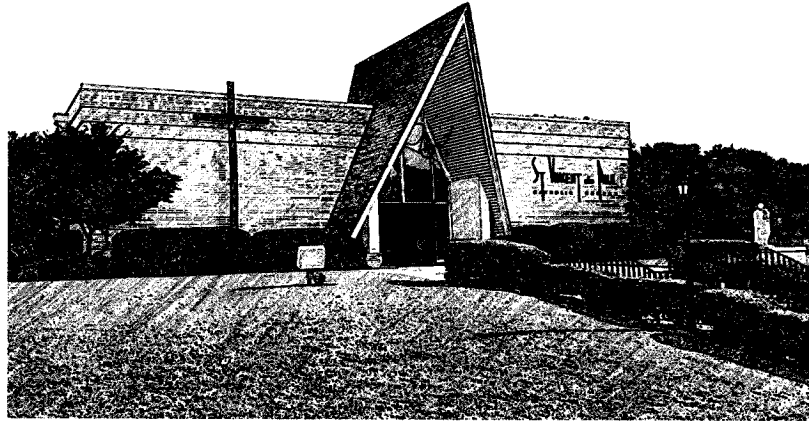


St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

1 March, 2020
First Sunday of Lent



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Pastor:

Rev. Stephen Vrazel

Deacon:

Dcn. Gary Vrazel

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.

Parish Calendar- March 1 – March 7

Sunday	Pope St. Felix III
8:00 a.m.	Rosary
8:30 a.m.	Mass (Pro Populo)
10:30 a.m.	Rosary
11:00 a.m.	Mass
Monday	St. Agnes of Prague
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
Tuesday	St. Katharine Drexel
8:00 a.m.	Confessions
8:30 a.m.	Mass (Dorothy Ann Lundy)
5:30 p.m.	Confessions
6:30 p.m.	Daughters of Mary
Wednesday	St. Casimis
8:00 a.m.	Confessions
8:30 a.m.	Mass (Hailey Trehern)
6:00 p.m.	Men of St. Joseph
6:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Thursday	St. John Joseph of the Cross
8:30 a.m.	Mass (Winnie Klaus)
6:30 p.m.	RCIA
Friday	St. Colette
8:30 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
8:30 a.m.	Mass
9:00 a.m.	Adoration
4:00 p.m.	Confessions
5:00 p.m.	Mass (CJ Costes, J.R.)

Eucharistic Adoration:

We have Eucharistic Adoration every Saturday after 8:30 a.m. Mass, and ends at 4:00 p.m. If interested in signing up, please contact Nika Marston at (251) 222-6239.

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism There is a preparation program for parents and sponsors prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please call Fr. Vrazel, 661-3908 to set up a meeting. It is a good idea to schedule the preparation program prior to the baby's birth.

Marriage Register as soon as possible. Please contact the priest at least 6 months prior to the wedding. The date is tentative until the preparation program is complete. Advent and Lent are Penitential Seasons; couples are encouraged to plan their wedding outside these seasons.

Religious Education Program

Confirmation Class Dates:

Feb 2; March 15; April 19; May 17

Please contact Deborah Stapleton @ 653-0562 for more information (after 6:00 p.m.)

Our Lady's 1st Saturdays Devotion

Please join us in observing the first Saturdays, of each month, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

We invite you to join us in fulfilling Our Lady's request. More information in the vestibule

Ministries...

First Reader- Remain in the vestibule with Father until time for you to go up before the procession to read the theme. Extraordinary Minister who helps set up, please seek sacristan help. ATTENTION: Check in 10 mins. prior to Mass.

Mar 7-Mar 8

Lectors

5:00 p.m. C. Reed; D. Sutherland

8:30 a.m. K of C

11:00 a.m. N. Marston; R. Walters

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. J.D. Dyess; C. Helton; *Deacon

8:30 a.m. K of C

11:00 a.m. J. Poiroux; G. Poiroux; *Deacon

Gift Bearers

5:00 p.m. Ushers

8:30 a.m. K of C

11:00 a.m. Ushers

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. H. Cunill; B. Cunill; Josh Harvard

8:30 a.m. L. Morgan; M. Winterstein; C. Hay

11:00 a.m. Susie O'Connor; Kamryn Mulkey; Kailani Mulkey

40 Days For Life

40 Days for Life began on Ash Wednesday and continues through April 5. Please join us in prayer at the Planned Parenthood clinic at 717 Downtowner Loop West, the last remaining abortion clinic in Mobile. We are asking people to pray and fast for an end to abortion during 40 Days for Life. Please call Fred Tiemann at 251-377-6754 or visit 40DaysForLife/Mobile for more information and to sign up to pray for one hour per week at the Planned Parenthood clinic.

Hospitality Desk: Dear visitors and new parishioners:

We are happy and excited to have you with us. We would like to remind you of our Hospitality Desk near the doors to the church. Each week, our hospitality ministers are there ready to answer any questions you have about activities and programs at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. If you are at all interested in getting involved or registering as a parishioner, please stop by the desk before or after Mass.

Please pray for those serving in the military

William Langley; James Sudduth Alexander; Ethan McCune Alexander; Michael Salter; Daniel Lowe; William Manning; Daniel Gray; Nathen Sweeny; Ian Nichols; Charles Desselle; Greg Goleman

School (SVS Spirits)



Please join us in congratulating Teacher of the Month Myra Goleman and our STAR Student of the Month Maggie Hogue. SVS is very proud of both of you!!!

Visit our site www.svdpmobile.com and check out what the school has to offer.

RCIA :

RCIA meet every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. If you are a non-baptized person or a baptized person of another Christian Church and are interested in either investigating the Catholic Church or joining us in the Faith, please come join us. Since the call to faith belongs to all Christians, if you know someone who might be interested, speak to the person and invite them to join our community. If you would like to start earlier or have any questions, please call Deacon Gary 458-3723.

KOC Council 7270:

Meet first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Casino Bus Trip will be on March 22, departing at 12:30 p.m. and returning around 7:30 p.m. Price is \$20 per person. Call (251) 666-1567 for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Meet first Tuesday of the month in the de Paul center at 5p.m. Help Line Number: 223-7947

SVDPS Food Pantry:

Food pantry is open on the second Thursday of the month from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Legion of Mary:

Meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the parish office. Please call 227-3704 for more information.

Ladies Altar Society:

Meet the first Wednesday of the month. Please call 232-3153 for more information.

Men of St. Joseph:

Meet every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Please call 227-3705 for more information.

Parish Advisory Council:

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Daughters of Mary:

Meet every Tuesday in the de Paul Center at 6:30 p.m. Please call (985) 640-0899 for more information.

St. Vincent's Scrapbooking

Enjoy scrapbooking and fellowship together, once a month. Contact Michelle Parrillo for more information. 251-656-5249 Cost is \$15.

Feb 16 Collection \$ 6,218

In Memorium: Please continue to pray for the deceased.

Lenten Gumbo:

Please join us for gumbo with the KoC this Friday 6 March at 5:30 p.m.

Please Pray For The Sick:

Edna Coker; Roxann Dyes; Melanie King; Jack Boyle; Belle Crenshaw; Richard Smith III; Bob Hamilton; Alba Driscoll; Mary Galle; Carol Hovell; Tony Laster; Lanie Andress; 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 Blaul; 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 Talbott; 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; Frank and Jackie Brown; Tommy Impastato; Eugene Loeffler; Anthony Stiel; 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

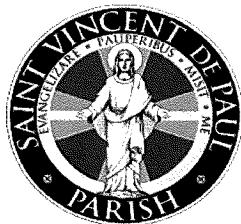
PARISH & SCHOOL CONTACTS:

Altar Servers	Parish Office	661-3908
Booster Club	Michelle Parrillo	656-5249
Choir – Saturday	Dwayne Scott	490-7450
Choir – 8:30	Jeanne Hay	653-9301
Choir – 11:00	Gail Vrazel	661-9785
Cursillo/Ultreya	Bill & M.J. Cotton	957-2816
Cub Scouts	Trina Imsand	508-4166
Day Care	Anitra Smith	666-4066
E-Mail Prayer Chain	Linda Hurm	490-2988
Eucharistic Adoration	Nita Marston	222-6239
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Jean Cotton	957-2816
Hospitality	Charmaine Helton	458-1502
Knights of Columbus	Jack Huff	709-4434
Ladies Altar Society	Edna Coker	232-3153
Lectors	Mary Jean Cotton	957-2816
Legion of Mary	Cecilia Wilson	227-3704
Liturgy Committee	Mary Jean Cotton	957-2816
McKimmie Place	Deacon Steve	510-4801
Men of St. Joseph	Tom Wilson	227-3705
Parish Council	Robert Vance	604-1562
Parish Garden	Agnes Harmon	307-6185
PTO	Lindsay Langley	786-0754
Prayer Line	Jo Cain	865-4298
	Marie White	653-6865
RCIA	Gary Vrazel	661-9785
Religious Ed (CCD)	Deborah Stapleton	653-0562
Respect Life Coordinator	Fred Tiemann	377-6754
Rosary Group	Therese Fulford	583-4460
Sanctuary Cleaners	Linda Hurm	490-2988
School Advisory Comm.	Joey Imsand	610-1320
Social Events	Parish Office	661-3908
St. Vincent de Paul Society Helpline		223-7947
Young Adults for Christ	Lori Simmons	605-9194

SAINT OF THE DAY:
Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Many centuries ago, in the desert lands of North Africa now populated by tens of millions of adherents of Islam, there was once a thriving Catholic Church. Dioceses, bishops, theologians, shrines, cemeteries, schools, monasteries, convents, and saints filled the towns hugging the southern coast of the Mediterranean Sea. This vibrant Catholicism gave birth to, and was inspired by, the witness of numerous martyrs. Many of their names are known, among them today's saints, Felicity and Perpetua. Few documents in Church history can match the raw power of the first person, eye-witness account of the assassination of Perpetua and Felicity. It is a gripping narrative filled with breathtaking dramatic detail. The reader can almost feel the hot sand of the arena warming his feet, a gentle sea breeze caressing his cheeks, and the sweaty crowd pressing against him, their roar for bloodlust echoing through the dry air.

Vivia Perpetua, twenty-two years old, was married, a noblewoman, and a new mother whose baby was still nursing. Her pagan father begged his favorite daughter to renounce her Christian faith, but to no avail. Felicity was a slave and pregnant when jailed. She gave birth a few days before her martyrdom. Her child would be raised by Christian women in Carthage. Perpetua, in her own hand, recorded the events leading up to her martyrdom, while an eyewitness to her death completed the text later. When they were first thrown into the arena, Perpetua and Felicity were attacked by a rabid heifer, which was chosen because it shared the same sex as its victims. The young women were grievously injured by the mad cow and then momentarily removed from the arena until gladiators were brought in to conclude the day's spectacle. The executioners carried out their duties quickly, though Perpetua had to guide the gladiator's sword to her throat after he first painfully struck a bone instead of a vein. As the narration states, "Perhaps such a woman...could not die unless she herself had willed it." Perpetua and Felicity were imprisoned together, suffered together, and died together in 203 A.D. in Carthage, North Africa, along with other noble martyrs whose names are preserved in the same account. The vivid description of their deaths was so moving that it was faithfully preserved down through the centuries and has come to us largely intact. Apart from the New Testament writings themselves, only a few documents from the early Church pre-date the passion narrative of Perpetua and Felicity. It invites tantalizing reflection on how many similar firsthand testimonies of famous martyrdoms from the early Church have been lost! What could have been known about the final moments of Saints Paul, Cecilia, Irenaeus, and so many apostles and popes! The accounts of Perpetua, Felicity, and Polycarp must fire our imagination for all the rest.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH INVITES YOU TO TAKE PART IN OUR LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

We are offering a free online study in conjunction with Word On Fire Ministries. Bishop Robert Barron has offered free access to his Lenten Challenge 2020 along with access to a library of Catholic Studies during the season of Lent.

The Legion of Mary has arranged for all parishioners to access this program through "Flocknote". This application will allow everyone who has an e-mail account or cell phone to access our study at any time that is convenient. You will receive a daily message challenging you to a deeper faith experience as we prepare for Easter. You will also be able to share comments and questions within this study group.

To sign up from your cellphone: Text **lentstudy** to **84576**. Once you send this, Flocknote will text you back a confirmation message AND another message with a link you will need to click on in order to complete the process. When you are asked which group you would like to join, select **Bible Study**. You will also be asked to go to your e-mail to click on a button to verify your enrollment.

If you cannot complete this on your phone, please enter online to: **flocknote.com/vincentdepaul** and complete the same process.

You will begin receiving your daily messages on March 3. Please note that all of your information is confidential, and that you can update your information or unsubscribe at any time!

If you have any questions or help with this process, please contact Roxy Walters at 251-402-2769 or email roxwalt@gmail.com.

**"During this Lent,
let us all ask the Lord:
Make our hearts like yours."**

-Pope Francis

