

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

## **CONFESSION**

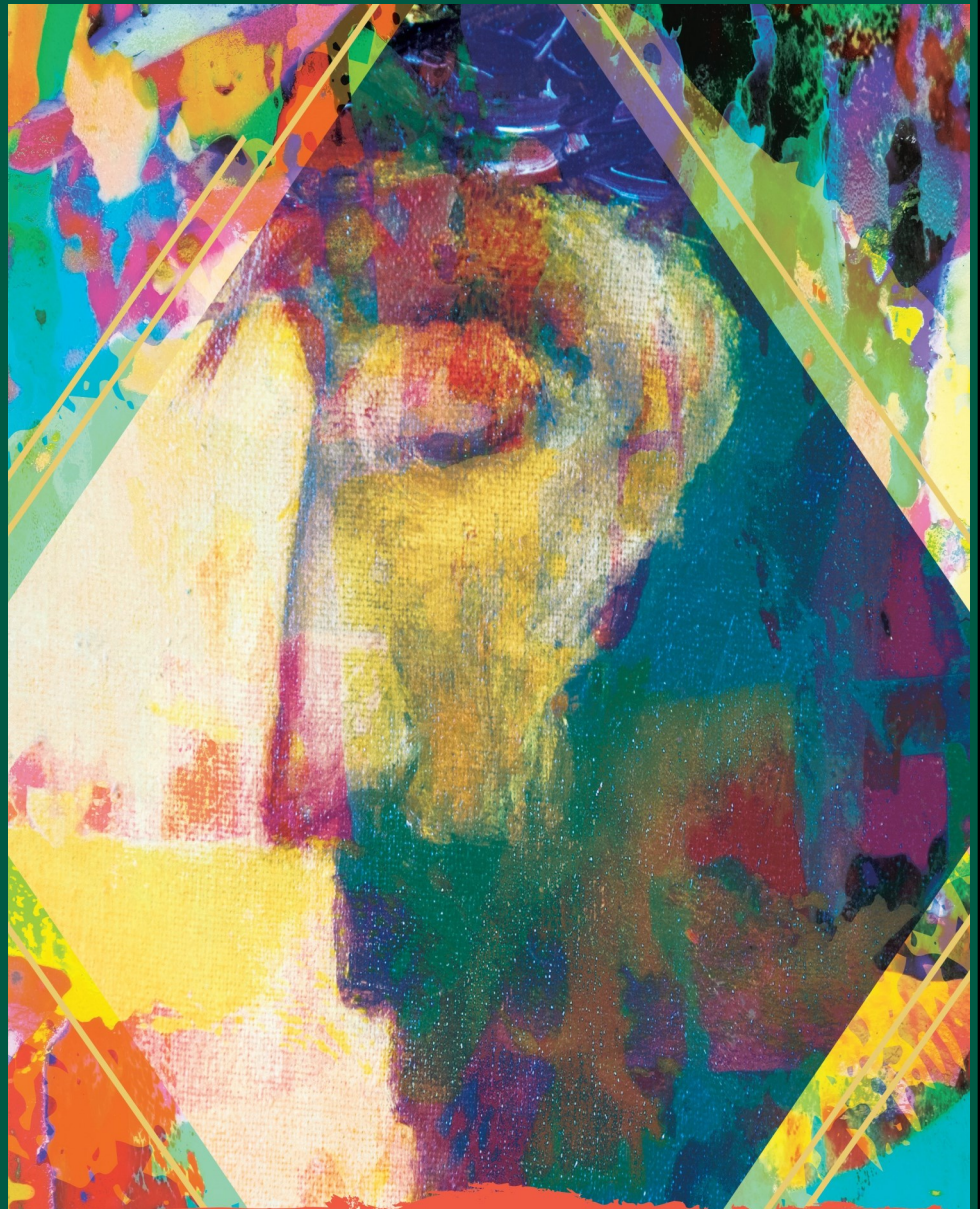
30 minutes prior to all Masses and by request. For a request, please call the pastor at (240) 466-1339

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION\***

Every Thursday  
6:00 — 7:00 pm

Every Friday after the 12:10PM Mass

\*Confession is available during adoration.



## **23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sayings on Discipleship.  
*Luke 14:25-33*

Whoever does not carry his own cross and  
come after me  
cannot be my disciple.  
*Luke 14:27*



**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](http://www.svdpc.org)).

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

*September 4, 2022 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things! ©LPi



### **NATS MASS**

**Getting to St. Vincent's on game days may take a little more time.**

**To plan ahead, here are the upcoming Sunday Nationals' home games.**

**September 18 — 1:35pm**

**October 2 — 1:35pm**



The **33rd Annual East of the River Revival** will be a live and virtual event on **October 3-5, 2022**. The live event will be hosted at St. Luke Catholic Church (4925 East Capitol Street SE). This year's theme is "*We have come this far by Faith*".

There will be a Youth Rally on Saturday, **October 1 from 10:30-4:00pm** at Holy Family Church (2210 Callaway Street, Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748).

Flyers and consent forms are in the back of the Church.

### **Marian Procession**



Immaculate Conception Church in Shaw and DC Young Catholic Professionals are co-hosting the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Marian Procession** on **October 7, 2022**

Church groups from around the archdiocese are invited to design a float or litter to carry in the procession and there's a \$10,000 prize to the group with the best float.

Details will be shared as the event approaches and permits are secured. We are asking groups to RSVP by Sept. 30.

Flyer and contact information are in the back of the Church.



**Our church is 119 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

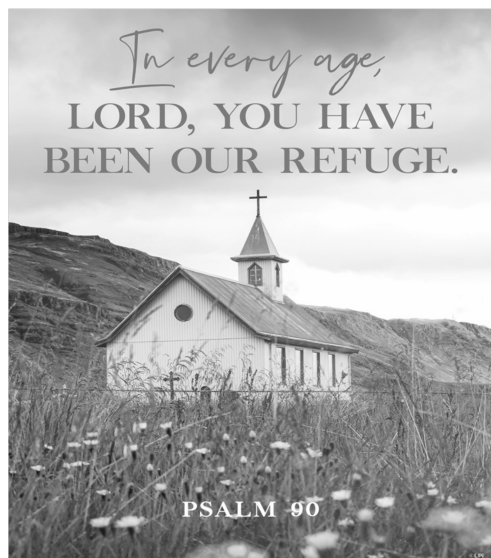
blessed our parish community and continues to bless it with your kindness and generosity.

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.

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](http://www.svdpc.org))**





## Reflect and Respond : Questions of the Week

**1st Reading** — *Wisdom 9:13-18b*: Our Jewish sage teaches us that the mystery of God can only be understood through wisdom provided by the “Holy Spirit”. When do you pray for the gift of wisdom?

**Responsorial Psalm** — *Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17*: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**2nd Reading** — *Philemon 9-10, 12-17*: Paul urges his partner Philomen to see Onesimus is a believer in Christ. When has faith provoked an examination of conscience?

**Gospel** — *Luke 14:25-33*: Jesus teaches the crowds that true discipleship demands one to “renounce all (your) possessions”. In other words, one’s ultimate concern should be solely the possession of the gift of salvation. Why do you think this is not self-evident to many?



Janelle Baliko	Evelina Jones
Joyce Fredricks	Jose Masini-Soler
Mary Honablew	Doris Tabbs Stewart
Mary Ingram	Frances White

*Please contact the office to add other parishioners in need of prayer 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.

### Mass Intentions for the Week of September 4<sup>th</sup>

September 4 — Delores Blocker+  
September 5 — Delores Blocker+

Pray for all St. Vincent de Paul parishioners.

**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.svdpc.org](http://www.svdpc.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.



## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

**Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

**Next Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

**Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Labor Day

**Thursday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday:** St. Peter Claver, Priest

**Next Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day; Grandparents’ Day

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Saint Vincent de Paul CC

#### Food Pantry



Distribution is the fourth Saturday of the month from 9:00-11:00am. Please note the next Pantry date: September 24, 2022.



#### SVDP Sodality

Sodality meets every 1st Sunday at 11:00am.

Next meeting: October 2, 2022

Join the Sodality for Bible study every 3rd Sunday at 11:00am

#### 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,

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Join Us For a special Holy Hour



6:00pm

*Every Thursday  
Adoration  
Confession*

#### 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. See information on our website: <https://svdpdc.org/marriage>.



### COMING THIS FALL!

Be encouraged by gaining confidence in your identity as a child of God and in hearing God's voice for yourself and others. Learn to evangelize with joy! Encounter School of Ministry, developed by Fr. Mathias Thelen, Patrick Reis, and Dr. Mary Healy, offers a dynamic two-year program which impacts thousands of Catholics across the country and is now in the DC area! Our world needs men and women who can demonstrate the power and love of God. Join us as we teach, equip and activate you to do just that! Encounter School of Ministry DC Satellite School meets Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM at our Gaithersburg, MD campus. Attend the first class for free on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. For more information, visit us at [encounterschool.org/dc](http://encounterschool.org/dc).

#### RCIA

*Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?*

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of conversion and spiritual formation for individuals who are interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition.

If you would like more information or to inquire about how to participate in RCIA, please contact our pastor, Fr. Michal Sajnog.

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## NO MARRIAGE IS BEYOND HOPE

The Retrouvaille marriage program is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship.

For more details, please contact us at  
443-400-7017,  
[3015@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:3015@HelpOurMarriage.org) or  
[www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)