



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The parish business office is closed on Friday.

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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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Director of Music

Lucy Nicholson

*Administrative Assistant/
Receptionist*

January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord



**...They
prostrated
themselves
and did
him
homage.
Then then
opened
their
treasures
and
offered
him gifts of
gold,
frankincense
and myrrh.**

**Matthew
2:1-12**



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 January 4 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	4:00 p.m. + Errol Trafton	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12
Sunday January 5 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9:00 a.m. Parishioners (Living & Deceased) 12 noon + Geraldina Roberts 3:00 p.m. Michael Chisholm and Taylor Moss	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12
Monday January 6 <i>Saint André Bessette, Religious</i>	12 noon + Claire King	1 John 3: 22—4: 6 Psalm 2: 7b-8, 10-12a Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25
Tuesday January 7 <i>Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest</i>	12 noon Joe and Tricia Mauter and family	1 John 4: 7-10 Psalm 72: 1-4, 7-8 Mark 6: 34-44
Wednesday January 8	6:15 p.m. + Mary Elizabeth Hommick + Florence Hommick	1 John 4: 11-18 Psalm 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13 Mark 6: 45-52
Thursday January 9		1 John 4: 19—5: 4 Psalm 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Luke 4: 14-22a
Friday January 10		1 John 5: 5-13 Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20 Luke 5: 12-16
Saturday January 11		1 John 5: 14-21 Psalm 149: 1-6a, 9b John 3: 22-30

Sunday, January 12
The Baptism of The Lord
 Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7
 Psalm 29: 1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10
 Acts 10: 34-38
 Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

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 Thanksgiving
by Marie Roc Thomas



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, Errol Trafton, Lindsey Lamb, Geraldina Roberts, Claire King, Mary Elizabeth Hommick, Florence Hommick,

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 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, the Renee Jenkins family, Tristan Kilgore, Hyppolite F. Renous and family, Doris Takang, Marshall Wayne Baxter, Carol Fernandez, Baby Amberly Beth, Matthew, Christian, Juan, Maggie and Jorge Hernandez, Caroline and Brian Clark, Marta, Christopher and Jimmy Midulla, Elsa and Ramon Velez and family, Latrese, Coyt and family, Ann Sandmann, Jean Marie Holland, Frank Sanchez, Nathaniel and family, 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

This Vale of Tears

Meditation

When I met with the Lord, I said to Him, "You are fooling me, Jesus; You show me the open gate of heaven, and again You leave me on earth." The Lord said to me, **When, in heaven, you see these present days, you will rejoice and will want to see as many of them as possible. I am not surprised, My daughter, that you cannot understand this now, because your heart is overflowing with pain and longing for Me. Your vigilance pleases Me. Let My word be enough for you; it will not be long now (Diary, 1787).**

My Prayer Response With St. Faustina

Lord Jesus, I long to see Your face and rejoice in Your presence as I live in this vale of tears. Give me courage, Lord, to persevere in serving You until You call me home to be with You forever.

The words of Jesus appear in boldface type .



FIRST FRUITS OF OUR LABOR

December 21-22, 2024



Saturday	4:00 p.m.	\$ 1,366.00	152
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	\$ 1,464.00	271
Sunday	12:00 noon	\$ 711.00	191
Sunday	3:00 p.m.	\$ 268.00	62
Mail-In		\$ 1,250.00	
Online		\$ 1,837.27	
Total Offertory		\$6,896.27	676
2nd Collection: Pro-Life Fund		\$1,299 .00	

Thank you for your generosity!



In His Presence

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

St. Vincent de Paul's 2024 Parish Goal: \$ 32,800.00
 Donations Received: \$ 44,621.57
 Amount **Over (Under)** Goal: **\$ 11,821.57**
Number of Donors: 122
Percentage of Goal Received: 136.04 %

Here Today

The Discalced Carmelite Saints
Saint Teresa of Jesus
 1515 - 1582-- *Feast Day Oct 15th*

“. . . you must not build upon foundations of prayer and contemplation alone, for, unless you strive after the virtues and practice them, you will never grow to be more than dwarfs.”

-Interior Castle-

“Keeping Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest

We would like to thank all of the children who submitted entries, and their parents, for participating in the Knights of Columbus poster contest, “Keeping Christ in Christmas.” There were many excellent entries.

Congratulations to the 2024 contest winners:

Charlotte Grisham (Kindergarten)
Katie Willoughby (1st - 2nd Grade)
Hannah Willoughby (3rd - 4th grade)
Somtochi Nwokoro (5th - 6th grade)
Addison Grisham (7th - 8th grade)

Gospel Reading – Sunday, January 5, 2025

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . .” The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death.

The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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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**

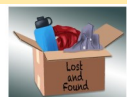
Ministry Schedule: January 11-12, 2025

	Set-Up	Deacon/ Livestream	Lector	Eucharistic Minister/ EMOHC/special positions	Guardian	Usher	Servers (Senior Server, Candle Bearer/ Paten, etc.)
Saturday 4:00 PM	Millie Reisinger		Carolyn Attaway	Pat Arnold	Deb Heinrich Mary Marks	Skip Heinrich Ryan Trafton	<i>Volunteer Needed</i> <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Sunday 9:00 AM	Millie Reisinger	<u>Livestream</u> Clyde Kiess	Therese Lawlor	Juan Molina	Millie Reisinger Mike Williams	Dennis Mahon Randy Brown Ken Bishop	Zachary Holland Chiji Obialo Obinwanni Obialo
Sunday 12 Noon	Millie Reisinger	<u>Deacon</u> Jimmy Williams	Al Stumm	Deacon Jimmy Williams	Jennifer Robinson Kelly Lambert	Juan Hernandez Don Imbordino Jim Stormont	Donald Gettemy Vincent Gettemy
Sunday 3:00 PM	Carmen Perez	<u>Deacon</u> Jose Perez	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	<i>Asistente 1</i> William Alvarado <i>Asistente 2</i> Marco Castro	Vielka Jordan Gabriel Londono	Nelida Morales Alicia Vento	<i>Crucifero</i> Juan Guardado <i>Cirial 1</i> <i>Volunteer Needed</i> <i>Cirial 2</i> Eliezer Morales

Creighton Model Fertility Care/Natural Family Planning:

This isn't your parent's old rhythm method! Learn more about your fertility, why the Church promotes Natural Family Planning (NFP), why NFP is 99% effective, and how it can positively impact your marriage (3% divorce rate!)

My next Introductory Class is **Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** via Zoom. To register or for more information on future classes, contact Ann Hall at (404) 915-1685 or annlabar@hotmail.com



Lost and Found

We have a number of items in the Lost and Found collection, which is located in the Mail Room. If you think you may have left and item at the Church, please check to see if it is in the Lost and Found. The items will be donated if they are not claimed.

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.

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.

Pro-Life Answers to False Pro-Choice Arguments (Part I) *The "fetus"-----human life or not?*

As pro-lifers, we need to educate ourselves and have answers to pro-choice arguments and rhetoric. Over the next few weeks, we will highlight the typical pro-choice claims and we will arm you with good and accurate information to refute their misleading and false arguments.

For many years, their most significant and basic argument has been that the so-called fetus is not a human life; it's just a simple mass of tissue or part of the pregnant woman's body. They also claim that the question of when human life begins is uncertain and a religious issue.

However, medical textbooks and scientific reference works consistently agree that life begins at conception, when a genetically distinct individual is brought into existence. Some of the world's most prominent scientists and physicians testified to a U.S. Senate committee that human life begins at conception. At these same hearings, pro-abortionists, though invited to do so, failed to produce even a single expert witness who would testify that life begins at any point other than conception.

From the moment of conception, the unborn fetus is not simple, but very complex. The newly fertilized egg contains a staggering amount of genetic information, sufficient to control the individual's growth and development for an entire lifetime. The key word is development. Like a toddler or adolescent, the term fetus does not refer to "non-humans", but to humans at a particular stage of development. It is scientifically inaccurate and untrue to say a fetus is not a human being simply because he or she is at an earlier stage of development than an infant.

Being inside something is not the same as being part of something. The mother and the unborn child are two separate individuals and half the time, they are not even the same sex! The child has its own DNA, fingerprints and blood type, distinct from the mother's. The unborn child even takes an active role in his or her own development, even controlling the course of the pregnancy and the time of birth.

Pro Life Articles

RCIA - Room B in the OLG RE Building

January 5 - The History of the Church

**January 12 - Baptism and Confirmation:
Grace and the Sacraments**

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.

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.

- **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...

- **January 5 - Episode 5, The Indispensable Men**
- **January 12 - St. Ignatius of Loyola**

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

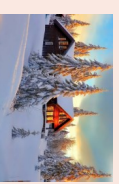
Do you know a parish member who is unable to attend Mass due to illness, injury, or age and infirmity? To make sure that they know they are prayed for and loved by our parish family, we gather once a month to send a card to each of our Homebound. Do you have one hour each month that you can spend with 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 Sandra Mackey, (678) 907-2117

shaymackretired@gmail.com



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.	9	10 Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m.	11 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	17 Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 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	24 Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 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	