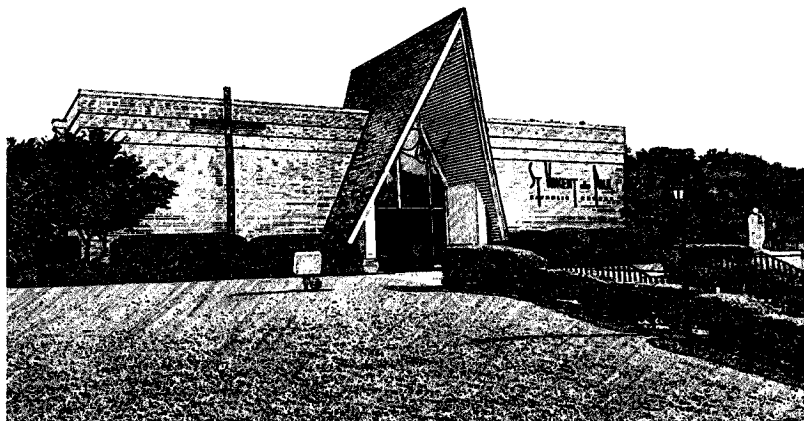


St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

29 March, 2020
Fifth 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 29 – April 4

Sunday	St. Acacia of Antioch
8:00 a.m.	Rosary
8:30 a.m.	Mass (Pro Populo)
10:30 a.m.	Rosary
11:00 a.m.	Mass
Monday	St. Clinius of Pontecorvo
8:30 a.m.	Mass (Russ Simons)
Tuesday	St. Benjamin the Deacon
8:00 a.m.	Confessions
8:30 a.m.	Mass
5:30 p.m.	Confessions
6:30 p.m.	Daughters of Mary
Wednesday	St. Mary of Egypt
8:00 a.m.	Confessions
8:30 a.m.	Mass
6:00 p.m.	Men of St. Joseph
6:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Thursday	St. Francis of Paola
8:30 a.m.	Mass (Helen Higdon)
6:30 p.m.	RCIA
Friday	Pope St. Sixtus I
8:30 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	St. Benedict the Black
8:30 a.m.	Mass
9:00 a.m.	Adoration
4:00 p.m.	Confessions
5:00 p.m.	Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: SUSPENDED UNTIL 3 APRIL

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: SUSPENDED UNTIL 3 APRIL

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 29-April 4: DAILY MASS WILL BE LIVE ON FACEBOOK.

Lectors

5:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Gift Bearers

5:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Good Friday Passion Service: April 10 @ 3:00 p.m.

As Christ died on the Cross at 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday, we will celebrate the Passion Service at the same time. Adoration of the Cross will follow. Vespers at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday: Confession 4:00 p.m.; Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Mass 8:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.

Penance Service: Cancelled

Holy Week Ministers:

There will be a sign-up sheet at the hospitality desk for Holy Week. Please consider volunteering.

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. 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 Kelly Callen and our STAR Student of the Month Tucker Desselle. SVS is very proud of both of you!!!

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. If you would like to start earlier or have any questions, please call Deacon Gary 458-3723.

Easter Egg Hunt:

There will be an Easter Egg hunt after 8:30 Mass on Easter Sunday.

KOC Council 7270:

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

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 \$ 2,770

In Memorium: Please pray for the repose of the souls of the departed.

Lenten Gumbo:

Cancelled

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 Howell; 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 Blauel; 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 Jordan; 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 Stiell; David Mabry; Matthew Baker; Dianne Scott; Charlie Alexander; Dan Morton; Donna Welch; Michael Lambert; Carol Conner; Kathy & Steve Rush; Madison Rush; Logan Rush; Paty 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:
St. Francis of Paola

Today's saint, the Padre Pio of his era, was a holy priest from the town of Paola in Southern Italy. He was baptized as Francis by his parents when, after several years of going childless, they made a vow to name any son that might be born to them in the great saint's honor. Francis of Paola was worthy of his namesake from a young age. His parents took special care with his religious upbringing and brought him to live for a year in a Franciscan monastery when Francis was just twelve. The young Francis developed a reputation for holiness even when just a teen. By the age of twenty, he was living as a hermit in a cave near Paola when local men began to gather around him. The fledgling group adopted the name "the Hermits of Brother Francis of Assisi," a name later changed to the "Friars Minims," or just "Minims," meaning "less" or "least," in the spirit of the "Lesser Brothers" that Saint Francis of Assisi had founded centuries before.

Francis of Paola desired humility, nothingness, and total self-abnegation. He and his followers lived a perpetual Lent. All Minims took the usual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. But they also took a special fourth vow to abstain, all year long and all life long, from meat, eggs, butter, cheese, milk, and all dairy products. The fast never ended. This was mortification on a heroic scale. Vegetarianism, much less veganism, was a step beyond what Saint Francis of Assisi himself had lived. Saint Francis of Assisi ate what was set before him, including meat. He even criticized vegetarian brothers who refused meat, saying such an attitude questioned God's providence and presumed the future, when a brother should instead gratefully accept whatever dish was placed on the table before him.

Francis of Paola's veganism was united to a strict moral code, a community life built around the Sacraments, and a deep spirituality centered on Jesus Christ. To be "one with nature" does not mean to be morally ambiguous or to break with religious traditions. A diet should not be a creed. Saint Francis was organic in that he lived one with God, with nature, with his religious brothers, and with the Church. Francis was perennially concerned with the moral laxity of the Church of his era, and purposefully fasted and did penance in reparation for its sins. While Francis of Assisi lived austere and suffered debilitating illnesses, he was nevertheless cheerful and animated in his dealings with others. No one ever accused Francis of Paola of being ebullient. He was a fully armed spiritual warrior of the most serious kind. He went barefoot. He slept on a board. He was a desert father without the sand.

After a very long life of fasting, prayer, miracle working, and wide fame for his holiness even outside of Italy, Saint Francis of Paola died in France. His order had by then spread throughout Europe. His reputation for sanctity was such that he was canonized in 1519, only twelve years after his death. In 1562, Protestant Calvinists in France unsealed his tomb and found his body incorrupt. They then desecrated the saint, scattering his remains. Saint Francis of Paola, after sacrificing everything in life, was not allowed to rest in peace. He was strewn about like trash, ensuring that only trace relics of him remained. Saint Francis wanted to be treated as the least of all. His desire was fulfilled both in life and in death.

