

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

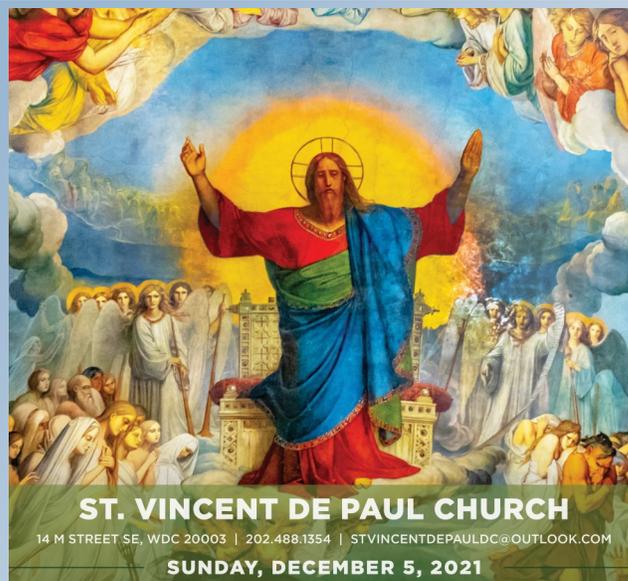
For request, please call the pastor at (240) 466 -1339

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday 6:00 pm — 7:00 pm

Every Friday after the 12:10PM Mass

*Confessions available during adoration



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."
- Lk 3:5-6*

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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.svdpc.org).

GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 5, 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.

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DECEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

The shoeboxes are distributed to women's/men's shelters in the area.

December 19th - All are welcome to join the Sodality's monthly program: *Women in the Bible*.



Date change for the SVDP Food Pantry. Distribution will be on **Saturday, December 18th** from 9:00am-11:00am.

Knights of Columbus winter coat distribution will be on Saturday, **December 18th** at St. Vincent de Paul Church.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception:
Wednesday, December 8—12:10pm / 7:00pm

Penance Service and Adoration
Thursday, December 16—6:00pm

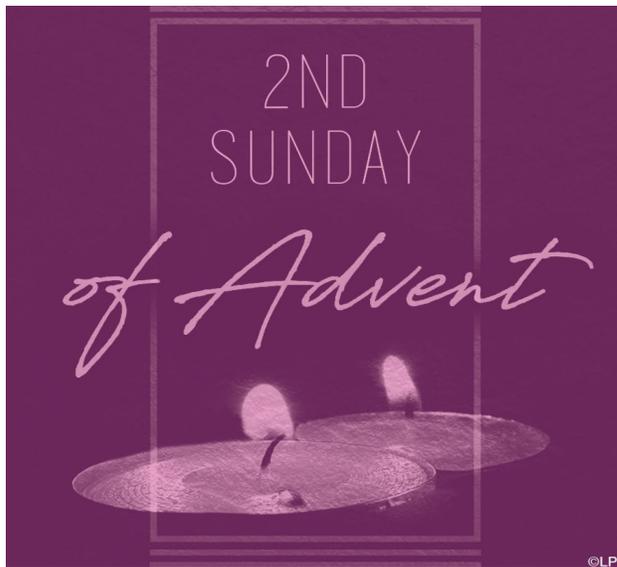
Christmas Eve:
Friday, December 24—6:00pm

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25—9:00am

New Year's Eve
Friday, December 31—7:00pm

New Year's Day
Saturday, January 1, 2022—10:00 am

The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 2, 2022—8:00am, 12:00pm & 6:30 pm



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 — *Baruch 5:1-9*: Baruch offers the captive Israelites in Babylon a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. What aspects of your relationship with God are in need of restoration?

Responsorial Psalm — *Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5*: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading — *Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11*: Paul offers an opening prayer of joy for the believers in the city of Philippi. As the season of Advent continues, what brings joy to your life?

Gospel — *Luke 3:1-6*: With Luke placing the preaching and activities of John the Baptist in its historical and political context, he communicates the idea that God is acting in real, human history. What do you see as the power of this assertion?

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

- 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
- Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Next Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop
- Tuesday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thursday:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
- Friday:** Our Lady of Loreto
- Saturday:** St. Damasus I, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent
Second Collection—Retirement Fund for Religious

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

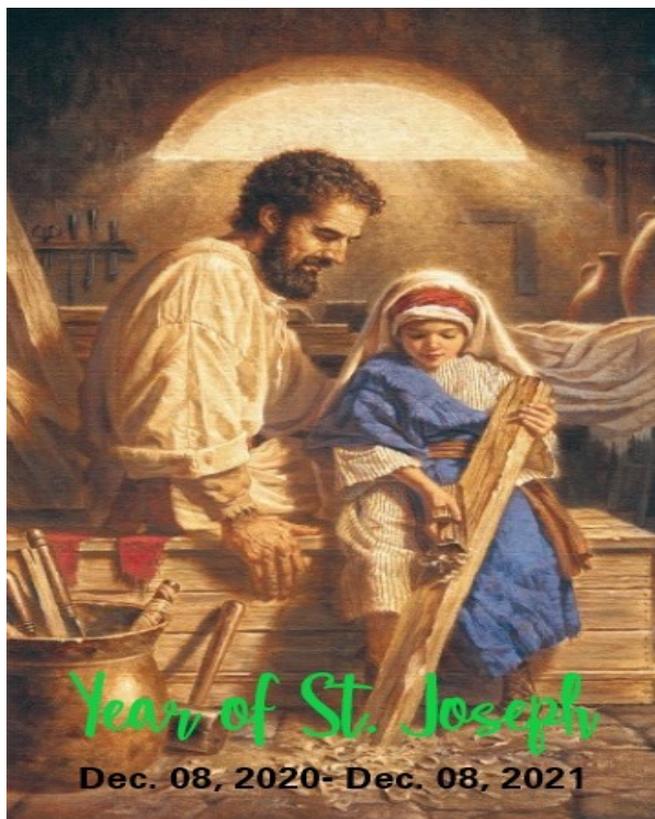


Prayer to Saint Joseph

*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
Office Phone: (202) 488-1354
Email: pastor@svdpdc.org
Website: www.svdpdc.org

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.

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.



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.svdpdc.org)