March 19th, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent
“God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit”
— Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Rev. Jeremy Dixon, C.M., Pastor

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Mass Schedule

Weekends:
Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
September through May: 8:30 p.m.

Weekdays:
Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday mornings after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
As we reach the mid-point of Lent, I hope that your Lenten practices are still going strong. It is definitely a challenge to keep up the discipline, whether it may be some type of sacrifice or a commitment to pray or do acts of charity and kindness. In order to help you continue to grow as disciples, this week I offer another method of prayer to help you with the “5 Minute Prayer Challenge.”

The daily reflection, or examen, is deeply rooted in Catholic spirituality. While it has been popularized by St. Ignatius and the Jesuits, it dates back to St. Paul and the early Church. While an “examination of conscience” can carry negative overtones, the examen reflects on both the negative and positive events of daily life. There are multiple “ways” to do this self-reflection, and this is just one of them. Some people add or subtract to it, but what I offer today is basic. As you use this prayer, change or adapt it to fit your circumstances.

**Step 1: Find a quiet place.** Granted, this can be the biggest challenge to prayer, but find a quiet spot where you can relax and not be disturbed for a few minutes. Having a set time or a set place to do this daily can help bring more regularity to prayer.

**Step 2: Place yourself in God’s presence.** Take a moment to breathe and remind yourself of God’s loving presence with you. Think about your favorite image of Jesus and imagine that he is sitting with you during the reflection.

**Step 3: Gratitude.** Take some time to think about the things and people in your life for which you are thankful, and thank God.

**Step 4: Review.** Think about the past day since you last did this reflection. Where was God present to me today? Or not? How was I present to God? What was God trying to say in the happenings of my life today? What emotions, feelings, worries, concerns and/or joys do I bring to Christ?

**Step 5: Sorrow/Forgiveness.** Reflect on what you regret. How was I not present to God? Did I turn down an invitation to deeper love? For what do I ask forgiveness?

**Step 6: Grace.** Finally, ask God for the grace to see more clearly tomorrow, to follow a little better than I did today. Ask God for assistance in those areas that you most need help.

This method of prayer can take as long or as little as you have, but try not to rush through it. It is a wonderful prayer to become more self-aware and more aware of God’s love and presence in your life. In time, it leads us to become more conscious of how God is inviting us to life and love in the everyday events of life. (If you prefer electronics, the Irish Jesuits have placed a version of the examen online. Just click when you are ready for the next step. You can find it at [http://www.sacredspace.ie/](http://www.sacredspace.ie/))

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*From the Pastor*

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

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THIRD WEEK OF LENT
ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY

We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

SOCKS APPEAL
St. Vincent Lenten Outreach Initiative

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YOUR help is needed to support our outreach efforts. We are collecting the following items at weekend Masses during Lent:

**Hygiene (travel sized)**
- shampoo
- deodorant
- toothpaste
- shaving cream
- razors
- soap

Catholic-Lutheran Myth Busters
Saturday, April 1, 9:30 a.m. – Noon
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1218 W. Addison
Do Catholics worship the Virgin Mary and the saints? Do Lutherans think of the Eucharist as “just” bread and wine? Do Catholics not value the Bible as much as Protestants? Do Lutherans think they emphasize grace while Catholics talk about works? Whether you are in a Lutheran-Catholic marriage, the child of a Lutheran and Catholic, whether you are committed to ecumenism or simply curious, join us for a lively inquiry. To register or for more information, email office@htchicago.org.

Divided We Fall: Are Justice, Healing, and Reconciliation Possible in Trump’s America?
Program & Discussion
Wednesday, April 5
6:00 – 9:00 pm
Catholic Theological Union
5416 S Cornell Ave, Chicago.
Free and open to the public.

Bryan Massingale, Fordham University
Linda Sarsour, Arab-American Association of New York
Carmen Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union
Rabbi Michael Zedek, Congregation Emmanuel
Ahmed Rehab, Council of American-Islamic Relations

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RCIA FOCUS
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) dates back to the earliest centuries of the Church. For the first 300 years of Christianity adults received the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation and communion) at the Easter Vigil. This year St. Vincent de Paul Parish has a wonderful group of adults who have been preparing all year to become Catholics at the Easter Vigil.

Name - Aldo Leal
Are you a candidate or a catechumen? Candidate
Where did you grow up? Barranquilla / Colombia
Where did you go to school? College in Bogota / Graduate School at Notre Dame
What is your profession? I am a Finance Manager at Ecolab.
What has been the most interesting/startling/exciting/surprising thing you’ve learned or experienced in RCIA so far? Both learning more about the Church / the rituals / the reason why we do things in the Church and studying with other candidates / learning about their faith journey.
What will your Confirmation name be? St. Francis of Assisi

Name - Cameron Williams
Are you a candidate or a catechumen? Candidate
Where did you grow up? Winnetka, IL
Where did you go to school? Colgate University (Undergrad), Kellogg School of Management (Grad School)
What is your profession? Consultant
What has been the most interesting/startling/exciting/surprising thing you’ve learned or experienced in RCIA so far? Discussing mercy and faith and how to keep both a strong part of your everyday life.
What will your Confirmation name be? Cameron Bruck Barbara Williams

Name - Dena Moritz
Are you a candidate or a catechumen? Catechumen
Where did you grow up? Michigan/South Florida
Where did you go to school? Broward College
What is your profession? Senior Global Credit Analyst, AR and Risk Reporting
What has been the most interesting/startling/exciting/surprising thing you’ve learned or experienced in RCIA so far? How much I did not know about the Catholic Church.
What will your Confirmation name be? St. Therese of Lisieux

CONFIRMATION CLASS STARTING SOON...
Adult Confirmation classes at St. Vincent de Paul are held in conjunction with Catholic Campus Ministry at DePaul University. Classes will begin on April 2nd and are held Sunday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the 8:30 PM student Mass. For more information or to register please email Rebecca at rcarmic1@depaul.edu.
Lent: Pray

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Lent: Serve

Sign Up for a Shift at stvdep.org

Become a Soup Kitchen Volunteer

Weekday and Saturday Morning Shifts Available.
Volunteers arrive by 8:00 a.m. on the day they are scheduled to prepare and serve meals. Shifts conclude by 10:15 a.m.

More Information? Contact Katie Leifer

Join the Night Ministry

St. Vincent is forming a team of volunteers to join the Night Ministry - a Chicago-based organization that works to provide services to members of our community struggling with poverty or homelessness.

More Information? Contact Bob Beatty

Lent: Share

Support St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Become a registered parishioner and sign up to give weekly or monthly through our online giving program. It's simple, and we need everyone’s support.
ON TRIPTYCHS, AND TRIPTYCH-LY SPEAKING
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One of my assignments in a calligraphy class I took back in the mid-1990’s was to create a triptych, which I see dictionary.com defines now as “a set of three panels or compartments side by side, bearing pictures, carvings, or the like.” I didn’t exactly realize that definition, but my finished work was good enough to go on display for several days in a Newberry Library calligraphic art show. More important, it was good enough for my daughter to want it for display in her apartment, where it still hangs today. Hand-lettered in gouache and gold leaf, my triptych puts three Scripture passages adjacent to each other on a single piece of vellum: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel,” and “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani? (My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”), and “Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised.”

I haven’t thought about that piece for a long time, but it comes to mind as I consider today’s readings. Priests often tell us that when we read Scripture, we should focus on a single line or two. Often this hasn’t worked for me, as I need the whole passage to put the single lines in context. Sometimes I even need to go beyond the chosen reading for context. But occasionally a single line does stick out, and today, one line from each of the three readings speaks to me, both individually, and then triptych-ly, I guess. From the Book of Exodus with the Israelites grumbling against Moses in the desert, we hear, “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” From Paul’s letter to the Romans with the Apostle boasting in the hope of God’s glory, we hear, “…hope does not disappoint,” and from the Gospel with the woman at the well telling Jesus that the Messiah is coming, we hear Jesus say, “I am he, the one speaking with you.”

Can I get a witness? I don’t know about you, but there have been plenty of times I’ve been in that Hey-God-are-you-out-there? state of mind. And my circumstances have been much less troublesome than being out in the desert with no water to drink and no place to call home. At the same time, I’ve had my share of hopeful moments that didn’t disappoint. Sometimes in response to prayers as heavy as “Lord, please help me to care well for my father” years ago, to “God, please guide the surgeon’s hands during my friend Bill’s surgery” all the way to “Jesus, thanks for helping to make a good dinner for my family tonight.” Because of the faith my parents gave me, I know that even when my head is telling me that it can’t possibly be, my heart tells me instead that Jesus is in my corner, and always will be. If prayer is what the nuns told me it was way back at St. Anthony’s—just talking with God—then I know who I’m speaking with when I go to my knees at night. “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” “…hope does not disappoint.” “I am he, the one speaking with you.” Another triptych in the making. And triptych-ly speaking, Amen, Amen, Amen.

JOB OPPORTUNITY
St. Vincent de Paul is hiring a part-time (18-20 hours per week), Administrative Assistant, to attend to the day-to-day needs of Parish Center operations. He or she greets and accommodates visitors, parishioners and other guests while fostering a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Our small office environment necessitates flexibility and initiative to meet fluctuating needs.

More Information? Contact Susan Smith at ssmit1@depaual.edu.
Giving - 2 Ways to Give

**via TEXT...**
- Text “GIVE” to: 773-382-8583
- Follow Instructions
- Enter Name/CC#
- Done!

**via Website...**
- Scan QR code (left) OR
- visit: tinyurl.com/zo4h85v
- Create NEW Profile
- Enter Name/CC#
- Done!

Weekly Intentions

Please Pray for Our Sick

Let us remember all those here at St. Vincent's who are ill and in need of God’s healing and comfort. Let us keep them in our prayers and thoughts, especially: Colleen Burdick, Bob & Pat Dillon, Gloria Flores, John Garrity, Mary Greconia, Leticia Gross, Laura Linke, Matt Merkt, Bill Powers, James Schwake, Joyce Walsh

Please contact Susan in the parish center to inform us of those who are ill and in need of God’s healing and comfort. They will be listed in our bulletin for 3 weeks. Renewal of prayers for the sick is available by contacting Susan at that time. If you would like Fr. Jeremy to visit the person (if they live in the area), please let Susan know when you add them to the list.

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Did you know that you can request a weekday mass to be offered on behalf of your loved ones? Sometimes people will have a mass intention reserved on the anniversary of a death or to support someone during a difficult time. Other times mass is offered in thanksgiving on a birthday or other celebration. If you would like to reserve a mass intention, please contact the parish office at 773-325-8610 or simply stop by.

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### Week at a Glance

**Sunday, March 19th**

Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dosen; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dosen

AA Meeting ......................................... 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

*NO CCM Mass at 8:30 p.m.*

**Monday, March 20th**

SPRED .................................................. 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room

AA Meeting ......................................... 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Baptism Prep. .............................................. 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Church

**Tuesday, March 21st**

TnT ...................................................... 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Soup Kitchen

Prayer Yoga ............................................. 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

**Wednesday, March 22nd**

AA Meeting ......................................... 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Choir ..................................................... 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room

**Thursday, March 23rd**

**Friday, March 24th**

Stations of the Cross ........................................ 7:00 p.m. - Church

**Saturday, March 25th**

**Sunday, March 26th**

Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Piletic; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Benson; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon

AA Meeting ......................................... 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

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### Financial Stewardship

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Thank you for your continued support of St. Vincent de Paul Parish! Your commitment is vital to the fiscal health of our parish. For convenient regular giving, please consider using our auto-withdrawal program.

Welcome

Thank you for being with us! As you explore what St. Vincent has to offer, please reach out to a member of the parish staff to answer any questions. We ask all who regularly join us in worship to take a moment to register. This enables us to serve you better and takes only a couple of minutes. Registration can be done through the Parish Center during business hours, or by visiting us online at www.stvdep.org.

We welcome the following new parishioners: Coryn FitzGerald, Mary Frawley, Joanne Corboy

Private Prayer in the Church

Please enter the church for private prayer through the Parish Center during regular office hours.

Finding Your Way Around

Restrooms: Public restrooms are located in the narthex and Parish Center.

Parish Center: Staff offices and meeting rooms are housed in the Parish Center. Reception for the public is located in this building to the west of the church and to the back of the courtyard.

Ozanam Room: Large meeting and activity room on the first floor at the end of the hall.

Portail Room: Small conference room on the first floor across from the kitchen.

St. Vincent Room: Large meeting room on the lower level.

Narthex: Large gathering space at the main doors on Webster Avenue.

Sacristy: Room behind the west side of the sanctuary where the priest and other ministers prepare for liturgical celebrations. This room also provides access to the Parish Center.

Parking

Parking behind the church is permitted for parishioners and guests attending weekend masses and Friday wedding rehearsals. Parking at all other times without a proper DePaul University faculty/staff permit is subject to towing at the owner’s expense. Public parking is available at the university garage on Sheffield (at Fullerton). Tickets may be validated for two hours at Parish Center reception, or at the Sheffield entrance of the church while attending church-related functions.

Disabled Access

A ramped sidewalk can be accessed from the rear parking lot to the Sheffield entrance of the church. There is a ramped access to the sacristy from the church which allows access to the Parish Center through the sacristy. All of our restrooms are disabled-accessible.

Mother Seton Food Pantry and Sandwich Kitchen

Located in the northeast corner of the church (access is through the wheelchair door on Sheffield), the sandwich kitchen is open Monday-Saturday from 8:15-10 a.m. The food pantry is open on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering in the morning, or to help prepare meals or shop, please contact Katie Leifer at ktleifer@gmail.com.

Office for the Protection of Children and Youth

If you would like more information about child protection in the Archdiocese of Chicago or how to report abuse, please go to http://www.archchicago.org/departments/protection/protection.shtm or call Jan Slattery, OPCY Director at 312-534-5319.
Celebration of the Sacraments at St. Vincent de Paul

Reconciliation: Saturday afternoon, 4:15-4:50 p.m. in the Reconciliation Room near the Sheffield entrance of the church, or you can call the Parish Center for an appointment.

Baptism: Please contact Mary Carter (mcarte40@depaul.edu) to register for baptism preparation, which is held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. You may attend this class either before or after your child is born.

Following preparation and after your child is born, please contact Mary to schedule a baptism date. Baptisms are celebrated on the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m., or during a regular Sunday mass. Baptism is not celebrated during the Lenten season.

Marriage: Please contact Mary Carter (mcarte40@depaul.edu) to discuss the celebration of the sacrament of marriage here at St. Vincent’s, or concerning preparation and prenuptial matters if you are getting married in another parish.

For baptized Catholics, marriage is celebrated within a Catholic church in the presence of a priest or deacon. The first item to plan is the selection of a date and time. In order to celebrate the sacrament of marriage at St. Vincent, one needs to be a registered parishioner for four months prior to discussion of a date. DePaul University faculty, staff, students, and alumni may also celebrate their wedding here, provided either the bride, groom, or both are Roman Catholic, registered at a parish and actively engaged in the practice of their faith. Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays only, at 1:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. Weddings are not celebrated during the season of Lent, Holy Week or Saturdays that conflict with other parish events. Mary confirms all reservations for weddings.

Confirmation: Catholic adults who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to contact Rebecca at rcarmic1@depaul.edu. Confirmation preparation sessions are held Sunday evenings February through May.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program that prepares adults to receive the sacrament(s) of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Preparation sessions are held on Sundays from 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and celebration of the sacraments occurs at the Easter Vigil mass. To learn more or to enroll in the RCIA program, please contact Rebecca at rcarmic1@depaul.edu.

Priesthood/Religious Life: Please contact Fr. Jim Osendorf, CM, by phone at 1-800-depaul-1 or by email at vocations@vincentian.org to learn more about becoming a priest or religious.

Anointing of the Sick: To receive the sacrament of anointing of the sick, please contact the Parish Center.
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Bulletin Information

Articles must be submitted on or before Noon on Saturday for the next weekend's bulletin (earlier, for the week preceding holidays). Microsoft Word attachments are requested. Please make sure to indicate which Sunday date(s) you're requesting.

Please DO NOT send content by email, but instead use the Bulletin Submission Form: stvdep.org/weekly-bulletin/

Contact Christopher Allen, Communications Director (callen53@depaul.edu) with any questions.

Website Information

Submit news items, photos, PDF announcements, and similar promotional materials at any time to Christopher Allen. Please include your complete contact information in case we need to reach you.