April 9th, 2017

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

“Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation”

— Philippians 2:6-11

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 begin Holy Week today, it is a time to take stock of our Lenten prayer. Have I made time each day to pray? Have I done well on the 5-Minute Challenge to pray every day? Perhaps you started Lent off great, taking time to pray and growing in faith. Then, as the weeks went on, it became harder. The initial feeling of closeness to God wasn’t as strong; the peace you felt faded away.

If that’s where you are today, you’re in good company! The majority of saints, and even Jesus himself, struggled in prayer. They all had times where they couldn’t sense God’s presence or response to their prayer. As a spiritual director once told me, “The only time you won’t struggle in prayer is when you’re dead. If you’re alive, you struggle.”

In today’s world, we often want instant satisfaction. We don’t like to wait for anything. We get frustrated when someone doesn’t immediately return an email or text. Prayer can be the same. We put in the time to pray, to be open to God’s presence and will in our lives, and sometimes don’t appear to get a response. It may feel that God isn’t there. Jesus himself shouted from the cross, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

Everyone who prays goes through “dry spots,” times when it doesn’t appear that prayer is worth the time. St. John of the Cross called it “the dark night of the soul.” St. Therese of Lisieux claimed that she often was in darkness. Mother Teresa, the greatest modern-day saint, went years without consolation in her prayer, saying “the silence and the emptiness is so great that I look and do not see, listen and do not hear.” St. Vincent de Paul went through a period in his early priesthood in which he had difficulty finding God’s presence. The Psalms in the Old Testament are filled with prayers of frustration and lamentation.

Yet with each of these saints, they still had faith that God was there and listening. Even with the challenges they faced, they continued to pray and serve. Their challenges can inspire us to persevere with prayer, even when it seems dark and that God’s will is unknowable and God’s presence is gone. Because while Jesus wondered aloud where God was on the cross, the Gospel of Luke tells us that he also said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Keeping up with prayer is a life-long challenge, and we are invited to continue to have faith that God is there and guiding us, even when we are not sure. As the sun is still present even when it is cloudy, God is still there even when we can’t sense him.

The famous spiritual writer and Trappist monk Thomas Merton wrote one of my favorite prayers. If you’re struggling in prayer, make it your own today: “My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”
News & Notes

PALM SUNDAY
ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join your fellow parishioners for St Vincent de Paul Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday April 15th, 2017 9.00 – 11.00 am on the front lawn (Parish Center in case of rain). Egg Hunt by age group, face painting, crafts and more. Children of all ages and families are welcome.

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, April 9th
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am; 10:00 am; 5:00 pm

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 13th - Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30 pm
Good Friday, April 14th - Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm
Passion of the Lord 7:30 pm
Holy Saturday, April 15th - Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday*, April 16th
8:00 am          10:00 am          12:00 noon

*Evening Masses are not celebrated on Easter.
News & Notes

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 - Bob Ireland
Are you a candidate or a catechumen? Catechumen
Where did you grow up? Sandusky, MI
Where did you go to school? Michigan State University
What is your profession? Software sales
What has been the most interesting/startling/exciting/surprising thing you’ve learned or experienced in RCIA so far? The devotion to mercy and justice for the poor has been very exciting to be exposed to.
What will your Confirmation name be? I’m not taking one

Name - Jose Jonathan Irizarry
Are you a candidate or a catechumen? Candidate
Where did you grow up? Chicago, IL
Where did you go to school? DePaul University
What is your profession? Account Manager for an event marketing company
What has been the most interesting/startling/exciting/surprising thing you’ve learned or experienced in RCIA so far? Growing and feeling closer to God
What will your Confirmation name be? Michael

Taizé Pilgrimage of Trust
Have you enjoyed the contemplative nature of the liturgy at the 5pm Sunday Mass?
Are you interested in learning more about the Taizé community?
On Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30pm we will be hosting an information session that will briefly outline the origins of the community, the spirit of the prayers, and will discuss the option for traveling to St. Louis, Missouri to take part in this year’s Pilgrimage of Trust with some of the brothers from the Taizé community.

Contact Suzanne Gillen at sgillen1@depaul.edu for more information.
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
- Complete Fields
- 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, Mike Cameron, Almeda Colby, Bob & Pat Dillon, Virginia Dillon, Gloria Flores, John Garrity, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Laura Linke, Matt Merkt, Bill Powers, Marie Rowe, 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, April 9th | Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Udovic; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dosen; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon  
Outreach Commission  
Small Faith Group  
AA Meeting  | 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room |
| Monday, April 10th | SPRED 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room  
AA Meeting 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room  
Worship Commission 7:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m. - Portail Room |
| Tuesday, April 11th | Small Faith Group 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. - Portail Room |
| Wednesday, April 12th | 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, April 13th | Holy Thursday Service with Adoration until 11pm 7:00 p.m. - Church |
| Friday, April 14th | Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m. - Church  
Good Friday Liturgy 7:30 p.m. - Church  
* Office closes at Noon |
| Saturday, April 15th | Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. - Front Lawn/Ozanam Room  
Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. - Church  
* Office closes at Noon |
| Sunday, April 16th | Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Benson; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 12:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Piletic  
* Office closed |

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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.

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.

**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.

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**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.

- The Word Among Us (wau.org) is a Catholic devotional magazine with the daily mass readings and reflections.
- The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (tinyurl.com/pn4a7w1) has a daily video reflection on the mass readings, as well as the readings.
- Busted Halo (bustedhalo.com) is an “online magazine for spiritual seekers” sponsored by the Paulist Fathers. It includes reflections on faith and popular culture.
- DePaul University (http://tinyurl.com/mxkaue6) has a variety of resources regarding St. Vincent de Paul and the Vincentian Family, including articles, podcasts and interviews, in “All Things Vincentian.”
- Saint of the Day (http://tinyurl.com/l57vch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.

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