

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH —

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday (8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
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

Rev. Mr. Jimmy Williams

Deacon

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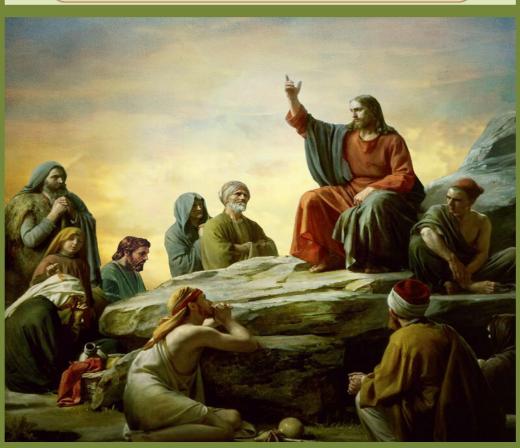
Jeff Comer
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Lucy Nicholson

Administrative Assistant/

Receptionist

February 16, 2025 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Holy Mass—Baptism—Marriage

<u>Saturday:</u> 4:00 p.m. <u>Sunday:</u> 9:00 a.m., 12 noon, 3:00 p.m. (En Español) <u>Weekday Holy Masses:</u> 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.

<u>Baptism:</u> 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.

<u>Marriage</u>: 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 |
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| Saturday February 15 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 4:00 p.m. + Deceased Members of the Masters family | Jeremiah 17: 5-8 Psalm 1: 1-4, 6 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 Luke 6: 17, 20-26 |
| Sunday February 16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00 a.m. Parishioners (Living & Deceased) 12 noon + Deacon Steve Bek 3:00 p.m. + Heddy Botero, + Hernaldo Botero, + Margarita Vallejo, + Ismael Ramirez, + Ines Vallejo | Jeremiah 17: 5-8 Psalm 1: 1-4, 6 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 Luke 6: 17, 20-26 |
| Monday February 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order | No Holy Mass | Genesis 4: 1-15, 25 Psalm 50: 1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mark 8: 11-13 |
| Tuesday February 18 | 12 noon + Joyce Odum | Genesis 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10 Psalm 29: 1a, 2, 3-4, 9c-10 Mark 8: 14-21 |
| Wednesday February 19 | 6:15 p.m. + Terri Keiderling | Genesis 8: 6-13, 20-22 Psalm 116: 12-15, 18-19 Mark 8: 22-26 |
| Thursday February 20 | | Genesis 9: 1-13 Psalm 102: 16-18, 19-23, 29 Mark 8: 27-33 |
| Friday February 21 Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church | | Genesis 11: 1-9 Psalm 33: 10-15 Mark 8: 34—9: 1 |
| Saturday February 22 The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle | | 1 Peter 5: 1-4 Psalm 23: 1-3a, 4-6 Matthew 16: 13-19 |

Sunday, February 23

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Psalm 103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Corinthians 15: 45-49
Luke 6: 27-38

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 Gerard Skubina & Erin McCann



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' FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION - FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.





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:

Jim Strickland, Gene Richard Rush, Orlando David, Sandra Krzyzanski, Catherine White, Deceased members of the Masters family, Deacon Steve Bek, Heddy Botero, Hernaldo Botero, Margarita Vallejo, Ismael Ramirez, Ines Vallejo, Joyce Odum, Terri Keiderling,

and all those who have gone before us.



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 <u>kvondebur@svdpatl.com</u> 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 <u>nchisholm@svdpatl.com</u> for details.



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 February Honorees:

Knight of the Month—John Ngeh
Family of the Month—Skip and Debbie Heinrich

IN YOUR PRAYERS

To request prayers for yourself, or for loved ones who are sick, or who

have special intentions, please print the name(s) clearly in the Book of Petitions, which is 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, Michele Reisinger, Juan, Maria, Christian, Mathew, and Jorge Hernandez, Caroline and Brian Clark, Jimmy and Martha Midulla, Jimmy and Christopher Midulla, Elsa and Ramon Valdez, G. Wadlo, Mikala Cloonan, Lauren Meek, Charles Edward and Mardochee Cherichel, Suzette, Suzelande and Roland Fradestin and family, Hyppolite F. Renous and family, Fernande Prince, Elba and Ana Berta Alemán, Isila Aragón, Ana Lucia, Maria Lucia, Gabriel Londono, Kimberly Ravan, Fr. Brian Sheridan MS, Fr. Paul Rainville MS, Margaret Adams, Annie and Peter Dong, Dunaway family, Michael Frizie, Hunter,, Rhett Lawson, Kyleigh Reece.

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 Deep Peace Filled My Soul Meditation



Once, when I had finished a novena to the Holy Spirit for the intention of my confessor [Father Sopocko], the Lord answered, I made him known to you even before your superiors had sent you here. As you will act towards your confessor, so I will act toward you. If you conceal something from him, even though it be the least of My graces, I too will hide Myself from you, and you will remain alone. And so I followed God's wish, and a deep peace filled my soul. Now I understand how the Lord defends confessors and how He protects them (Diary, 269).

My Prayer Response With St. Faustina

Lord Jesus, bless and guide our confessors and spiritual directors with Your Holy Spirit. May they recognize the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Keep us humble and open with our confessors and spiritual directors.

The words of Jesus appear in boldface type.



FIRST FRUITS OF OUR LABOR

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February 1-2, 2025

| Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | \$ 1,684.00 | 124 |
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| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | \$ 1,175.64 | 306 |
| Sunday | 12:00 noon | \$ 2,847.00 | 266 |
| Sunday | 3:00 p.m. | \$ 262.28 | 65 |
| Mail-In | | \$ 1,000.54 | |
| Offertory Online | | \$ 2,315.00 | |
| Total Offertory | | \$ 9,284.46 | 761 |
| 2nd Collection: Capital Improvement Fund | | \$ 2,699.40 | |
| Thank | you for your | generosity! | |



NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

Are you struggling with your past and overwhelmed with emotions such as shame, guilt, sadness, loss, depression, anger. PATH (Post Abortion Treatment & Healing) offers help and healing to women and men wounded by abortion. We are hosting our next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat February 21-23, 2025. There you will find compassionate, confidential support to begin your healing journey.

For more information about the retreat or our other healing offerings, or to register, please call 404.717.5557.

Visit our website at *healingafterabortion.org*

We Need Your Help

SVdP Parish is seeking additional volunteers to maintain the church lawn, excluding the Prayer Garden. The Prayer Garden is maintained by the Knights of Columbus.

During warm weather, the property is mowed weekly. Volunteers will be on a rotating schedule, and normally will each mow the lawn once a month. Please notify Al Stumm or the parish office if you would like to volunteer.

Gospel Reading Sunday, February 16, 2025—Luke 6:17, 20-26 Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings. When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

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Have you moved? Has your email changed?

If you have moved or changed your email address, please let us know. If we do not have a correct email address and/or home address, you may not receive important information. Please send or bring updated contact information to the SVdP office or email: church@svdpatl.com.

Ministry Schedule: February 22-23, 2025

| | Set-Up | Deacon/ Livestream | Lector | Eucharistic Minister/ EMOHC/special positions | Guardian | Usher | Servers (Senior Server, Candle Bearer/ Paten, etc.) |
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| Saturday 4:00 PM | Millie Reisinger | | Deb Heinrich | Julie Poe | Jesse Poe Pat Arnold | Skip Heinrich Ryan Trafton | Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed |
| Sunday 9:00 AM | Millie Reisinger | <u>Livestream</u> Stephen Hartdegen | Marylou Bishop | JoAnne Burch | Millie Reisinger Jennifer Robinson | Cliff Grimm Bill Hew Ken Bishop | Christopher Holland Zachary Holland Nicholas Condoluci |
| Sunday 12 Noon | Millie Reisinger | <u>Deacon</u> Jimmy Williams | Theresa Powers | Maggie Hernandez | Dianne Karampelas Rochelle Focaracci | Juan Hernandez Antoine Tsoungue Latesha Tsoungui | Donald Gettemy Vincent Gettemy |
| Sunday 3:00 PM | Eliezer Morales | | Maria Teresa Da Cruz | Vielka Jordan Asistente 1 Luis Garcia Asistente 2 William Alvarado | Maria Sandoval Alicia Vento | Nelida Morales Gabriel Londono | Crucifero Gerardo Neyra Cirial 1 Sergio Neyra Cirial 2 Manuel Hernandez |



2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

A letter from Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer was mailed this past week to all previous donors to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. He is asking for the continued support of the many important Programs that help thousands in our archdiocese each year. The (Archdiocese) goal for the 2025 appeal is \$9,850,000 and 100% participation.

The goal for SVdP parish is \$ 38,100. Please respond generously when you receive your letter. To donate online: *lifeofthechurch.com/donate*

Here Today—The Discalced Carmelite Saints Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross 1891 - 1942-- Feast Day Aug 9th

The world is in flames: the fire can spread even to our house, but above all the flames the cross stands on high and it cannot be burnt. The cross is the way which leads from earth to heaven. Those who embrace it with faith, love, and hope are taken up, right into the heart of the Trinity.

Edith Stein, The Science of the Cross

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

770-443-1533

Our sincere gratitude 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.

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.-600 P.M. SAT 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. January 2025 Assistance Provided

| # of Families | 46 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| # of Individuals | 117 |
| Transportation | \$725.88 |
| Utilities | \$ 12,270.63 |
| Food | \$ 1,488.15 |
| Clothing/Household/ etc. | \$997.05 |



Eight Facts Most People Don't Know About How Abortion Hurts Women



The following figures, referenced below from an Elliott Institute publication, are eight evidence-based facts about the consequences of abortion for women' health.

- 1. 31% of women having abortions report suffering physical health complications.
- 2. 10% of women having abortions suffer immediate, potentially life-threatening complications.
- 3. Women have a 65% higher risk of clinical depression following abortion vs. childbirth.
- 4. 65% of women suffer symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) after Abortion.
- 5. Women's death rates from various causes after abortion are 3.5 times higher than after giving birth.
- 6. Many women describe their experience as 'a nightmare', which can hardly equated with 'choice'. 60% of women surveyed after abortion responded that: 'Part of me died'.
- 7. Suicide rates among women who have abortions are six times higher than those who give birth.
- 8. Abortion increases a woman's risk of future miscarriages by 60%.

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RCIA - Room B in the OLG RE Building

Feb. 23 - Matrimony and God's Plan for Sexuality

March 2 - Rite of Sending (12 noon Holy Mass) Confession and Anointing of the Sick 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:

Bob@ymiCatholic.com. Cell# (678) 939-3568

Religious Education at SVdP

Directors of Religious Education:

Nancy Chisholm nchisholm@svdpatl.com 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 Religious Education classes on February 16, due to the Winter Break for Paulding County Schools. Classes will resume on Sunday, February 23.
- The First Holy Communion Parent and Child Retreat for children who will receive First Communion this May will take place on March 8, 2025, from 1:00—5:00 p.m. Details are being provided to parents regarding this event.

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. Here is a list of the topics for discussion in the upcoming weeks:

Defending Our Faith...

- February 23—A Vast Company of Witnesses
- March 2—St. Catherine of Siena

The Jubilee Year of 2025

These pilgrimage sites will be open from the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Sunday February 2, 2025, to the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord on Tuesday January 6, 2026. Even though there are not "Holy Doors" at these sites there will be "Pilgrim Doors", so all pilgrims are invited to enter through them.

- Mary Our Queen Catholic Church in Peachtree Corners, Main Pilgrimage Site
- Church of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Sharon
- Saint Matthew Catholic Church in Tyrone
- Our Lady of the Mountains in Jasper
- Saint Paul the Apostle in Cleveland
- Saint Brendan the Navigator in Cumming

Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, please check our website for any adjustments to the Mass schedule, or call the church. Any changes made will always be in the interest of the safety of our parishioners.

February 2025 (Revised)

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.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | | | | 1 First Saturday Devotion 1:00 p.m. |
| 2 2nd Collection: Capital Improvements Adoration following 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE-RCIA | 3 | 4 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass | 5 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m. | 6 | 7 Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m. | 8 Confirmation II Retreat 1:00 -5:00 p.m. |
| 2nd Collection: Black and Indian Missions 25th Anniversary Reception for Deacon Jose -1:30 p.m. Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE-RCIA | 10 Knights of Columbus Rosary 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. Finance Council Refreshments - 6:00 p.m. Meeting - 6:30 p.m. | 11 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass | 12 Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m. | 13 | 14 Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m. | 15 |
| 16 No 2nd Collection: Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. No RE– No RCIA | 17 Office Closed No Holy Mass | 18 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass WARG Meeting Social 6:30 p.m. Rosary 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. | 19 Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m. | 20 | 21 Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m. | 22 Honor Guard Practice 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| 23 2nd Collection: Future Building and Emergency Needs Fund Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE- RCIA | 24 | 25 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass | 26 Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m. | 27 | 28 Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m | |