April 23rd, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter

“God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven”
— 1 Peter 1:3-9

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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
Frequently over the past several years, we have spoken about the need for mercy in our lives. Taking our cue from Pope Francis, we have spoken about how generous and merciful God is to us. In fact, mercy is the defining attribute of who God is. God shows power through mercy. God shows justice through mercy. God shows wisdom through mercy.

The message of the mercy of God is the key to understanding Jesus. As Pope Francis said, Jesus is the face of God’s mercy. Through his actions, his teachings and his words, Jesus shows us how truly loving and merciful God is.

This is the Good News that we are invited to share! Last year, we celebrated the Jubilee Year of Mercy, and I went to World Youth Day in Poland, whose theme was “Blessed are the merciful.” But mercy is not contained in one year. Because the year of mercy is over does not mean that we stop being merciful and compassionate! Mercy matters in our broken world, and our world can be transformed through this message of mercy.

Today as we continue our Easter celebration, we also celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Instituted by Pope John Paul II, in this mass we celebrate in a special way what we really celebrate every weekend: the great and infinite mercy of God. It can be difficult for us to believe this. How can God really love me when I have done X, Y or Z? How can God really love me because I am A, B or C? The message we hear today is that God loves YOU personally, infinitely and unconditionally. It is we who set conditions on God’s love and mercy, not God. We are invited to accept that into our hearts, just as Thomas accepted Jesus into his heart when he appeared to him after the Resurrection. And when we receive that loving mercy of God for ourselves, what else can we do but share it with those around us? Let us give thanks to God for this great gift that can free us from shame and doubt and allow us to live in the light and glory of the Risen Lord.

From the Pastor

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THANK YOU!
Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.

Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

If you or your family are looking for a different kind of experience this summer, something which is not simply a holiday or a retreat, then the Mariapolis might be just for you.

What is a Mariapolis? It is an event organized by the Focolare Movement and is characteristic of its spirit: it is a gathering of people of all ages and backgrounds, spending a few days together putting into practice the Gospel message of love. The main guideline for these gatherings, which take place in many countries throughout the world, is the ‘Golden Rule’, which invites us to do to others what we would like to be done to us. It is an opportunity to experience what happens in a day-to-day life when we have listening, gift of self and sharing as the basis for our relationships.

The Midwest Mariapolis is taking place from June 29 to July 3 in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Registration is now open, visit midwestmariapolis.org. Registration deadline is May 4.

For more information, email midwest@focolare.us

Would you consider doing something Heroic in 2017? Like running a marathon?

Join our Mercy Home for Boys & Girls’ Heroes marathon team and transform the life of an abused child in Chicago.

Sign up here: https://www.mercyhome.org/bank-america-chicago-marathon/ or contact Jim Harding at jimhar@mercyhome.org or 312-738-9381.
GATHERED IN MY NAME:
ECUMENISM IN THE WORLD CHURCH
April 28-30

This April—500 years after Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to a church door in Germany—speakers from India, Nigeria, Brazil, Chile & Sri Lanka gather in Chicago to discuss the Reformation’s lingering repercussions & efforts to bridge ecclesial divides in the global South.

Paul D. Murray
Member, Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCI C III)
Editor, Receptive Ecumenism and the Call to Catholic Learning

Sr. Teresa Okure, SHCJ
Member & sole representative of Catholic Africa,
Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCI C III)

Rev. Felix Wilfred
President, Concilium: International Journal of Theology
Chief editor, International Journal of Asian Christianity

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You are cordially invited to join us for a concert celebrating ‘The Blind Tradition’

Centuries of the gift of music and blind musicians in Ireland

on Saturday, April 29th at 7.00pm
in St. Vincent’s Church, De Paul University

Starring award winning singer-songwriter Liam Lawton
and
Amy Campbell
16 year old blind piper from Ireland

RSVP by April 26th to pmcdevi1@depaul.edu #312-757-9961

A project supported by ChildVision

This concert is being held in support of Ireland’s only education centre for blind children
Poor Didymus, dubbed “Doubting Thomas” for the ages. We hear his story again in today’s Gospel from the evangelist John. On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples—all except Didymus—have locked themselves away for fear of the Jews when Jesus shows up in their company and shows them his hands and his side. The disciples subsequently tell Didymus that they've seen the Lord, but he doubts the news. “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side,” he says, “I will not believe.” A week later the disciples are again locked away, but this time, Thomas is with them when Jesus, showing up once more, turns directly to Thomas and invites him to garner the evidence he said he needed. Thomas no longer needs it, though, prompting Jesus to say, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

OK, but what about the rest of the disciples? In Mark’s account of the Resurrection, after Jesus shows himself to Mary Magdalene, “…she went and told his companions who were mourning and weeping. When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.” I don’t know about you, but this sounds pretty Thomas-esque to me. And in John’s account, what about Peter and John specifically? When Mary tells them that the tomb is empty, “Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first…” Don’t both scenarios align with the locked room? In all three instances, friends tell friends news of Jesus, and each time, the person or persons on the receiving end needs something more. Doubting Thomas? Doubting everybody, if you ask me. And present company included...

Yeah. I’ve had my share of doubting moments. Perhaps you can relate. You know. It goes something like Jesus, if you do this and this and this for me, I’ll know you’re with me. And when these things don’t happen: Christ, where are you? What I need to understand and embrace more fully, though, is that he is always with me, just like he said he would be. In that locked room, Jesus is there with his friends whether he’s in the room or not. As one of my old reference books puts it, “Jesus is just as much with the disciples when they do not perceive his presence as he is when they do perceive his presence.” It’s telling I think—and in a very good way—that Jesus repeats himself three times in this week’s Gospel text. “Peace be with you,” he says when he first appears in the locked room. “Peace be with you,” he says again as he breathes on his friends extending the Spirit to forgive or retain sins. “Peace be with you,” he says again when he shows up a week later, this time with Thomas in the mix. How fitting that on Divine Mercy Sunday, our Risen Lord greets us—but more so gifts us—with his peace. On this day, and on all days: “Jesus, I trust in you.”
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.

Mass Offerings

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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

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| **Sunday, April 23rd**| Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Udovic; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Benson;  
|                       | 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 12:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon             |
|                       | Community Life ......................... 3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - Portail Room  
|                       | AA Meeting ......................... 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room |
| **Monday, April 24th**| 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, April 25th**|                                                                 |
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| **Thursday, April 27th** |                                                                 |
| **Friday, April 28th** |                                                                 |
| **Saturday, April 29th** |                                                                 |
| **Sunday, April 30th**| Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Kelly; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Benson;  
|                       | 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Benson; 12:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Udovic           |
|                       | AA Meeting .......................... 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room |

### 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: Jack & Janine Quinn, Emily Seyforth, Katie DiPiero, Christopher Yankton, Karina Vazquez, Hoa & Bryan Yankton, Catherine Theofel, Paul Boccellari

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.