

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pray for the repose of
the soul of

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February 26, 2023
First Sunday of Lent



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 as such there are requirements necessary 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 to inquire.



|  Date | Holy Mass Intentions | Readings  |
|---|---|---|
| Saturday February 25 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> | 4:00 p.m. Angela Benfield | Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7 Psalm 51: 3-6, 12-13, 17 Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11 |
| Sunday February 26 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> | 9:00 a.m. Parishioners (Living & Deceased) 12 noon + Gabriel Focaracci 3:00 p.m. Bernardo Campos | Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7 Psalm 51: 3-6, 12-13, 17 Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11 |
| Monday February 27 <i>Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church</i> | 12 noon Perrucci Family | Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18 Psalm 19: 8-10, 15 Matthew 25: 31-46 |
| Tuesday February 28 | 12 noon Carol Hommick | Isaiah 55: 10-11 Psalm 34: 4-7, 16-19 Matthew 6: 7-15 |
| Wednesday March 1 | 12 noon + Irene, James, James Jr., Masters | Jonah 3: 1-10 Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Luke 11: 29-32 |
| Thursday March 2 | | Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 Psalm 138: 1-3, 7c-8 Matthew 7: 7-12 |
| Friday March 3 <i>Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i> | | Ezekiel 18: 21-28 Psalm 130: 1-8 Matthew 5: 20-26 |
| Saturday March 4 <i>Saint Casimir</i> | | Deuteronomy 26: 16-19 Psalm 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Matthew 5: 43-48 |

Readings for Sunday, March 5, 2023
Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12: 1-4a
Psalm 33: 4-5, 18-20, 22
2 Timothy 1: 8b-10
Matthew 17: 1-9

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.



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.

**POPE FRANCIS' MARCH
PRAYER INTENTION
For Victims of Abuse**



We pray for those who have suffered harm from
members of the Church; may they find within the
Church herself a concrete response to their pain and
suffering.



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:

Pope Benedict XVI, Chris O'Brien, Bonnie Ann DeVoe (Grimm), Peggy Bahr, David Bahr, Gabriel Focaracci, Irene, James, James Jr., Masters, Denise Fournier,

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.

- **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.

Note: Baptisms are not scheduled to take place during Lent.



Eucharistic Revival



2. For if the sacred liturgy holds first place in the life of the Church, then the Eucharistic Mystery stands at the heart and center of the liturgy, since it is the font of life that cleanses us and strengthens us to live not for ourselves but for God and to be united to each other by the closest ties of love.

Mysterium Fidei

Encyclical of Pope Paul VI on the Holy Eucharist



Lenten Penance Services 2023

7:00 p.m.



St. Mary Magdalene
 St. Peter's LaGrange
 St. Vincent de Paul
 St. Bernadette
 St. George
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 St. Theresa
 St. John Vianney

Thursday, March 2nd
 Tuesday, March 7th
 Wednesday, March 8th
 Wednesday, March 15th
 Wednesday, March 22nd
 Thursday, March 23rd
 Monday, March 27th
 Wednesday, March 29



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, Mr. and 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, Pat Arnold and family, Mary and Fred Speeney, Rochelle and Louis Focaracci and family, Stumm family, Mark Speiser, Colleen Wallen, Skylan Sellers and the Arthrell family, Kilgore family, Hyppolite F. Renous and family, Irene Whalen, **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.**



LENT

Lenten Guidelines



LENT

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 is a season of penance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. During Lent, we are all called to embrace penances and to perform works of charity that reflect our desire for conversion of heart. May this Lent lead us all to a deeper union in Christ and with one another.



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.

Wednesday Holy Mass:

Wednesday Holy Masses during Lent are celebrated at 12 noon. Adoration will take place, and confessions will be heard, immediately following Holy Mass.

Here Today-The Discalced Carmelite Saints
B.I. Marie Eugene of the Child Jesus, Priest
1894-1967 Feast Day February 4th

“On Calvary, Christ alone was immolated: on the altar He offers Himself each day with the whole Church which participates in His sacrifice; and He calls for the sacrifice of all his members. Jesus crucified is the perfect type of regenerated humanity, the ideal and model according to which God forms souls.”

-I Want To See God-



Women of St. Vincent de Paul

We will hold a Morning of Reflection on **Saturday, March 4th**, from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in St. Gerard Hall. We invite all of the women of SVdP to join us as we focus on prayer and strengthening our relationship with God and with each other. Please sign up for this event in the Narthex.



FR. VINCENT M. MULVIN
COUNCIL 12287 DALLAS, GA



YOUR NAME

Become a member by visiting KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #12287. When prompted for free membership use the code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY”.

For more information contact:

Grand Knight, Ken Bishop – (770) 241-5226
or Membership Director, Randy Brown – (770) 401-7527.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Married Couples and Priests: “At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.” If the devil tempted Jesus, who was God, how much more will he tempt us into sin. Bring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit into your marriage to help you resist temptations. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Apr 14-16 or Jun 9-11.

You can also look for virtual experiences and get more information and apply online at wwme.org/apply or by calling **678-242-WWME**.

Por Encuentro Matrimonio Mundial: wwme.org/?lang=es
SVdP Parish WWME Contact: juliepoe777@gmail.com



Gospel for Sunday February 26

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.



In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God’s promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus’ temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus’ rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God’s protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God’s word alone will suffice; God’s promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

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Congratulations SVdP Youth of the Year!

Congratulations to Ian Wilkins who has been selected as St. Vincent de Paul’s 2023 Youth of the Year. Ian is a graduating homeschool senior who has served our parish for many years. He has been a reliable altar server for more than ten years, has volunteered service hours to help with Journey to Bethlehem, Vacation Bible School, Paulding Meadows, SVdP Thrift Store, homeless drives, along with set-up and clean-up for a multitude of events. Ian is a regular attendant at the Wednesday evening youth group. You are likely to see him in conversation with a host of parishioners who enjoy his easy demeanor. Outside the parish, Ian has served as an assistant catechist for his sister, Sr. Mary - Treasure of Innocence, and her religious order in Maryland. Please congratulate Ian as the 2023 recipient of this honor, and be sure to thank him for his generosity of time and willingness to serve.

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 - March 4-5, 2023

Ministry volunteers who are currently serving are asked to sign up for open positions through the MSP app

|  | Set-Up | Deacon | Lector | EMOHC | Guardian | Usher | Servers (Senior Server, Candle Bearer/ Patron) |
|---|------------------|--------|-------------|---|--|--|---|
| Saturday 4:00 PM | Millie Reisinger | | Joe Adams | Carmen Amodio | Pat Arnold Doreen Jeanneret | Ken Bishop Ryan Trafton | <i>Volunteer needed</i> <i>Volunteer needed</i> |
| Sunday 9:00 AM | Millie Reisinger | | Diane Long | Yanira Koch | Mike Williams Jennifer Robinson | Bob Roesch Dennis Mahon Randy Brown | <i>Volunteer needed</i> <i>Volunteer needed</i> |
| Sunday 12 Noon | Millie Reisinger | | Al Stumm | Dianne Karamelas | Carolyn Attaway Rochelle Focaracci | Andrea Konnick Ruby Branton Bill Hew | <i>Volunteer needed</i> <i>Volunteer needed</i> |
| Sunday 3:00 PM | Vielka Jordan | | Cerela Vera | Assistants to Fr. Omar 1-Eliezer Morales 2-Victor Monterroso | Carolina Neyra Ortiz Nelida Morales | Carlos Neyra <i>Volunteer needed</i> | Luis Garcia Adolfo Fuentes Darwin Monterroso |

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

770-443-1533

We are in need of volunteers at the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Thrift Store. Please call the number above for more information. We provide financial assistance and food to local residents in need.

During January 2023, the Dallas SVdP Society assisted the needy in the Paulding County area with:

- **\$ 6,765.11 in 6 payments for Housing**
- **\$ 4,644.63 in 19 payments for utilities**
- **\$ 2,743.92 in 6 payments for Transportation**

Thank you for your generosity.

Thrift Store Hours:

M-F 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

America's #1 Religion Podcast from Fr. Mike Schmitz: *The Bible in a Year*

In The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Catholic Bible in 365 days, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. In addition to the 365 daily episodes, Fr. Mike Schmitz will be joined by Jeff Cavins for twelve additional special episodes to introduce each new time period. Find out more about The Bible in a Year podcast and how to listen at <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>.

From St. Faustina's Diary *Be Always Merciful*

MEDITATION:

As I was taking the bowl from him, he gave me to know that He was the Lord of heaven and earth. ... I heard these words in my soul: **My daughter, the blessings of the poor who bless Me as they leave this gate have reached My ears. And your compassion, within the bounds of obedience, has pleased Me, and this is why I came down from My throne — to taste the fruits of your mercy (Diary, 1312).**

Then I heard the words, **I am glad you behaved like My true daughter. Be always merciful as I am merciful. Love everyone out of love for Me, even your greatest enemies, so that My mercy may be fully reflected in your heart (Diary, 1695).**

MY PRAYER RESPONSE

Lord Jesus, help me to "be merciful just as Your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). May I always be merciful, always, everywhere, and to everyone.

The words of Jesus appear in boldface type.

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FIRST FRUITS OF OUR LABOR

February 11-12, 2023



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|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | \$ 1,137.00 | Att -138 |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | \$ 1,054.00 | Att - 251 |
| Sunday | 12:00 noon | \$ 2,423.25 | Att -185 |
| Sunday | 3:00 p.m. | \$ 327.00 | Att -87 |
| Mail-In | | \$ 4,720.00 | |
| Online | | \$ 1,520.00 | |
| Total Offertory | | \$ 11,181.25 | Att -661 |
| 2nd Collection | | | |
| Capital Improvement & Maintenance | | \$ 1,730.80 | |

Thank you for your generosity!



If you have not yet made a gift to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, there will be pledge cards in the narthex or you can easily donate online at www.archatl.com/appeal. Once completed, please place your pledge envelope in the offertory basket. The campaign goal is \$8,400,000. and the Parish Goal is \$35,000. Every gift to the Annual Appeal is vitally important to assure the continued support of many important programs.

SVdP Faith Formation Activities

RCIA Sessions 2022-2023

RCIA classes are held on Wednesday evenings, starting with Holy Mass at 6:15 P.M. Following Holy Mass, class will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

- **Session 20 on March 1 - Apologetics and Evangelization**
- **Session 21 on March 15 - Last Things**
- **Session 22 on March 22- Paschal Mystery**

Catholic Adult Faith Enrichment

We invite you to join us on Sundays during RE classes, in St. Gerard Hall!

Catecismo Español / Estudio Bíblico para Adultos

Domingos por la mañana durante la clase de RE Salón 6
10:30 a.m.—11:45 a.m.

- **Febrero 26 - La Santa Biblia**
- **Marzo 5 - Actividad Bíblica**
- **Marzo 12 - Los Angeles**

Youth Activity Nights - 6:15-8:30 p.m.

- **Wednesday, March 5— St. Patrick**
- **Wednesday, March 22— Seder Meal**
- **Wednesday, April 12— The Environment**



We are blessed to be Americans!



We are free because thousands of American soldiers went to war to keep us free. Sadly, a great many soldiers gave their lives and died on foreign soil to achieve this goal. The expression 'War is Hell' is so true. Behind all the evil in the world is the devil who comes from Hell. He enters people's minds and souls and unless they have God in their lives, he is able to lead them down a sinful path. The saddest and most heinous war of all time is going on right now. It is called Abortion. Since 1973, we have actually killed over 63 million little Americans, more than soldiers who died in all the wars put together. Granted, they are human babies still in the womb, but they are alive, they are our future. How did this happen in America? Are we so blind to this atrocity? We must not lose this war! Our soldiers fought for each and every one of us, from the babies in the womb to the elderly, to have life until natural death. God gave us the Ten Commandments and a free will to choose right from wrong. We will never have peace until our "Little Americans" have life. We are a country of a lot of good people who save animals' lives. Now let's save our children, including the unborn!

Ruth Weber Davenport Iowa

Religious Education at SVdP

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- This Sunday we begin the Lenten Kick-Off for Our RE Ministry, *Seeking Goodness Through Helping the Needy*. Please donate personal items such as deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, soap, candles, toilet paper, shampoo, lotion, etc. Donations may be sent to RE classrooms or placed in Room 8.
- Parents, we are entering the busiest time of the RE school year. Please refer to your RE calendars, and keep an eye out for announcements of upcoming RE events in the Bulletin and in your email.

"Catechesis ~ the Call to be a Witness."

Catechist Training

Ideal for ANY person engaged in teaching:

Parent, Teacher, Catechist, Assistant, Ministry Leader, etc.

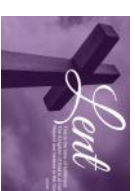
Dates: Sundays – February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26
(additional meetings to be held as needed)

Time: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Light Refreshments Provided

Place: SVdP Church, Room 6

Directed to any person engaged in teaching ministries at any level, this program, provided by the *Catechetical Institute of the Franciscan University of Steubenville*, offers spiritual, methodological, philosophical, and doctrinal topics essential to the teaching of the Catholic faith.

March 2023



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

Weekend Holy Masses: Saturday Vigil 4 p.m., Sundays 9 a.m., 12 noon, Santa Misa en Español at 3 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 |
|--|---|---|---|-----------|--|---|
| <p>5 No 2nd Collection RE Elementary Activities 1:00-3:00 p.m.</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass</p> | <p>8 Holy Mass 12 noon Adoration and Confessions 1:00-2:00 p.m. Penance Service 7:00</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10 Stations of the Cross - 6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner -7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>11 WARG Morning of Reflection 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. First Saturday Devotion 1:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>12 2nd Collection: <i>Capital Improvement</i> RE</p> | <p>13 Knights of Columbus 6:30 p.m. Rosary 7:00 p.m. Meeting</p> | <p>14 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass</p> | <p>15 Holy Mass 12 noon Adoration and Confessions 1:00-2:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m.</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17 Stations of the Cross - 6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner -7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>18</p> |
| <p>19 No 2nd Collection RE</p> | <p>20 Women's Altar Rosary Guild 6:30 p.m. Social 7:00 p.m. Rosary 7:30 Meeting</p> | <p>21 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass</p> | <p>22 Holy Mass 12 noon Adoration and Confessions 1:00-2:00 p.m. Youth Activities Night Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m.</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24 Stations of the Cross - 6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner -7:00 p.m.</p> | <p>25 RCIA Morning of Reflection 9:00-12 noon Holy Mass—12 noon First Holy Communion Retreat 1:00—5:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>26 2nd Collection: <i>Future Building and Emergency Needs Fund</i> RE</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28 Cenacle Following 12 noon Holy Mass</p> | <p>29 Holy Mass 12 noon Adoration and Confessions 1:00-2:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30-9:00 p.m.</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31 Stations of the Cross - 6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner -7:00 p.m.</p> | |