



# 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

*Deacon*

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*Deacon*

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Receptionist*

**January 7, 2024**

***The Epiphany of the Lord***



## 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 January 6 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	4:00 p.m. + Richard Stuart	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12
Sunday January 7 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9:00 a.m. Parishioners (Living & Deceased) 12 noon + Emily LeBouef 3:00 p.m. + Marcelina Perez + Margarita Quintero	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12
Monday January 8 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	12 noon + Gerry Gelinas	Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7 Psalm 29: 1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10 Mark 1: 7-11
Tuesday January 9	12 noon + Gerardo Flores Camarena	1 Samuel 1: 9-20 (Psalm) 1 Samuel 2: 1, 4-8 Mark 1: 21-28
Wednesday January 10	12 noon + Mary Elizabeth Hommick + Florence Hommick	1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20 Psalm 40: 2, 5, 7-10 Mark 1: 29-39
Thursday January 11		1 Samuel 4: 1-11 Psalm 44: 10-11, 14-15, 25-26 Mark 1: 40-45
Friday January 12		1 Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22a Psalm 89: 16-19 Mark 2: 1-12
Saturday January 13 <i>Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>		1 Samuel 9: 1-4, 17- 19; 10: 1a Psalm 21: 2-7 Mark 2: 13-17

**Sunday, January 14**  
*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19  
 Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-10  
 1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20  
 John 1: 35-42



**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 Emily Lebouef.*



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 Gift Of Diversity In The Church**

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.





## 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:*

Patrick Miller, June Fennelly, Eileen Parker, Werner Pleus, Donald Pastor, Michael Daigle, Jr., Mike Holder, Richard Stuart, Emily LeBouef, Marcelina Perez, Margarita Quintero, Gerry Gelinaz, Gerardo Flores Camarena, 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 a Baptism Preparation class. Email [ahew@svdpatl.com](mailto: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](mailto:nchisholm@svdpatl.com) for details.



## From St. Faustina's Diary



### CUDDLING CLOSE TO JESUS' HEART

Today I heard these words: **My daughter, be always like a little child towards those who represent Me, otherwise you will not benefit from the graces I bestow on you through them** (*Diary*, 1260).

Today during Holy Mass, I saw the Infant Jesus near my kneeler. He appeared to be about one year old, and He asked me to take Him in my arms. When I did take Him in my arms, He cuddled up close to my bosom and said, It is good for Me to be close to your heart. "Although You are so little, I know that You are God. Why do You take the appearance of such a little baby to commune with me?" **Because I want to teach you spiritual childhood. I want you to be very little, because when you are little, I carry you close to My Heart, just as you are holding Me close to your heart right now** (*Diary*, 1481).

### MY PRAYER RESPONSE:

Lord Jesus, You delight in our cuddling close to Your Heart, so You can teach us spiritual childhood. Thank You for the example of St. Faustina.

The Words of Jesus appear in bold print type.



## 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, Rita Kuykendall, Mark and Gail Sigismorda, Don Long, Angela and Duran Guevara, Shaun Kilgore, Maria Selano, Mark King, Tristan Kilgore, Dylan Kilgore, Hyppolite F. Renous and 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.*



## A Special Valentine Event

The first annual SVdP Father Daughter dance will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Simpson Hall. Tickets will be on sale starting the weekend of Jan 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> after all of the Holy Masses.

Dancing, refreshments, crafts and other activities will take place.

Tickets are \$30 for Father and one daughter, and \$10 for each additional daughter.



## 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](http://KofC.org/joinus) and enter our council #12287.

**Congratulations to our December :**

**Knight of the Month—Clyde Kiess**

**And**

**Family of the Month—The David Fenner family**





## The Discalced Carmelite Saints

### **Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity**

1880-1906 -- *Feast Day Nov 8th*

**“I love You so much, my heart burns with love for You, that I cannot live calm and happy, while You, my Beloved Spouse, suffer.”**

– St. Elizabeth of the Trinity



*Matrimony: A calling to forgive! “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.”*

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program, January 26-28, 2024, contact:

Mus and Rubina @ (404) 234-6006 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.org](https://HelpOurMarriage.org).

### **Updated Form**

Parishioners, if you use our online, text or mobile giving form for credit or debit card donations, you may have noticed that our parish Giving Form was recently upgraded to the new Express Giving Form. The form has a new look, but all of the features are the same. Thank you for your donations!



### **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/>

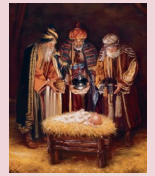
#### **The Division of Family and Children Services**

Report child abuse and neglect by phone to  
1-855-GA CHILD or  
1-855-422-4453, 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.

## **Gospel Reading January 7, 2024**

*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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## **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.



## *Ministry Schedule : January 13-14, 2024*

	Set-Up		Lector	Eucharistic Minister/ EMOHC	Guardian	Usher	Servers (Senior Server, Candle Bearer/Paten, etc.)
<b>Saturday 4:00 PM</b>	Millie Reisinger	Deacon Jimmy Williams	Joe Adams	Deacon Jimmy Williams	Carmen Amodio Pat Arnold	Bob Binns David Fenner	Donald Gettemy Vincent Gettemy
<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	Millie Reisinger	Live Stream Dave Krut	Brian Blowers	Jeanie Blowers	Cathy Bigler Millie Reisinger	Randy Brown Cliff Grimm Dennis Mahon	Zachary Holland Nicholas Condoluci Aiden Grisham David Steinberg
<b>Sunday 12 Noon</b>	Millie Reisinger		Matthew Byrd	Maggie Hernandez	Rochelle Focaracci Enio Fraga	Maria Stormont Jim Stormont	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>  <i>Volunteer needed</i>
<b>Sunday 3:00 PM</b>	Vielka Jordan	Deacon Jose Perez, Sr.	Carmen Perez	Asistente 1 Luis Garcia  Asistente 2 William Alvarez	Nelida Morales  Vielka Jordan	Adolfo Fuentes  <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Crucifero Darwin Monterroso Cirial 1 Eliezer Morales Cirial 2 Inmar D. Romero



### 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.*

*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.**

### *A Final Prayer*

75. May the most blessed Virgin Mary, from whom Christ the Lord took the flesh that "is contained, offered, received" (81) in this Sacrament under the appearances of bread and wine, and may all the saints of God and especially those who were more inflamed with ardent devotion toward the divine Eucharist, intercede with the Father of mercies so that this common belief in the Eucharist and devotion to it may give rise among all Christians to a perfect unity of communion that will continue to flourish. Linger in Our mind are the words of the holy martyr Ignatius warning the Philadelphians against the evil of divisions and schisms, the remedy for which is to be found in the Eucharist.

Mysterium Fidei -Encyclical of Pope Paul VI On The Holy Eucharist



## FIRST FRUITS OF OUR LABOR

Dec 23-25, 2023



Saturday	4:00 p.m.	\$ 1,611.00	Att - 158
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	\$ 811.17	Att -158
Sunday	12:00 noon	\$ 789.00	Att -156
Sunday	3:00 p.m.	\$ 371.00	Att -78
Mail-In		\$ 2,295.00	
Online		\$ 1,778.00	

**Total** **\$ 7,655.17** Att -550  
4th Sun of Advent  
Offertory

**2nd Coll.** **\$ 1,470.28**  
**Pro-Life**

Sunday (church)	6:30 p.m.	\$ 2,664.00	Att-328
Sunday (Simpson Hall)	6:30 p.m.	\$ 142.00	Att-70
Monday	10:30 a.m.	\$ 2,331.00	Att-322
Online		\$ 55.00	

**Total** **\$ 5,172.00** Att-720  
Christmas Off.

**2nd Coll.** **\$1,198.00**  
**Catholic Charities**



## Archdiocese of Atlanta Annual Appeal 2023 As of 12/28/2023

St. Vincent de Paul's 2023 Parish Goal: \$ 35,000.00  
Donations Received: \$ 50,649.22  
Amount **Over** (Under) Goal: \$ 15,649.22

**Current Number of Donors for 2023: 134**  
**Percentage of Goal Received: 144.71%**

### PAC is looking for volunteers

**Can you help? Training is provided. The following volunteers are needed at Forest Park, Atlanta, and Roswell locations.**

**Parish Liaison**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
**Class Facilitator**  
**Baby Boutique assistant**  
**Mentor-partner (with PAC clients)**  
**PATH Volunteer**

**Interested in volunteering? Contact: Courtney Cook**  
**404 763-HELP (4357) 404 822-6628 (cell)**

[ccook@pregnancyaidclinic.org](mailto:ccook@pregnancyaidclinic.org)

or visit [www.pregnancyaidclinic.com/volunteer.html](http://www.pregnancyaidclinic.com/volunteer.html)

## Abortion, Harbinger Of Decline



It has been said that there is nothing worse for a mother than to lose a child. If this is so, just think of the 62 million women in our country who are suffering from their great loss after having had an abortion. They must be devastated knowing it was their own decision to kill their baby.

Then we ask how these terrible abortions could be allowed? Back in 1973, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled to make abortion legal. It made a horrible mistake. Those justices were only human and we humans, led on by the devil, make mistakes called sin.

They took it upon themselves to override God's Fifth Commandment, which states 'Thou shalt not kill.' Absolutely no one can change God's law - ever.

And since then, it seems our country has gone downhill, anything goes. If it's OK to kill babies, then they believe it's OK to kill anyone. If it's OK to kill, it's OK to steal; then it's OK to pedal dope and to use dope, and so it's OK to lie and to cheat.

We are in big trouble people. We need our elected officials to stop squabbling and turn our country around and put God back into our lives where He belongs. Now.

*Ruth Weber Davenport, Iowa*

### Religious Education at SVdP

*Directors of Religious Education:*

**Nancy Chisholm**

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**Mary Ware**

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Our webpage address is:

[www.saintvincentdepaulchurch.org](http://www.saintvincentdepaulchurch.org).

- Welcome back students, parents, catechists and volunteers. We hope you had a blessed Christmas Season and enjoyed time with friends and family.
- We will have a meeting for parents of prospective 2024 First Holy Communion recipients in SVdP RE classes on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in St. Gerard Hall. We will go over FHC activities scheduled up to and including the First Holy Communion Mass on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

# January 2024 (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 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12 noon Holy Mass Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3	4	5 Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m.	6 First Saturday Devotion 1:00 p.m.
		Father Adrian away-No Holy Mass or Adoration				
7 2nd Collection: Capital Improvements Adoration following 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE	8 Knights of Columbus 6:30 p.m. Rosary 7:00 p.m. Dinner 7:30 Meeting	9 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass	10 Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m.	11	12 Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m.	13
14 2nd Collection: Arch. Hispanic Ministries Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE	15 Office Closed No Holy Mass WARG 6:30 p.m. Social 7:00 p.m. Rosary 7:30 Meeting	16 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass	17 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass 5:00 p.m. Confessions 6:15 p.m. Holy Mass Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m.	18	19 Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m.	20
21 2nd Collection: Pro Life Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE	22	23 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass	24 Youth Activities Night Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m.	25	26 Charismatic Prayer Group SGH 7:30 p.m.	27
28 2nd Collection: Future Bldg. & Emergency Needs FHC Parent Meeting 10:30 SGH Cenacle in Spanish at 1:45 p.m. RE		30 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass	31 Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m.			