

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MORNING — 8:00 a.m.

NOON — 12:00 p.m.

EVENING— 6:30 p.m.

WEEKDAYS

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 12:10 p.m.
and Friday

Holy Days 12:10 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSION

30 minutes prior to all Masses and by request

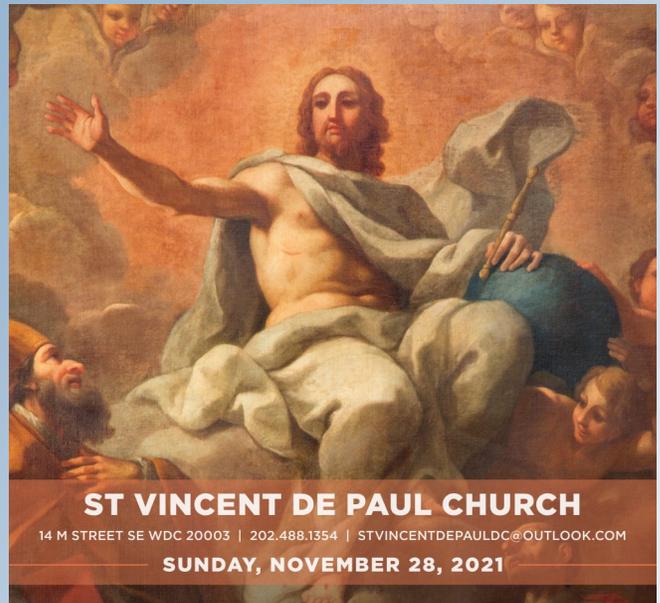
For request, please call the pastor at (240) 466 -1339

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday 6:00 pm — 7:00 pm

Every Friday after the 12:10PM Mass

*Confessions available during adoration



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:27-28

South Capitol & M Street, SE
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WELCOME TO ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHURCH

November 28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

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Welcome to St. Vincent de Paul

No matter how long you plan on being in the neighborhood, please consider this your home parish. Registration forms are located in the back of the church and on our website (www.stvincentdepauldc.org).



The St. Vincent de Paul's Sodality Annual Shoebox drive has begun and will end on Sunday, December 12th.

The items needed for the shoebox drive are: toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, brush, mouthwash, deodorant, razors, lotion, shaving cream, aftershave, powder, etc.

Everyone is encouraged to participate.

FYI the shoeboxes are distributed to a women's/men's shelters.



Our church is 118 years old and we need your help... purchase a "leaf"

In 2003, St. Vincent de Paul Parish celebrated its 100th year anniversary.

GOD has greatly blessed our parish community and continues to bless it with your kindness and generosity.

The opportunity is being provided to honor present members and to remember those who have gone before us and have contributed to God's ministry of this parish church to the community over these 100 years.

By purchasing a Leaf, we will be able to continue to make the necessary repairs and updating in our church.

To date, with your donations, we were able to replace the old carpet in the sanctuary with new tile; repaired and repainted the sanctuary walls; purchased a new altar and a new ambo; installed a new crucifix; bought a statue of our Patron Saint and acquired a LED signpost for the parish. There are still many things to do and we rely on your support.

The basic tree was purchased by the church as seen above. Forms can be found at the base of the tree or you can donate online via our website. Please do not forget to give us the message you want inscribed in your leaf. Thank you so very much and may our Lord reward you a hundredfold.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at (202) 488-1354 or go to our website at (www.stvincentdepauldc.org)



the repose of the soul of Alethea W. Campbell

Melvin Nelson
Chris Falkenhagen
Mary Honablew
Elaine Thomas
Mary Ingram
Evelina Jones
Joyce Fredricks

Rodney McCormick
Catherine Brawner
Rolando Blakeney
Jose Masini-Soler
Janelle Baliko
Ned Laskowski

and the sick of our parish. *(Please contact the office to have other parishioners in need of prayer added to the bulletin.)*

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention or individual *(living or deceased)*, please contact the office **(202) 488-1354**. The Mass Stipend is \$10, and you will receive a card signed by the Celebrant indicating when the Mass is being offered.

Online / USPS Giving — Out of town for a few weeks? Don't worry, you can still give to St. Vincent de Paul online.

Visit our website (www.stvincentdepauldc.org) and donate online. You can give either a one-time donation, or recurring weekly or monthly donations from your checking account or credit card.

You could also send your check/money order **(Please NO CASH)** to 14 M Street SE, Washington, DC 20003 c/o St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

You will be supporting our mission of sharing the Gospel.

Reflect and Respond : Questions of the Week

1st Reading — *Jeremiah 33:14-16*: The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to fulfill the covenant made with King David, four hundred years earlier in 1,000 B.C. As we enter into the season of Advent, how might you show your fidelity to God?

Responsorial Psalm — *Psalms 25:4-5,8-9,10, 14*: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2nd Reading — *1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2*: Paul's prayer for the believers in Thessalonica is to abound in love and strength for one another in preparation for the return of Christ. How do you think communities of faith can support each other during the Advent season?

Gospel — *Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36*: In Jesus teaching the disciples about the coming end times and judgement day, he warns them not to be too distracted by the stresses and anxieties of daily life. How do you keep focused on your spiritual life amongst the many daily challenges we face ?

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

- Sunday** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- Monday** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
- Wednesday** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday:** St. Andrew, Apostle
- Friday:** St. Francis Xavier, Priest
- Saturday:** St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

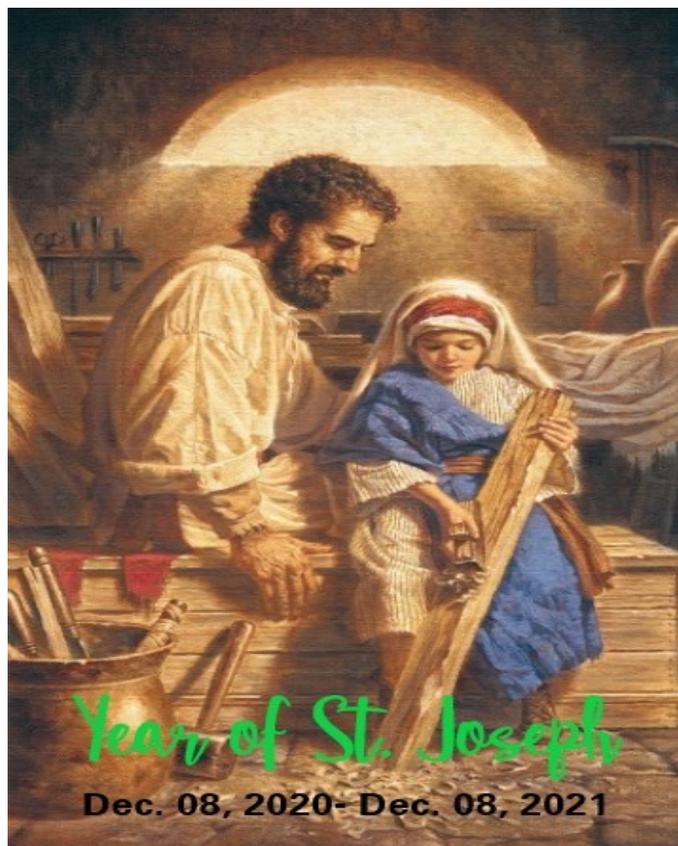


Prayer to Saint Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and
courage, and defend us from every
evil. Amen.*

~ from Pope Francis' apostolic letter



IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

Building Repairs



Saint Vincent de Paul needs your help with some major repairs. Please place your donations in a drop box in the back of the church. Thank you.

Funeral Arrangements

Please speak with our Pastor, Fr. Michal Sajnog

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Youth Religious Education

Customarily, children prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2nd Grade, and Confirmation in 8th grade.

RCIA is open for registration.

Sick, Shut-ins, Hospital & Nursing Home Visits

If you, or someone you know, would like to be visited by a priest for Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation, or Anointing of the sick, please do not hesitate in calling the office to make arrangements.

Marriages :

Please contact the parish office (202) 488-1354

Marriage preparation is available for couples who wish to marry at St. Vincent de Paul or at another parish.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE IN TROUBLE? If your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are separated or thinking about separation or divorce, we believe that Retrouvaille, a Catholic program (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vie) can help you. This program is designed to help hurting couples mend and heal their brokenness. All calls and inquires are confidential. For more information please call (301) 924-4125, or visit www.retrouvaille.org or email us at 3015@retrouvaille.org

**3 EASY STEPS
TO KEEPING YOURSELF
& OTHERS HEALTHY!**

