September 3rd, 2017

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God”

— Psalm 63

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
Recently I participated in “Nightfever” at the cathedral. About every two months, they open the doors until midnight, inviting people to come inside to pray or light a candle for peace. Priests are available for “confession, counseling or conversation.” As I was there, a young man sat down and started asking me some tough questions: Why do good people suffer? How can a God of love do this to people? He had some real questions of faith, and struggled with it. Often, he couldn’t get past the suffering that is present in our world. We prayed, and I encouraged him to continue asking the questions, and to invite him to seek to find where God was present in his life.

The questions of this young man are questions that all of us face. Why am I, or my loved one, suffering so much? At one time or another, all people of faith must struggle with this question. We think about it when our spouse gets sick. We think about it when a child dies. We think about it when our family struggles to pay the bills. We think about it when sadness and tragedy strike, when natural disasters kill and injure.

If God is all-good and all-powerful, why do such terrible things happen? Why doesn’t God answer my prayers? There are no easy answers to these questions, and the people who ask them deserve more than simple platitudes or pithy sayings. Our readings today speak about this suffering and how somehow it is part of God’s plan for salvation and new life. Jeremiah is blunt as always, saying, “You duped me, Lord...All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.” Does this mean that God tricks us somehow? The answer is a strong NO. What Jeremiah is trying to get across is that being faithful to the Lord brings challenge and suffering, that it would be easier to not be a disciple. However, for disciples, the love of God “becomes like fire burning in my heart” that must be proclaimed. In the midst of suffering, God is there. The suffering is not diminished or taken away, but it leads to new life.

This is the cornerstone of our faith. The cross was necessary for our salvation. It is only through Jesus’ sacrifice and death that resurrection could occur. There never would have been an Easter Sunday of great joy without the pain and sorrow of Good Friday. This is what Jesus tells the disciples, and what Peter cannot understand. We must be willing to die to ourselves in order to rise to the new life that Christ offers.

As we unite ourselves more and more to Jesus, we have faith that there is light even in our darkest hour. We have faith that the end result will be something positive, something holy. When we can trust in God’s enduring goodness and love for us, even in the midst of pain and suffering and death, our faith is deepened and strengthened. We are called today to trust in God’s love and goodness for us. We are called to seek Jesus and ask him to show us the way to follow him. Because Jesus knows the challenges of our lives; he lived them all himself. Let us give of ourselves as he did. Let us trust in God’s power to transform our sufferings and our lives as he did.

From the Pastor

F. Jerry Donor "en"
THE GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY HUNGER WALK

Saturday, September 16th

Join us in the fight against hunger by participating in the 32nd Annual Hunger Walk, organized by The Greater Chicago Food Depository. This event will take place on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Jackson Park from 8:30-11:30AM.

Here are a few ways you can make a difference:

Register to walk with our parish team
Visit classy.org/team/127905 and complete the online registration form. Note: Our parish food pantry will receive monetary credit ($12) for each participant that registers and walks with our team. This year’s goal is 100 walkers!

Make a donation
We need your help! Our food pantry serves nearly 100 individuals a month. And to reach our needed goal of $8,000, we are counting on everyone to be as generous as possible this year. Visit our fundraising page today to make your donation: tinyurl.com/ybnvdzyw!

Spread awareness online
Are you a social media aficionado? If so, we need your help to get the word out about this cause. Share status updates from the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Chicago Facebook page leading up to the day of the walk. Then, make sure to share your thoughts and photos the day of the walk – using the hashtags #No1ShouldGoHungry and #SVdPChicago.

We sincerely hope you will give your time and/or treasure to this important cause! If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Bob Beatty at rbeatty1@depaul.edu or 773-325-8610. Thank you for your generosity!
Stewardship of Giving

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

Names: Fran Jacobs

How long have you been attending Mass at St. Vincent de Paul?
Since 2002

Where did you grow up?
Chicago’s Northwest side - Jefferson Park

Where did you go to school?
CPS education; private college

What do you do professionally (or what types of volunteer or other activities do you participate in)?
I am an editor and proofreader for legal and educational publications.

What do you like most about St. Vincent de Paul parish?
The music, the people, and especially the choir.

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 rarmac1@depaul.edu Registrations must be received by September 1st.
Interested in becoming Catholic? Maybe you are interested in being Baptized? Want to receive First Communion and/or Confirmation in the Catholic Church? Perhaps you grew up in another faith tradition but would now like to join the Catholic Church the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you! If you are interested in joining RCIA this year please contact Rebecca at rebeccarmichael@gmail.com by October 1st.

**Thursday**

**September 14, 2017**

**6:30 pm Start**

**Lincoln Park**

**Corner of La Salle and Stockton**

To sign up: Oktoberfest5krun.org

- All Participants Receive:
  - $10 Voucher to Fleet Feet
  - 5K t-shirt [Early Bird Discount until August 15!](https://example.com)
  - Logo Cup [Sign up NOW at Oktoberfest5krun.org](https://example.com)

Contact: Toni Dunning at toni.dunning@gmail.com

- Das Boot Award to:
  - First Place Woman
  - First Place Man
  - Best Dressed!

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**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 3, 2017**
Join us for
a Special Evening
in the Vincentians’
Private Garden

Saturday, September 9, 2017
Six to Eight o’clock in the evening
Garden entrance on Kenmore

A limited number of reservations available at a
minimum suggested donation of $50 per
person for adult beverages and appetizers

All proceeds will benefit
St. Vincent de Paul Hunger Walk team
2017 Honoree: Brother Leo

Make your reservation in the Parish Office
Cash or checks payable to
St. Vincent de Paul Parish
King Solomon’s Singers

This year’s performance, titled “Makin’ It!” explores what a Renaissance composer’s gotta do to get by in a rough business. There are patrons to butter up, monarchs to convince you should keep your head, and potential employers to wow. Among the practically motivated masterpieces presented are virtuosic 8-part compositions by Schütz and Monteverdi, one of Byrd’s great gems, and a door-blower-offer by Heinrich Isaac.

Saturday, September 9 at 8:00 p.m.

Admission is free, with a suggested donation of $20 for adults, $10 for students.
Daughters of Charity
Online Discernment Retreat

Discerning Your Call: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

September 17-21, 2017

Meet with a Sister on your time through Skype or by phone to reflect and ask questions about religious life. Walk through tools and materials and pray with your retreat director.

Contact: Sister Virginia Ann Brooks, D.C.
sistervirginiaann.brooks@doc.org | 812-963-7559

Register: called2.be/ORSSept17

Open to single Catholic women ages 18-40
TnT (Twenties ’n Thirties) heads to Homeslice Wheelhouse on Sunday, September 10th after the 5:00PM Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Socializing starts around 6:00PM.
ON GOD BEING GOD, AND PETER BEING PETER
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“God is God, and I am not.” I read it on a t-shirt once. I think I heard it in a song. And I saw something online about Beyonce putting the words on the screen behind her at some performance last year. I can't say without taking the time to look it up where the phrase originated but it doesn’t really matter. At least not for my purposes today. Today I just want to celebrate the phrase in the context of the conversation between Jesus and Peter in today’s Gospel. Poor Peter. On the discipleship trails, seems like he’s always taking one step forward and two steps back. At the same time, if we’re looking for a regular guy to emulate on our way to sainthood, we’ve got a good choice in the fisherman.

Of course, that whole three-time-denial thing is still ahead of Peter, although Jesus does for the first time today tell his disciples of the brutal reality awaiting him in Jerusalem. But we'll get to that prediction later. First let’s look at the past few weeks to follow Peter’s ups-and-downs. Remember Jesus walking on water toward the disciples? “Lord, if it is you,” Peter says, “command me to come to you on the water.” Jesus does. Peter does. But only for a few steps because when he sees the strength of the storm he grows frightened and begins to sink, crying out to Jesus to save him. Jesus does, but then chides Peter for his lack of faith. One step forward/two steps back.

Just the same, Peter was the only disciple to get out of the boat. Which is perhaps why he is given the chance to redeem himself (figure of speech…) in last week’s Gospel when Jesus asks his disciples about his true identity. “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets,” they answer, but when Jesus presses the question seeking a more personal response, only Peter answers, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” This prompts Jesus to say, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church…” Yea, Peter!

But today, when Jesus makes his first of three Passion predictions, Peter steps back again. “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you” (the “God forbid” interpretation always strikes me as humorous). “Get behind me, Satan!” Jesus answers. “You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” And there you have it. God is God, and I am not. Or, God is God, and Peter is not. Or God is God, and all of us are not. Nonetheless, Peter—like you and me—is a work in progress, and I think one step forward/two steps back over the long haul will still get us where we want to go. “…Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,” Paul tells the Romans, “that you may discern what is the will of God...” And further, per Paul, the will of God is “what is good and pleasing and perfect.” Human being-wise, it’s impossible, but Peter shows us the way: One step forward/ two steps back.
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: Juliette Calabrese, Almeda Colby, Bob & Pat Dillon, Virginia Dillon, John Garrity, Richard Gray, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Mary Hayes, Anita Italiane Hearl, Laura Linke, David Neesan, 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, September 3rd**
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Benson; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. McDevitt; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:30 p.m. Mass - Fr. Borlik

Al-Anon Meeting ......................... 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Mass (Catholic Campus Ministry) ......................... 8:30 p.m. - Church

**Monday, September 4th**
Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 5th**

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

**Thursday, September 7th**

**Friday, September 8th**

**Saturday, September 9th**
Garden Party ............................. 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - Vincentians' Private Garden King Solomon's Singers ........................................ 8:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. - Church

**Sunday, September 10th**
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Croak; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. McDevitt; 8:30 p.m. Mass - Fr. McDevitt

Religious Education ...... 11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. - Portail & Ozanam Room
Al-Anon Meeting ......................... 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Mass (Catholic Campus Ministry) ......................... 8:30 p.m. - Church

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**Financial Stewardship**

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*Includes DePaul University Monthly Stewardship
*Includes Sheffield Garden Walk $19,923

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:** Abigail Flory

**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.
- **Sacristory:** 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.

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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.

**First Communion:** Requires two years of classes. Family catechesis (classes for parents and children) religious education classes are held monthly. 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 (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.
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The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (tinyurl.com/pn4a7wl) has a daily video reflection on the mass readings, as well as the readings
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.”
Busted Halo (bustedhalo.com) is an “online magazine for spiritual seekers” sponsored by the Paulist Fathers. It includes reflections on faith and popular culture.
Saint of the Day (http://tinyurl.com/l5yvch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.

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