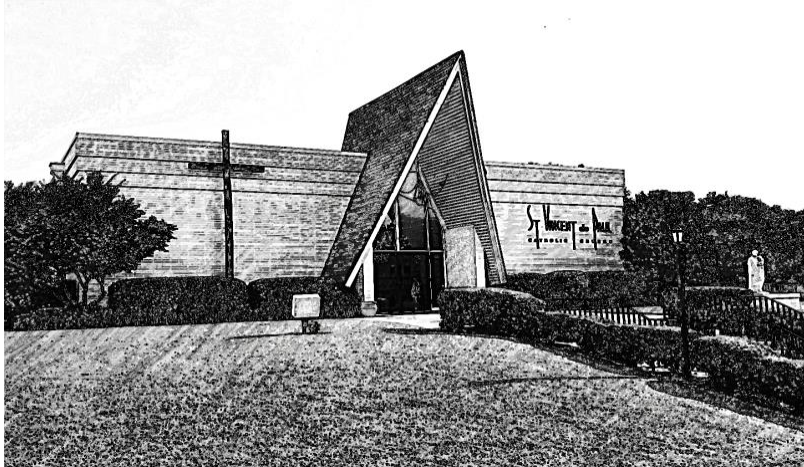


St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

1 December, 2019
First Sunday of Advent



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Pastor:
Rev. Stephen Vrazel

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Liturgy and Sacraments:

Saturday Mass: 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Weekday: Monday Communion Service 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday - Friday Mass 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Tuesday - Sunday 8:00 - 8:20 a.m. Tuesday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. and by request.

Baptism: There is a preparation program for parents and sponsors. Contact parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made with the Pastor **at least 6 months** prior to the wedding. Please avoid planning a wedding during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration is every Saturday after 8:30 a.m. Mass until 4:00 p.m. Contact Nita Marston for more information (251) 222-6239.

First Friday Mass: 8:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month in a Devotion to the Sacred Heart. Confession beginning at 8:00 a.m.

First Five Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month as an Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Confession beginning at 8:00 a.m.

WELCOME: We are happy and excited to have you with us. If you are interested in becoming a parishioner, please stop by the hospitality desk before or after Mass.

IN MEMORIUM: Please remember to pray for the faithfully departed.

BIBLE STUDY: Please contact Sylvia Sullivan for more information (251) 633-3557.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be held on Monday, 9 December at 8:30am.

RCIA: If you or someone you know is interested in the Catholic Faith, please come join us. Our RCIA program meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Gary at (251) 458-3723.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: Sunday after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Students from Pre-K through 12th are encouraged to attend. Please call Deborah Stapleton at (251) 653-0562 with any questions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: KoC council 7270 meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The Council will be selling Catholic themed Christmas Cards again this year in support of the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas initiative.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH: Meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the de Paul center.

LEGION OF MARY: Meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the parish office conference room.

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY: The society meets first Wednesday of the month at 9:15 a.m. in the de Paul Center.

St. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: Meets first Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the de Paul center. Society Help Line (251) 223-7947.

SVDPS FOOD PANTRY: Open on the second Thursday of the month from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL: Meets every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS:

Sun, December 1:	8:30 a.m.	Ginny Wilkins (St. Simon of Cyrene)
	11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
Mon, December 2:	8:30 a.m.	St. Chromatius of Aquileia
Tues, December 3:	8:30 a.m.	St. Francis Xavier
Wed, December 4:	8:30 a.m.	Ginny Wilkins (St. John Damascene)
Thur, December 5:	8:30 a.m.	St. Justinian
Fri, December 6:	8:30 a.m.	St. Nicholas
Sat, December 7:	8:30 a.m.	St. Ambrose
	5 :00 p.m.	Pro Populo

FIRST RECONCILIATION: First Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday, 4 December at 7pm.

Daughters of Mary: Meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the DePaul center. Contact Marie Henken at (985) 640-0899 for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: Jack Boyle; Belle Crenshaw; Richard Smith III; Bob Hamilton; Alba Driscoll; Mary Galle; Carol Hovell; Tony Laster; Lanie Address; Sherry Langham Hicks; Carolyn Barton; Lela Kern; Jennifer McIntyre; Penny Townsend; Bill Floyd; Gene Logan; Nelson & Brenda Nelson; Ginny Steel; Gavin Carter; Hartley Grace Georges; Jeb Shell; William Manning; Lester Comeaux; Catherine Shields; Margaret Davis; Larry Alston; Elizabeth McCormack; Sam Lott; Margo Nabors; Jim Thomas; Linda McCarthy; Tommy Blau; Wayne & Louise Clark; Tish Mitchell; Marilyn Gattie; NICU Babies; Blair Bullock; Charlie Reed; Elaine Parker; Carol Clackler; Jerry McCullum; Mark, Mark Jr., & Emma Dean; Cindy Deese; Betty Norton; Lisa Simison; Lisa Murphy; Felix Cirlot; Ray & Sylvia Robidoux; Jackie Ramirez; Ashley McCarthy; David Roberts; Carol Davis; Margaret Cannon; Alyssa Thornton; Willie & Peggy McDonald; Kathy Bekurs Mullins; Patricia McGowan; Dominic Anglin; Elison Adams; Braeden DeLong; Owen Erion; James England; Charlie Elliott; Lauren Sibley; Madeline Watt; Austin Reed; Edwin Booth; Joyce Ducote; Margaret Wilcox; Chad Costes; Susan Waki; Paisleigh Faith Mack; Paige Jordon; Jim Carol; Connor Weed; Joyce Zirlott; Jay Weish; Tom Murphy; Eileen Talbot; Julie Cannon; Ronnie Murf; Robyn Nelson; Pablo Cedano; Winnie Klaus; Steve Satterlee; Heather Satterlee; Patricia Narog; Edward Heigle; Margie Hannon; Msgr. Maurice Shields; Cheryl Williams; Fr. Frank Sofie; Daniel Dorriety; Rosemary Bozek; Tommy Impastato; Eugene Loeffler; Anthony Stiell; David Mabry; Matthew Baker; Dianne Scott; Charlie Alexander; Dan Morton; Donna Welch; Michael Lambert; Carol Conner; Kathy & Steve Rush; Madison Rush; Logan Rush; Patty Teofilo.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY: William Langley; James Sudduth Alexander; Ethan McCune Alexander; Michael Salter; Daniel Lowe; William Manning; Nathan Norton; Daniel Gray; Nathen Sweeny; Ian Nichols; Tom Perez; Charles Desselle; Greg Goleman.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES:	<u>7 Dec</u>	<u>8 Dec 8:30</u>	<u>8 Dec 11:00</u>
Lectors:	S. Sullivan/C. Reed.	Men	S. Watt/D. Sutherland
EM's:	J. Sommer B. Morris *Deacon	Of Saint	G. Lundy L. McNicoll *Deacon
Gift Bearers:	D. Larson/Ju. Sommer	Joseph	J. Parrillo/B. Stapleton
Altar Servers:	H. Cunill B. Cunill Josh Harvard	L. Morgan M. Winterstein C. Hay	Susie O'Connor Kamryn Mulkey Kailani Mulkey

PARISH SUPPORT: Last week collections \$5985.

St. VINCENT de PAUL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please check the school's Facebook for upcoming events.

@svsschoolmobile Twitter - @vincent_school

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve: 5pm; 7pm; 12 Midnight

Christmas Day: 9am

SAINT OF THE DAY:

St. Andrew

Andrew was Saint Peter's brother and was called with him. "As Jesus was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20). John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi, where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' They went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a). Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew. Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

First Sunday of Advent

The new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary, but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

As Blessed John Henry Newman reminded us in a homily for the Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: 'Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rm 13:11).

We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread (cf. Is 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the 'armor of light' and so seek only to do God's work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian lifestyle that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord's coming because we don't know the hour in which He will arrive (cf. Mt 24:39-44).

