



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Jimmy Williams

Deacon

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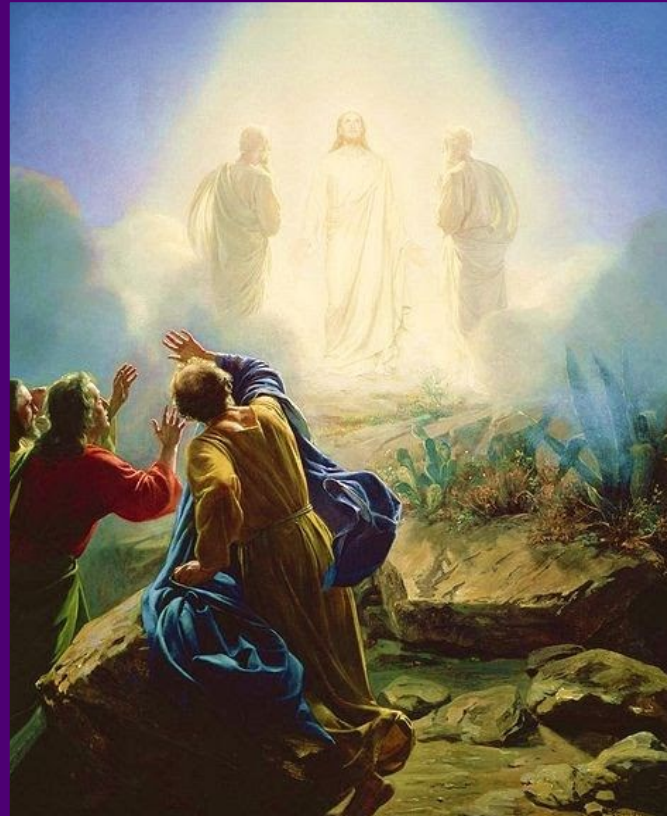
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February 25, 2024
Second Sunday
Of Lent

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Holy Mass Times:

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, via 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 and there are requirements for having 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 at 11:00 a.m. or at 12 noon on Saturdays.

Date	Holy Mass Intentions	Readings
Saturday February 24 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	4:00 p.m. + Kurt Von de Bur Angela Benfield	Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Psalm 116: 10, 15-19 Romans 8: 31b-34 Mark 9: 2-10
Sunday February 25 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00 a.m. Parishioners (Living & Deceased) 12 noon + Elizabeth Grimm 3:00 p.m. + Michael Kruger	Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Psalm 116: 10, 15-19 Romans 8: 31b-34 Mark 9: 2-10
Monday February 26	12 noon + Captain John Christian Nicholson	Deuteronomy 9: 4b-10 Psalm 79: 8-9, 11, 13 Luke 6: 36-38
Tuesday February 27 <i>Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church</i>	12 noon + Myra Evans	Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20 Psalm 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Matthew 23: 1-12
Wednesday February 28	12 noon Family of Rita Samba	Jeremiah 18: 18-20 Psalm 31: 5-6, 14-16 Matthew 20: 17-28
Thursday February 29		Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Psalm 1: 1-4, 6 Luke 16: 19-31
Friday March 1		Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Psalm 105: 16-21 Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46
Saturday March 2		Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20 Psalm 103: 1-4, 9-12 Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 3
Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 20: 1-17
Psalm 19: 8-11
1 Corinthians 1: 22-25
John 2: 13-25



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.



Southwest Deanery 2024 Penance Service Dates for Lent

All services begin at 7:00 p.m. Penance Services in our Deanery are as follows:

Tuesday, February 27	<i>St. John Vianney</i>	Thursday, March 14	<i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>
Tuesday, March 5	<i>St. Peter's</i>	Monday, March 18	<i>St. Theresa</i>
Thursday, March 7	<i>St. George</i>	Wednesday, March 20	<i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wednesday, March 13	<i>St. Bernadette</i>		



POPE FRANCIS' MARCH PRAYER INTENTION - For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue
The Church with their courage and missionary drive.





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:

Werner Pleus, Donald Pastor, Michael Daigle, Jr., Mike Holder, Captain John Christian Nicholson, Monitta Bottomlee, Corinne Masche, Jorge Buchio, Lila Campos Benitez, Maria Teresa Brown, Richard Hill, Kurt Von de Bur, Elizabeth Grimm, Michael Kruger, Myra Evans,
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 a Baptism Preparation class. Email ahew@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.**
- **This 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

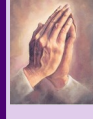


The Knights of Columbus is an international order of Catholic men called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. You will find Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply visit KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #12287.

**Congratulations to our February:
Knight of the Month—Kevin Ebelhar**

And

Family of the Month—The David Krut family



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, Fr. Omar Loggiodice, Fr. Selvaraj, Mrs. Werner Pleus, Virginia Loggiodice, Olga S. Torres, Bill and Lise Gilbert, Geri Roberts, Rita Bek, Joni Pfaff, Rene Jenkins, Sister Mary Treasure of Innocence, Marylou Bishop and family, Carmen and Paul Amodio and family, Rochelle and Louis Focaracci and family, Joanne Pastor and family, Lucy and Marty Nicholson and family, Jonathan Mahon, Lenny DePerno, Juan, Marie, Christian and Matthew Hernandez, Brian and Caroline Clark, Elsa and Ramon Velez and family, Noah Sullivan, Jack and Carol Fernandez, Brenda Kerr, Cathy W. Grimm, Eva Romick, Hyppolite F. Renous and family, Mardochee Cherichel, Fradestin family, Charles E. Cherichel, Kent Ocampo, Merry Reed, Melodee W., Peter Penland, George Marks, Don Long, Joey Fink and family, LeAnn LeHolm and family, Jason Fink and family, Juan and Maggie Hernandez, Marta and James Midulla and family, Jorge Hernandez, David McCormick and family, Kayla Longazel, Baby Amberly Beth, Jeanne Davidson and family, Daniel Clause, Fernande Prince, Alfonso Iacono, Suzelande Fradestin, Roland and Suzette Fradestin, Edouard and Mirianne Metayer, Ken Grimm, Kathy Jo Walton, Linda 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.



In His Presence

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

Archbishops Annual Appeal 2024

St. Vincent de Paul's 2023 Parish Goal: \$ 32,800.00
Donations Received: \$ 1,603.40
Amount **Over (Under)** Goal: **(\$ 31,196.60)**

Current Number of Donors for 2024:

11

Percentage of Goal Received: 4.89%

(As of February 15, 2024)



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/>.



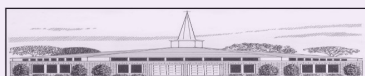
FIRST FRUITS OF OUR LABOR

February 10-11, 2024



Saturday	4:00 p.m.	\$ 1,315.00	Att - 138
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	\$ 1,485.00	Att -239
Sunday	12:00 noon	\$ 1,098.92	Att -232
Sunday	3:00 p.m.	\$ 198.00	Att -64
Mail-In		\$ 3,265.00	
Online		\$ 1,929.00	
Total Offertory		\$ 9,290.92	Att -673
2nd Coll. Black and Indian Missions		\$ 834.00	

Thank you for your generosity!



Cursillo

Are you looking to deepen your faith with Christ? Want to understand the role you have as a lay person in the Church and community? Cursillo is a workshop style retreat that you should consider. There is a men's weekend and a women's weekend hosted by the Archdiocese of Atlanta at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit. If you are interested please visit <https://www.atlcatholiccursillo.org/> or reach out to Michele at mdrcrochet@gmail.com

Already made your Cursillo? We have a monthly Ultreya the first Saturday of every month at St John Vianney after the 8am Holy Mass. All are welcome to attend from our Deanery. Contact Michele if you are interested.



Women of St. Vincent de Paul

We are holding a Lenten Retreat
Saturday, March 9th
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
St. Gerard Hall

Ladies, please join us as we focus on prayer and strengthening our relationship with God and with each other.

Please sign up on the Board we have located in the Narthex.

Gospel Reading - February 25

Mark 9: 2-10

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John

Jesus takes three of his disciples, Peter, James, and John, to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

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Here Today

The Discalced Carmelite Saints

St. Teresa of Jesus

1515-1582 Feast Day October 15

"You pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him."

-St. Teresa of Avila-



Ministry Schedule : March 2-3, 2024



	Set-Up		Lector	Eucharistic Minister/ EMOHC	Guardian	Usher	Servers (Senior Server, Candle Bearer/Paten, etc.)
Saturday 4:00 PM	Millie Reisinger		Joe Adams	Julie Poe	Pat Arnold Jesse Poe	Ryan Trafton David Fenner	Donald Gettemy Vincent Gettemy
Sunday 9:00 AM	Millie Reisinger	Live Stephen Hartdegen	Jeanie Blowers	Juan Molina	Millie Reisinger Carolyn Attawy	Andrea Konnick Bill Hew Cliff Grimm	Christopher Holland Obinwanne Obialo Chiji Obialo
Sunday 12 Noon	Millie Reisinger		Pat Brunner	Mary Marks	Rochelle Focaracci Michael Terrill	Maria Stormont Jim Stormont Don Imbordino	<i>Volunteer Needed</i> <i>Volunteer needed</i>
Sunday 3:00 PM	Hilda Fuentes		Hilda Fuentes	Asistente 1 Luis Garcia Asistente 2 Juan Guardado	Carilina Neyra Ortiz Carlos Neyra	Adolfo Fuentes <i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Crucifero</i> Sergio Neyra <i>Cirial 1</i> Gerardo Neyra <i>Cirial 2</i> William Alvarado



THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 770-443-1533



Thanks to our parishioners and local residents for their time, financial donations, food donations, merchandise donations, and thrift store purchases, we are helping hundreds 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 January 2024, we provided assistance to 40 families, with:

\$ 14,735.27 in Housing expenses
\$ 2,143.06 in Transportation expenses
\$ 12,919.07 in Utility expenses

We are in need of volunteers at the St. Vincent de Paul Society. At the Society, we need caseworkers and assistants to help schedule and interview our clients and to help put food orders together in our Food Pantry.

We are in need of volunteers at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. We receive many donations every week, and need more volunteers to sort, price and place items on display. Just an hour or two a week, especially on Friday or Saturday, will be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in either or both of these opportunities, please call or stop by during store hours. Thank you for your generosity. Thrift Store Hours are: M-F 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. & SAT 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

“Three Six Teens” Youth Activity Nights: Open to all teens in Grades 7-12

Registration is required. Visit our website or RE Office for forms.

- Wednesday, February 28, SVDP 7:00-8:30 p.m. “Intro to Discipleship for Teens”
- Wednesday, March 13, SVDP 7:00-8:30 p.m. “The Kind of People He Invites”
- Wednesday, March 27 SVDP 7:00-8:30 p.m. “Seder Meal”

Religious Education at SVdP

Directors of Religious Education:

Nancy Chisholm

Mary Ware

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mware@svdpatl.com

Our webpage address is:

www.saintvincentdepaulchurch.org

Upcoming Events

- March 16: First Holy Communion Retreat 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- April 20: 11:00 a.m. - First Reconciliation
- April 29: 6:00 p.m. - First Holy Communion Practice
- May 4: 4:00 p.m. - First Holy Communion
- May 5: 10:30 a.m. - May Crowning and Living Rosary
- **Please note: We are still in need of substitutes to serve as the second adult in the class when Catechists are out. You will not be expected to teach the class.**

Lenten Guidelines

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

- **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 2024 Information

Wednesday Holy Masses during Lent

Wednesday Holy Masses during Lent are celebrated at 12 noon due to Wednesday evening Penance Services.

Basket for Palms

A basket has been placed in the Narthex to collect blessed palms that were distributed last year on Palm Sunday. Please make every effort to return them so that they may be reverently burned or buried.

Stations of the Cross and Lenten Meals during Lent

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. in the Church on Fridays during Lent. The Knights of Columbus host Lenten meals on Fridays during Lent following the Stations of the Cross.



From St. Faustina's Diary He Is The Veil



Jesus, I have noticed that You seem to be less concerned with me. **Yes, My child, I am replacing Myself with your spiritual director [Father Andrasz]. He is taking care of you according to My will. Respect his every word as My own. He is the veil behind which I am hiding. Your director and I are one; his words are My words (Diary, 1308).**

My Prayer Response

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for explaining to St. Faustina and so to me how You relate to St. Faustina's spiritual director: He is the veil behind which You are hiding; You are one with him; his words are Your words. Please be one with my spiritual director or confessor.

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

You Cannot Legislate Morality Or Force Our Religious Views On Others

To say that laws cannot make an immoral person moral is correct. To say that we do not legislate morality is nonsense. Virtually every law is based on an idea of what is right or wrong.

Laws are not passed to control thought, but to control behavior. For example, we impose our morality on rapists. We do not care so much why rapists rape, or what their moral and religious views are, or the reason why rapists disrespect women. Rape is evil and when people want to do evil, it is clearly correct for the government to impose its morality on them. Similarly, pro-lifers do not care so much what people think about babies, as long as they do not kill them.

Indeed, if laws should not be based on morality, what on earth should they be based on? The reality is that laws are based on our collective moral values and is the way society decides which activities it will and will not tolerate.

If we are going to reject a law simply because it is supported by religion, then we would have to abolish most laws. A person does not have to be especially religious to say that it is wrong to abort a child, any more than they would say it is wrong to steal money. Certain activities are unacceptable to civilized people regardless of religious beliefs. Abortion is one of those issues. In reality, abortion is a civil rights and a human rights issue.

Let us not forget that the black civil rights movement was dominated by pastors and was often headquartered in churches. That did not make civil rights simply a religious issue!

Pro-Life Articles

Our 2024 Fortunate and Faithful Families Retreat, "**Walking in the Light of God's Love,**" will be held at the Archdiocesan Chancery, 2401 Lake Park Drive, Smyrna, Ga. 30080, on Sunday, March 3, from noon until 7:00 p.m. Priests and deacons will participate, and author and speaker, Carl McColman, will give a keynote address. There will be small group sharing, spiritual reflection, Mass, and dinner included. LGBTQ persons, their parents and families, clergy, allies, and anyone desiring a Catholic Church that is a welcoming home for all are invited to attend. Registration will close on February 26. For registration details, go to fortunatefaithfulfamilies.org.



LENT

March 2024



LENT

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 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 2nd Collection: Capital Improvements Adoration following 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE	4 Knavights of Columbus 6:30 p.m. Rosary 7:00 p.m. Dinner 7:30 Meeting	5 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass	6 Holy Mass 12 noon Adoration and Confessions to follow Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m.	7 Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Lenten Meal at 7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m.	8 Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Lenten Meal at 7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m.	9 WARG Morning of Reflection 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
10 No 2nd Collection Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE	11 Knights of Columbus 6:30 p.m. Rosary 7:00 p.m. Dinner 7:30 Meeting	12 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass	13 Holy Mass 12 noon Adoration and Confessions to follow YAN 7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m.	14 Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Lenten Meal at 7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m.	15 Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Lenten Meal at 7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m.	16 FHC Retreat 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
17 2nd Collection: Future Bldg. & Em Needs Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE	18 WARG 6:30 p.m. Social 7:00 p.m. Rosary 7:30 p.m. Meeting	19 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass	20 Holy Mass 12 noon Adoration and Confessions to follow Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m.	21 Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Lenten Meal at 7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m.	22 Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Lenten Meal at 7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m.	23
24 2nd Collection: Holy Land Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE	25	26 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass	27 Holy Mass 12 noon Adoration and Confessions to follow YAN 7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m.	28 Holy Thursday Holy Mass 7:00 p.m.	29 Good Friday Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Christ 3:00 p.m.	30 Blessing of Baskets 4:00 p.m. Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.
31 Easter Sunday 2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Seminarians Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. No RE						