

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Rev. Michal Sajnog
Pastor

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Visiting Priest

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*The Parish Office will be closed
December 24, 2021 until
January 3, 2022*

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

CONFESSION

30 minutes prior to all Masses and by request. For a request, please call the pastor at (240) 466 -1339

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION*

Every Thursday
6:00 — 7:00 pm

Every Friday after the 12:10PM Mass

*Confessions available during adoration

The Epiphany of the Lord



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

January 2, 2022- The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Intention

January 2—for Dennis E. Menton on his birthday

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2022



**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.svdpc.org)

STAR

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

MATTHEW 2:10

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



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

Reflect and Respond : Questions of the Week

1st Reading — *Isaiah 60:1-6*: the prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

Responsorial Psalm — *Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13*: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

2nd Reading — *Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*: It is revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews and Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of "coheirs" and "copartners". What does this language signal to you?

Gospel — *Matthew 2:1-12*: The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It is an event that manifested God's revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today?

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

EPIPHANY



PARISH INFORMATION



Every Thursday
6:00pm
Holy Hour
Adoration
Spiritual Talk
Confession

Saint Vincent de Paul CC Food Pantry

Distribution is the fourth Saturday of the month from 9:00-11:00am. (Please note next Pantry date: January 22, 2022)



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.

Funeral Arrangements

Please speak with our pastor,
Fr. Michal Sajnog
Office Phone: (202) 488-1354
Email: pastor@svdpdc.org
Website: www.svdpdc.org

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.

Marriage

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.

Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church built in 1903



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.

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 Re-discovery 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!



WASH YOUR
HANDS



DON'T TOUCH
YOUR FACE



KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE