour each month that you can spend with us, sharing your heartfelt love for those who can't be with us? You would be surprised at how such a simple, personalized card and message can boost someone's spirit. Please help! **Contact Information: Sandra Mackey, (678)907-2117, shaymackretired@gmail.com**

Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle and First Saturday Devotion

Please join us every Tuesday following noon Holy Mass. If there is no Holy Mass, we meet at 1:00 p.m. for a prayer Cenacle inspired by the Marian Movement of Priests (MMP). This gathering is dedicated to the Blessed Mother's invitation to spread consecrations to Her Immaculate Heart, for strong unity with the Pope and the Church united with him, and for a final solution to console parents who are concerned about the salvation of their children. The Cenacle consists of singing, praying the rosary, reading, and reflection, followed by an act of consecration. We also invite everyone to join us in honoring the First Saturday Devotion on the first Saturday of every month in the church at 1:00 p.m. For more information, please call Mary Ware at (404) 384-9352.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille (pronounced as Retro-vy) is a worldwide non-profit peer ministry with the mission of helping troubled marriage relationships. The Retrouvaille program is endorsed by the Vatican and has helped thousands of married couples since inception in 1977.

The next Atlanta Retrouvaille program starts on January 10th and registration is open until January 5th. For more information and registration, go to the website helpourmarriage.ORG

Andy and Lilly Cichon - Community Coordinators: Retrouvaille of Atlanta



Catholicism and Abortion



You do not have to be Catholic (or even religious) to know that medical and scientific evidence confirms that what grows in a mother's womb is a new, distinct human being. Moreover, everyone can understand that each human being----without discrimination----merits dignity and respect. At the very least, respecting human life must exclude the deliberate and direct destruction of life---- and that is exactly what abortion is.

However, the fact is that no institution has stood up against the abortion industry more than the Catholic Church. The Church has consistently and will continue to teach that abortion is evil, whether its words are popular or unpopular, politically correct or incorrect, because the "values" of different cultures may change from time to time, but the truth does not change.

Pro-abortionists disparage Catholicism because it is the bulwark against abortion, just as the communists vilified Catholicism because it was a bulwark against communism.

Bernard Nathanson, a renowned and reformed abortionist, admitted that demonizing the Catholic Church was a specific tactic of the pro-abortion movement. He stated, "We systematically vilified the Catholic Church and its 'socially backward ideas'.....We fed the media such lies as 'we all know that opposition to abortion comes from the hierarchy and not from most Catholics'.....and that Catholics in favor of abortion are enlightened and forward looking". What is even more disturbing about Nathanson's statement is that the pro-abortion propaganda fed to the mainstream media is uncritically accepted by it.

Pro Life Articles

RCIA - Room B in the OLG RE Building

Following noon Holy Mass on Sundays: All are welcome

Dec 29– Christmas Break, no classes

January 5 - The History of the Church

Join The RCIA Prayer Team

The RCIA team is interested in prayer support for the candidates and catechumens in our program this year. If you are interested in joining the RCIA prayer team please contact Bob Babecka: email - Bob@ymiCatholic.com.

Cell# (678) 939-3568

Members are asked to pray for the candidates and catechumens at least weekly. No specific prayers are required.



THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

770-443-1533



Thanks to our parishioners and local residents for your time, financial donations, food donations, merchandise donations, and thrift store purchases, we are helping many of our neighbors in need every year. We provide food, clothing, payment of bills, counseling, spiritual support, and demonstrate in a personal way the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In November 2024, we provided assistance to 30

Families, including 81 individuals in need, with:

\$ 2,021.23 in Transportation expenses

\$ 6,180.94 in Utility expenses

\$ 2,079.32 in Food

\$ 297.69 in Clothing

We are in need of volunteers at the St. Vincent de Paul Society and at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store.

If you are interested in either or both of these opportunities, please call or stop by during store hours.

Thrift Store Hours are: M-F 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

& SAT 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Religious Education at SVdP

Directors of Religious Education:

Nancy Chisholm

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Mary Ware

mware@svdpatl.com

Our webpage address is:

www.saintvincentdepaulchurch.org.

Thank you for your generosity toward the homeless and others in need.

Please place your donations in Room 8.

- **There will be no RE Classes on the following dates:**
Dec. 22 and Dec. 29– in celebration of Christmas
- **Classes resume on January 5, 2025**
- **Parents of students in First Holy Communion classes– Please submit copies of your child's Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate, if you have not already done so. If your child was baptized at SVdP, we already have the Baptism record, but not the Birth Certificate.**
- **A parent meeting for parents of children who will be receiving First Holy Communion in May, 2025, will take place on Sunday, January 26, in Simpson Hall, during RE classes, beginning at 10:30 a.m.**



CATHOLIC ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

Join us Sundays, during Religious Education Classes, in St. Gerard Hall, from 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. for CAFE, (Catholic Adult Faith Enrichment) which includes Catholic news, our Faith, and a refreshment. We would like to invite you to join us to enjoy the captivating beauty of the Catholic Faith as Bishop Barron encompasses the globe in the **Word on Fire Catholicism Series**. In addition, each week we will have a short discussion on Defending our Faith. Here is a list of the topics for discussion in the upcoming weeks:

Defending Our Faith...

- **Dec 29 - Christmas Break, no class**
- **January 5 - Episode 5, The Indispensable Men**

SVdP Office Will be Closed for the Holidays

The SVdP Parish Office is closed from Tuesday, December 24 through Thursday, January 2. The office will reopen on Monday, January 6.



January 2025

The following schedule is in effect unless otherwise noted in the calendar below:

Weekend Holy Masses: Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m., Sundays 9:00 a.m., 12 noon, Santa Misa en Español at 3:00 p.m.
Daily Holy Mass: Monday 12 Noon, Tuesday 12 Noon, Wednesday 6:15 p.m.,
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., preceding the 6:15 p.m. Holy Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession/Penance): Wednesday 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., Saturday 1:30 -3:00 p.m.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 2nd Collection: Capital Improvements Adoration following 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE-RCIA	6	7 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass	8 Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m. 1 Office Closed Holy Mass at 12 noon (Holy Day of Obligation)	9 2 Office Closed	10 Charismatic Prayer Group SCGH 7:30 p.m.	11 4 First Saturday Devotion 1:00 p.m.
12 2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE-RCIA	13 Church Office Closed early at 1:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Rosary 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	14 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass	15 Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m.	16 Charismatic Prayer Group SCGH 7:30 p.m.	17 Charismatic Prayer Group SCGH 7:30 p.m.	18
19 2nd Collection: Pro-Life Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE-RCIA	20 Office Closed No Holy Mass WARG Meeting Social 6:30 p.m. Rosary 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.	21 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass	22 Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m.	23 Charismatic Prayer Group SCGH 7:30 p.m.	24 Charismatic Prayer Group SCGH 7:30 p.m.	25 New Altar Server Training Pizza: 11:30 Training: 12 noon- 1:00 p.m.
26 2nd Collection: Future Building and Emergency Needs Fund Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE-RCIA	27	28 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass	29 Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m.	30	31	