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January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord



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 must be established registered parishioners and complete a preparation class. The baptism will be scheduled once the required 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 more information. **Note: Weddings are scheduled on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. or 12 noon.**

| Date | Holy Mass Intentions | Readings |
|--|--|--|
| Saturday January 3 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> | 4:00 p.m. Wayne Holder | Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12 |
| Sunday January 4 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> | 9:00 a.m. Parishioners (Living & Deceased) 12 noon + John Costa 3:00 p.m. Michael Chisholm | Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2: 1-12 |
| Monday January 5 <i>Saint John Neumann, Bishop</i> | 12 noon + Florence Hommick | 1 John 3: 22—4: 6 Psalm 2: 7b-8, 10-12a Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25 |
| Tuesday January 6 <i>Saint André Bessette, Religious</i> | 12 noon + Charlie Aponick | 1 John 4: 7-10 Psalm 72: 1-4, 7-8 Mrk 6: 34-44 |
| Wednesday January 7 <i>Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest</i> | 6:15 p.m. All SVdP Catechists | 1 John 4: 11-18 Psalm 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13 Mark 6: 45-52 |
| Thursday January 8 | | 1 John 4: 19—5: 4 Psalm 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Luke 4: 14-22a |
| Friday January 9 | | 1 John 5: 5-13 Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20 Luke 5: 12-16 |
| Saturday January 10 | | 1 John 5: 14-21 Psalm 149: 1-6a, 9b John 3: 22-30 |

Readings for Sunday, January 11
The Baptism of The Lord

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29: 1-4, 3, 9-10
Acts 10: 34-38
Matthew 3: 13-17



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 honor and in memory of Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul Church



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.

JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION:
For Prayer With The Word Of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary 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:

Charlie Kirk, C.G. Garcia, Jennifer Heit, Ryan Heit, Dr. Joseph Chibundu, Dawn Scannell, Viet Nguyen, Fallen Law Enforcement Officers in Cobb and Paulding Counties, Judith Nagel, Jerrod Howe, Marlene Bernardo de Silva, Papá de Padre Peter, John Costa, Florence Hommick, Charlie Aponick,
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 is a program known as the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Adapted for Children that is required.*** Please contact Mary Ware at mware@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

**Knight of the Month Paul Mazzuca
and
Family of the Month winner
Adolfo & Hilda Fuentes**



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 for one week and will remain in the Book of Petitions for a period of six months.

Please pray for:

Fr. Adrian Pleus, Fr. Omar Loggiode, Fr. Selvaraj, Mrs. Werner Pleus, Virginia Loggiode, Olga S. Torres, Sister Mary Treasure of Innocence, Marylou Bishop, Walt Reisinger, Natalie Giles and Baby, Carmen Amodio, Marguerite Avery, Donna Von de Bur, Sidney Clark, Benedetto Denigris, Nina Leopardi, Ruby Edmonds, Fernando Capiro, Greyson McClain, Claudette Hyppolite, Renous family, Rosalina and Violeta Bergelina,

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 Part III: With a Sinful Soul Conversation of the Merciful God with a Sinful Soul.



Jesus: My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of My goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed Myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart.

Jesus: Your misery has disappeared in the depths of My mercy. Do not argue with Me about your wretchedness. You will give Me pleasure if you hand over to Me all your troubles and griefs. I shall heap upon you the treasures of My grace (Diary, 1485).

Soul: Your response.

My Prayer Response With St. Faustina

Lord Jesus, reveal to souls that Your mercy is greater than all the sins of the world. Draw us to Your Sacred Heart, so our miseries may disappear in the depths of Your mercy. Have mercy on us all.

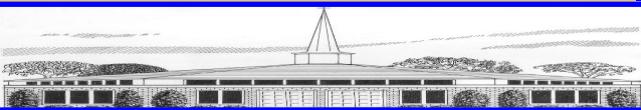
The words of Jesus appear in boldface type.

FIRST FRUITS OF OUR LABOR

December 20-21, 2025

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|---|------------|-------------|-----|
| Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | \$1,127.00 | 125 |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | \$1,923.25 | 316 |
| Sunday | 12:00 noon | \$ 1,037.86 | 212 |
| Sunday | 3:00 p.m. | \$ 210.11 | 67 |
| Mail-In | | \$1,145.00 | |
| Christmas Offerings | | \$ 525.00 | |
| Offertory Online | | \$1,940.00 | |
| Total Offertory | | \$ 7,908.22 | 720 |
| 2nd Collection Capital Improvements & Maintenance Fund | | \$3,489.55 | |

Thank you for your generosity!



2025

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

St. Vincent de Paul's 2025 Parish Goal: \$ 38,100.00
Donations Received: \$ 45,756.10
Amount Over (Under) Goal: (\$ 7,656.10)

Current Number of Donors for 2025: 180

Percentage of Goal Received: 120.09%

(As of December 22, 2025)

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

770-443-1533

Thrift Store Hours are:

M-F 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

SAT 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Assistance provided to 122 families/185 individuals

In November:

- \$ 7,590.85 in Food for 107 families
- \$ 829.90 in Housing Expenses
- \$ 3,497.78 in Transportation Expenses
- \$ 9,321.28 in Utilities
- \$ 432.75 in Clothing

Thank you to our shoppers and to those who have donated so generously to our SVdP Thrift Store over the years. Because of your generosity, we are assisting hundreds of our neighbors in need in our area. Please continue to donate your gently used household items

Gospel Reading

Sunday, January 4, 2026

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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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,

Ministry Schedule: January 10-11, 2026

| | 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 | Mary Marks | Deb Heinrich Pat Arnold | Skip Heinrich <i>Volunteer Needed</i> | <i>Volunteer Needed</i> |
| Sunday 9:00 AM | Millie Reisinger | <u>Livestream</u> Clyde Kiess | Randy Brown | Juan Molina | Millie Reisinger Cathy Bigler | Bill Hew Cliff Grimm Dennis Mahon | Obinwanne Obialo Chiji Obialo |
| Sunday 12 Noon | Millie Reisinger | | Pat Brunner | Rick Brunner | Dianne Karampelas Nancy Lojo | Don Imbordino Maria Stormont Jim Stormont | Donald Gette- my Vincent Gettemy |
| Sunday 3:00 PM | Carmen Perez | <u>Deacon</u> Jose Perez | Carmen Perez | <i>Asistente 1 Not Filled</i> <i>Asistente 2 Not Filled</i> | Maira Rodriguez Maria Sandoval | Carolina Neyra Ortiz Alicia Vento | <i>Crucifero Not Filled</i> <i>Cirial 1 Not Filled</i> <i>Cirial 2 Not Filled</i> |

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.**

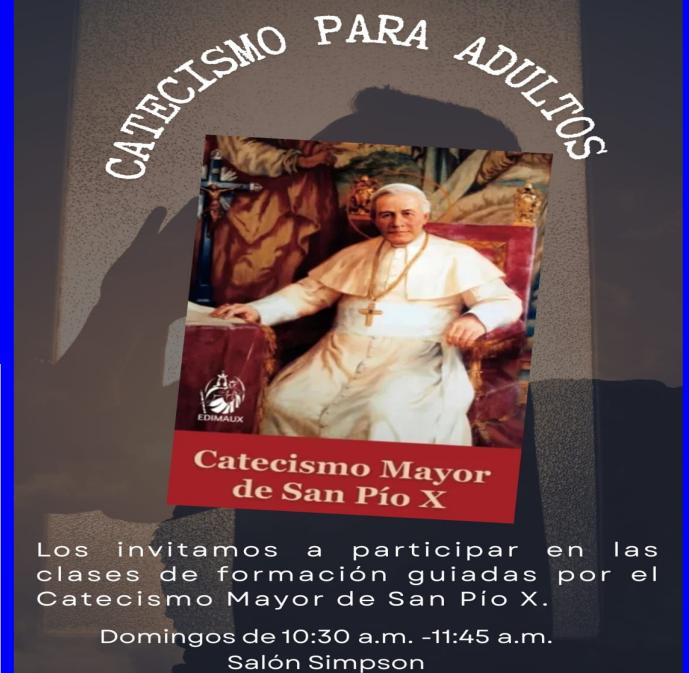
Here Today-The Discalced Carmelite Saints

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-



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 be missing important information from the church, your ministry, or the RE program. Please send or bring updated contact information to the SVdP office, the RE office, or email: church@svdpatl.com.

OCIA—ROOM B in the OLG RE Building
At 1:30 P.M. on Sundays
following the noon
Holy Mass

January 4 — The Most Blessed Sacrament
January 11 — Overview of the Holy Mass

OCIA Sacraments Class — In Spanish

We now offer OCIA classes **in Spanish**. This class is for adults seeking Baptism into the Catholic faith, or who are already Catholic but need First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. This class will also assist those who need to have their marriage blessed by the church. Classes will meet every Monday from 6:00—7:30 p.m. in Room 6. For additional information, please contact **Natalia Flores at (678) 637-2993**.

The Truth About Chemical Abortions

Tragically, many mothers are choosing chemical abortions, commonly known as the “Abortion pill” or RU-486, because they think it is easier on them than a surgical abortion, and they can have an abortion “privately.” The mother doesn’t realize that this type of abortion is more traumatic than a surgical abortion, which is traumatic enough in itself.

What does Planned Parenthood say about chemical abortions? The abortion pill works by blocking the hormone progesterone. Without progesterone, the lining of the uterus breaks down, and pregnancy cannot continue.

According to National Right to Life’s website: Progesterone stimulates the proliferation of the uterine lining which nourishes the developing child. It also suppresses normal uterine contractions which could dislodge the child implanted and growing on the wall of the mother’s womb.

Bottom line: The child, deprived of necessary nutrients, starves to death!

Pro-Life Articles

Formed.org for your Catholic Enrichment

The parish has subscribed to the Catholic website: FORMED. This website has wonderful Catholic content to expand your knowledge of the Catholic faith. There is something for all: children, teens, young adults, parents, Español, everyone! There are videos, movies, articles, audio books and more. And there's an app for that! Log in and explore at no cost to you when you sign up under our parish name.

Go to www.formed.org and select: *Sign up*
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Religious Education at SVdP

Directors of Religious Education (DRE's):
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Our webpage address is:
www.saintvincentdepaulchurch.org.

- **Birth Certificates and Baptism Certificates are required for all children preparing for First Holy Communion.** Parents, please submit copies of these forms as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. **If your child was Baptized at SVdP, we have the Baptism form on file, but we still need a copy of the Birth Certificate.**
- **RE Classes resume this week, on January 4, 2026.**
- **Parents of children who will receive First Holy Communion in May, 2026, please meet in Simpson Hall at 10:30 a.m. on January 25.** We will discuss the events and activities that will take place from January-May.



Winter Wonderland
Save the date!

The 2026 Father Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, February 7, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$35 per family. Look for tickets to go on sale in January 2026.

PATH'S Next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Are you struggling with the pain of a past abortion? Have you ever asked yourself, “*Can God really heal something this deep?*” Are you longing for peace but unsure how to find it? You are not alone. No heart is too broken to be healed.

Join us for PATH's next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat from January 30-February 1, 2026. For more information or to register, call or text our confidential number at (404) 717-5557 or email

programdirector@pathatl.com.

Start where you are. You are so worth it.

www.healingafterabortion.org

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My next Introductory Class is Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. over Zoom. To register or for more information on future classes, contact Ann Hall at 404-915-1685 or annlabar@hotmail.com

Please e-mail any questions or if there is any concern with this.

January 2026

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.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., preceding the 6:15 p.m. Holy Mass.



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