August 6th, 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord
“The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth”
— Psalm 97

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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
Many times in our life, we may feel out of place. In our families, in our communities, or even in our Church, we may feel that we don’t quite belong. We focus on the differences; we focus on our failings; we compare ourselves to others and say to ourselves, “I don’t really belong here.” We really don’t trust in the words of Jesus that we are truly loved by God despite our failings and lack of faith.

Yet God never gives up on us. If we reflect, each of us has had moments of grace in life. Moments where God’s presence has been so strong that we cannot deny it. Moments where we felt great peace and knew that we belonged, that God was with us and loved us.

The same thing happened to Jesus, Peter, James and John in the Gospel story we hear today. They had a moment of grace, a moment when God’s presence changed them forever. Jesus is transfigured, is changed, before their eyes. The disciples catch a fleeting glimpse of his glory, of what will be when Jesus completes his mission. They hear the voice of God coming from the clouds, telling them to listen. And just as quickly as it had started, the vision was over. Jesus touched them and they continued on their way -- on the way to Jerusalem and the cross.

We often hear that this moment of grace was meant to strengthen the disciples for what was to come: the suffering and death of Jesus. But there is also a deeper message here that can also strengthen us on our faith journeys.

When Jesus is transfigured before them, “his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” In many ways, this brings us back to what Jesus himself had said a little earlier in the Gospel, that “the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” (Mt 13:43) Jesus is the righteous one who shines like the sun. Yet when Jesus was speaking earlier to his disciples, he called them to the same, to be righteous and shine like the sun. We too can be transfigured/transformed by our faith in God, by our trust in God, just like Jesus was.

At our baptism, each one of us wore clothes “white as light” as we received the great gift of God’s grace and life. Each one of us truly became God’s beloved son or daughter. The Christian life is aimed to follow Jesus: through his suffering and death to his glory. Each of us has been given a share in God’s life and grace through our baptism. Each of us has been given a special dignity and mission through our baptism. Each of us are called to imitate Christ’s love and justice in order to share in his glory. (Continued page 3...)
Our baptism transforms/transfigures us into God’s beloved. The voice from the clouds that speaks to Jesus speaks to each one of us as well: “You are my beloved son or daughter with whom I am well pleased.” If we truly believe this, our lives truly are transfigured/transformed. This is the meaning of conversion. It is not just a turning away from sin, but it is a turning towards God, and embracing our status as God’s beloved children. Because if we can believe and trust in God’s promises of unconditional love for each one of us, we can draw closer to God out of love, not fear. We seek to serve our brothers and sisters in need. We seek to give thanks and praise to God for his many gifts.

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**WEEK 4**
August 7, 7:00pm socializing begins at 6:30pm
Orso’s Rooftop: 1401 N Wells St

**The Four Commandments of Contentment** - Reflect on how to find true happiness
Fr. Ed Shea

For more information on all of the Theology on Tap events taking place across the Archdiocese of Chicago and at the Lincoln Park and Old Town parishes this summer, please visit [www.totchicago.org](http://www.totchicago.org) or contact Suzanne Gillen at 773.325.8612 or sgillen1@depaul.edu
Stewardship of Giving

Who’s In The Pews?
Profiles of neighbors serving our mission to Worship/Serve/Share

Names: Othello Anderson
How long have you been attending Mass at St. Vincent de Paul? Almost four years
Where did you grow up?
Greenwood, Mississippi
Where did you go to school?
B.F.A. and M.F.A. from the School of the Art Institute and the University of Chicago
What do you do professionally (or what types of volunteer or other activities do you participate in)?
Usher at the 10:00 am Mass
Co-owner of Grace Moore Associates, Inc. Corporate Concert Producers

What do you like most about St. Vincent de Paul parish?
I like the openeness and generosity of my fellow parishioners, and the dedication to helping the needy. I love the music at the 10:00am Mass. The quality and variety of music is outstanding.

The family catechetical model of religious education is used at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. The Church believes that parents are the primary teachers of their children, and the parish is there to assist and help them. In this format, parents and children meet together for class from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM once per month. Families utilize take-home materials to continue the lessons at home. Weekly mass attendance is also considered part of the class.

The religious education fee is $150 per child. Due to space limitations classes will be capped at 10 students. Two years of religious education classes are required for a child to receive his/her First Communion. For more information or to register email Rebecca at rcarmicy@depaul.edu Registrations must be received by September 1st.
When writing last Sunday’s column about Christ’s parable discourse in Matthew, I asked you to fast forward to the last Sunday in November to consider the Judgement of the Nations passage that we’ll read to celebrate the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe on 11/26. It’s funny. I’ve been writing this column for a long time, and I don’t recall ever asking readers to make such temporal leap. But now, just a week later, I find myself asking you to take a giant step backwards to 3/12, the Second Sunday of Lent. I ask this because that’s when we read Matthew’s account of the Transfiguration, and today we read again it to celebrate the actual Feast Day commemorating the event. This same-reading thing seemed odd to me until I came upon an interesting fact while researching the column: this is the first time in eleven years that the feast falls on a Sunday, hence the back-to-back (sort of) readings.

Per Matthew, “Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shown like the sun and his clothes became white as light,” and as I explained back then, we know the story. And since we often think of Lent as a journey and of how we strive to arrive at the empty tomb changed, I focused months ago on Matthew’s narrative text near the end of the reading (after the three disciples see the transfigured Christ speaking with Moses and Elijah, and after they hear a voice coming from the cloud, and after they fall to the ground afraid, and after Jesus reassures them) because that’s when the evangelist tells us the disciples raised their eyes and “they saw no one else but Jesus alone.” “What better way for all of us to change,” I concluded, than to look beyond life’s distractions and see no one else but Jesus alone.

Today, though, a different line impacts me. Today, it’s that voice from the cloud: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Actually, it’s that, and the first line from today’s Letter of Saint Peter (“...We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty”) and the sign some atheist group posted in my hometown’s park several Easters ago (“Nobody died for our sins; Jesus Christ is a myth”). So...it boils down to this: is Jesus the Son of God? Look, I don’t know about a lot of things. But I believe in my deepest heart that Jesus is the Christ, and I believe his Transfiguration gives us a peek at life beyond the grave: brilliant, glorious, radiant light. The kind of light, perhaps, that the people with near death/post death experiences always talk about. Faith is a journey. A temporal leap of sorts. Well, that voice in the cloud saying “This is my Son...listen to him” comes to us every day in a sense, and every day it’s on us to listen, believe, respond. That we all might be transfigured a bit, all along the way.
English Literacy Volunteers Needed

Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center! By volunteering as an English Literacy Tutor for just 90 minutes per week, you can empower an adult learner to achieve their personal and professional goals.

Tutoring is scheduled at your convenience, between 9am and 8pm, Monday through Thursday. All tutoring occurs at our Center, located at 3540 S. Hermitage Ave. in Chicago. Prospective tutors must be native or near native English speakers. Knowledge of another language is not required; all instruction is in English. You will receive 13 hours of training before working with an assigned learner.

Our next New Tutor Training Workshop will be **Friday, October 21 from 6pm to 9pm and Saturday, October 22 from 9am to 4pm.** Prospective tutors must attend both days, and advance registration is required. A one-time $25 fee helps cover the cost of materials and workshop refreshments. The remaining 3 hours of training are scheduled individually during regular Center hours. At the end of all training, you will receive a 6-month membership and a certificate through ProLiteracy.

Contact us for registration information today! Email us at info@aquinasliteracycenter.org or call (773) 927-0512 and ask for Kristen. Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As the Latin Mass evolved in the first six centuries, the central prayer, what the Greeks called the anaphora and what we call today the Eucharistic Prayer, became fairly standard almost everywhere in the West. What we now know as Eucharistic Prayer I, or the Roman Canon, took a complex shape, not at all like the fluid and spontaneous prayers of early Rome, but a real architectural construction.

The city of Rome was in a terrible condition by that time, and a series of political upheavals, plagues, and invasions swept through. Not much of Rome's former glory was left standing, except for the pope, who became a symbol of protection and hope for the troubled people. The structures of law and administration were swept away in the chaos, and the pope gradually assumed authority to restore and maintain order. Soon, the public liturgy of Rome became the city's only glory. The Romans wanted "good order" not only in their civic life, but in their liturgy. One prayer, increasingly enriched by music (although when the music tried to overtake the prayer the pope banned musical instruments entirely) was the new rule of the day. That one prayer, the Roman Canon, was solidly in place when the first liturgical book we have, the Leonine Sacramentary of 540, was compiled.

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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: Juliette Calabrese, Almeda Colby, Bob & Pat Dillon, Virginia Dillon, John Garrity, Richard Gray, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Anita Italiane Hearl, Laura Linke, David Neesan, Bill Powers, Terri Proietto, James Schwake, Joyce Walsh

Please contact Ginny 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 Ginny at that time. If you would like Fr. Jeremy to visit the person (if they live in the area), please let Ginny 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.
Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 6th
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Rybolt; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dosen; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. McDevitt; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Udovic
Al-Anon Meeting ............................................. 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Monday, August 7th
AA Meeting ..................................................... 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Tuesday, August 8th

Wednesday, August 9th
AA Meeting ..................................................... 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Thursday, August 10th

Friday, August 11th

Saturday, August 12th

Sunday, August 13th
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Borlik; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Robinson; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Rybolt; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Udovic
Al-Anon Meeting ............................................. 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Financial Stewardship

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*Includes DePaul University Monthly Stewardship

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.

We Welcome the Following New Parishioners: Philipp Tan, Albert & Erin Avila, Steve Petrak, Frances Rueve, Todd Siedlecki

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 Phil at outreach@stvdep.org.

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 rarmac1@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 rarmac1@depaul.edu.

**First Communion**: Requires two years of classes. Family catechesis (classes for parents and children) religious education classes are held monthly. Please contact Rebecca at rarmac1@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 (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/pn4aywl) 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/l3y7ch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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