October 29th, 2017

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers”
— 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

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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 of us, either personally or by knowing another person, are aware of people who have difficulty breathing. Whether it is someone with asthma or some type of lung disease, we understand or know how hard it is for that person. In a similar way, we can think that we also have spiritual lungs, the parts that allow the Spirit of God to work in us and give life to us. In the Gospel, Jesus clearly identifies what these two “lungs” are: the love of God and love of neighbor, prayer and service. If these two lungs don’t work together, we have a less than ideal spiritual existence.

Perhaps surprising to some, Jesus links these two together. He says that love of God and love of neighbor have equal weight in our lives. We can’t have one without the other, which is clearly attested to in the Scriptures and in our tradition. But what happens when one of these lungs is not working as well as the other?

If we love our neighbor, but do not love God or work on our relationship with God, all our good works, all our charitable efforts eventually are simply a form of secular humanism: “I try to be nice to others and do good things, but I don’t need to pray or go to church.” The problem is that without God, there is nothing that we can fall back on. When things don’t work out, when problems aren’t solved by our efforts, there is disappointment and frustration that cannot be fixed. The person needs strength from faith and the love of God to persevere and to provide a continued spark in their good works. As Christians, we love our neighbor because we love God. God is the reason why we love and serve others. As Mother Teresa said, “God does not demand that I be successful. God demands that I be faithful.”

In the same way, if we claim we love God, but do not love or serve our neighbor, we are not whole. This person’s faith becomes completely personal and egotistical: “I pray and go to Mass, but I’m tired of hearing about all this social justice stuff in church.” If we truly love God and love Jesus, we will want to spread that love to others. We can’t hold it in for ourselves alone. As St. John says, “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates his brother or sister, that one is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother or sister whom they have seen cannot love God whom they have not seen. This is the commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother and sister.”

This commandment of Jesus we hear today comes to us from the end of his earthly ministry, in his arguments with the Jewish hierarchy of the day. In many ways, Jesus is summing up his entire message and mission: we must love God and love our neighbors without bounds. This is a great insight into Jesus’ mission and the mission of the Church. The entire law, the entire Church is based upon love. But this isn’t simply a touchy-feely type of love; the love Jesus speaks of demands action, it demands faithfulness to God and to our neighbors. As Christians, we combine private prayer and morality with a sense of justice. We can’t choose one over the other; both are necessary to breathe in the Spirit of God.
2018 Parish Offertory Program

Our mission depends on the generous support of all our parishioners.

Please take a moment to discern your participation in our 2018 Parish Offertory Program.

Please drop the form below in the collection basket, or kindly return it to parish reception.

If you have already turned in your form, THANK YOU!

Confidentiality is foremost regarding the finances of our parishioners.
This commitment is for planning purposes only and will not be shared.

MY 2018 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

In thanksgiving for God’s blessings in my life, and to grow in relationship with God in the coming year, I/we intend our gift of treasure to be:

$___________/week  OR  $___________/month

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St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Pray : Serve : Share

SETON SOUP KITCHEN

Vincentian Mission Sunday

The Seton Sandwich Window began in 1980 from the front of the parish center. Since then, the generosity of many people has allowed us to expand the menu and serve guests six days per week. Now we serve over 31,000 meals per year.

The second weekend of every Month will be Vincentian Mission Sunday. We ask that you bring donations to church with you. You can give it to an usher, put it on the altar, or take your donation to the parish office.

This November we are asking for donations of Hats and Gloves.

Thank you for your continued support of our Vincentian mission to serve our sisters and brothers in need.

PLEASE JOIN US for St. Clement’s 8th Annual Fair Trade Market

The Human Concerns Commission is hosting St. Clement’s 8th Annual Fair Trade Market on Sunday, November 5th from 9am-1pm in Fireside Hall, located in the St. Clement School at 2524 N. Orchard Street.

The Fair Trade Market will feature over 20 fair trade vendors who work with marginalized artisans and farmers from around the world. Fair Trade is an alternative business model that guarantees 1) workers receive fair wages for their work, 2) workers work in safe working conditions, 3) the environment is protected during the production process, and 4) there is no child labor. This year’s vendors will be offering fair trade products including jewelry, accessories, ornaments, home décor, wine, coffee, and olive oil.

Purchasing fair trade products is an easy way to make a positive impact in the lives of workers around the world! We hope you will join us to get an early start on your holiday shopping while helping to improve the lives of producers and artisans around the world!
Welcome to the Little Sisters of the Poor!
We welcome back the Little Sisters of the Poor this weekend to our parish. Each year, they ask for our assistance in helping them in their service for the elderly poor in our neighborhood. Today’s second collection will be to benefit their works.

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

Name: Jonathan Huisel

How long have you been attending Mass at St. Vincent de Paul?
I have been attending for three years now.

Where did you grow up?
Gurnee, Illinois

Where did you go to school?
I went to school at the College of Wooster (in Ohio) where I majored in Business Economics and was a member of the baseball team.

What do you do professionally (or what types of volunteer or other activities do you participate in)?
I am a Senior FP&A Analyst for W.W. Grainger and I am the head coach for the sophomore baseball team at Carmel Catholic High School in Mundelein, Illinois.

What do you like most about St. Vincent de Paul parish?
The community and the parishioners are what make St. Vincent de Paul so special to me. I have never met a group of people who care so passionately about their mission and always find a fun and entertaining way to practice their faith! I will never forget the first time I went to Mass and was informed by Father Jeremy that Wednesday night was "Stump the Priest Night" at a local neighborhood bar!
Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, and Bishop Wayne Miller of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will lead an ecumenical prayer service on Tuesday, October 31, at 7 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral.

During the service they will renew the covenant between the two local churches, originally signed by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin and Bishop Sherman Hicks in 1989. All Archdiocesan priests, synod pastors and deacons, parishioners, employees, and supporters are invited to attend this historic occasion of recommitment to common prayer and witness for unity as Christians.

To help with planning, please register for the ecumenical prayer service and reception to follow at http://bit.ly/2glKvke.

More information can be found on the renewal website: renewingcovenant.com, or please contact the Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs at 312.534.5325.
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week we have in All Souls' Day a commemoration that is linked to the Halloween customs. The big-spending sugar shock holiday is a long way removed from Thursday's grateful remembrance of the souls who are hidden from our sight, but alive to Christ. Old pagan superstitions might find us holding our breath when going by the graveyard, whereas others might actually go to the cemetery to tend the family graves, to share good food, and remember dear ones. Nowhere does a culture embrace this day as fully as in Mexico. The "Day of the Dead" is a national holiday that unfolds over three full days.

For three thousand years, the indigenous people of Mexico have been mocking death in an annual festival, and the invading Spaniards were shocked at the spectacle. To the Aztecs, life was a dream, and death was the entry into full life. Skulls were thus a symbol of joy and release from life's sorrows. The missionaries found all this a bit creepy, but they moved the three-day feast from August to synchronize it with the Christian calendar. So today, graves are decorated, altars are built in the home to honor the family dead, children feast on candy skulls, and people dress up in elaborate skeleton outfits. The devout spend hours in the cemetery, and there is a lively sense of the communion of saints, the living and the dead.

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Social Justice Presentation

Archbishop Oscar Romero: Both Just and Holy

An Evening Talk with Fr. Ron Hicks
Saturday, November 4th | 6:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Church
Wine & Cheese Reception

Can you serve both your country and God? Some people would say that you have to choose one or the other. However, Romero gives us a powerful example of how to BOTH work tirelessly for justice in his country of El Salvador AND also serve God and His Church with faithfulness and holiness. Father Hicks will illustrate how God called this humble man, Oscar Romero, to become the voice of the poor and the marginalized without counting the price which was his martyrdom. Join us for some food and fellowship.
TOLTON
From Slave to Priest

The Archdiocese of Chicago is proud to host the premiere of this production starring Andrae Goodnight

Sunday, November 5
4 p.m.

DuSable Museum of African American History
740 East 56th Place
Chicago, IL 60637

General Admission: $35
VIP Ticket: $45

Tolton: From Slave to Priest is an exciting new multimedia theater production based on the true story of Father Augustus Tolton, the first African American Catholic priest. Audiences will be riveted by Father Tolton’s dramatic escape from slavery, encouraged by his struggle against prejudice, and transformed by his message of reconciliation and hope; one that has put him on the path to potential sainthood.

For more information or to register, please visit bci.archchicago.org/tolton or contact Annemarie Silvera at 312.534.5296 or asilvera@archchicago.org.
What’s up with the Pharisees and Sadducees? These guys try and try and try to trip up Jesus—to catch him in his speech—but they just can’t get it right. They’re trying to trip him up, of course, because they’re tired of being the target of his parables. They’re tired of being indicted time and time again by an unschooled, wandering preacher. From Nazareth, no less. And Jesus is unrelenting. In the parable of the two sons who were asked by their father to work in the vineyard, Jesus tells the religious elite, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you…” In the parable of the tenants in the vineyard, Jesus tell them, “...the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” And in the parable of the wedding feast, after implying that they are like the invited guests who decide they have better things to do, or who come to the feast improperly attired, Jesus simply says, “Many are invited, but few are chosen.”

These elders are a patient folk, though. They bide their time. But their trouble is that they violate in perpetuity the maxim that prosecutors cling to on those lawyer shows on TV: Never ask a question unless you already know the answer. In their defense, they probably think they know the answer, but each time, they forget who they’re dealing with. Remember last week? “Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone’s opinion, for you do not regard a person’s status. Tell us then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” Oh, please... And preceding today’s Gospel in Matthew, the Sadducees set up an elaborate scenario about a man who marries a woman and dies, and each of his seven brothers marry her and die in turn, and they want to know at the resurrection (which they don’t even believe in), “whose wife will she be?” C’mon. Really?

By comparison, today’s challenge is easy. “When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” All the better to violate the least, I suppose. Ultimately, these holier-than-thou types are gunning to invalidate Christ’s authority. But it won’t be today as Jesus again out-wits them. “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment,” he answers, connecting all the way back to Deuteronomy 6:5. Then he connects back to Leviticus 19:18, adding, “The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” before concluding, “The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” Got questions? Jesus has answers. And the Pharisees and Sadducees are probably wishing they’d have watched more of those lawyer shows on TV.
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, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Mary Hayes, Patty Hayes, Anita Italiane Hearl, Laura Linke, Sue Michalak, 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, October 29th**
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. McDevitt; 8:30 p.m. Campus Ministry Student Mass - Fr. Borlik
Spanish Mass .................................................. 11:30 a.m. - Church
RCIA .................................................. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Al-Anon Meeting ........................................... 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

**Monday, October 30th**
AA Meeting ........................................... 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
SPRED .................................................. 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room

**Tuesday, October 31st**
Knights of Columbus ......................... 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room

**Wednesday, November 1st**
All Saint’s Day Masses ..................... 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. - Church
AA Meeting ........................................... 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Choir Practice ....................................... 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room

**Thursday, November 2nd**
Community Life Meeting ......................... 6:30 p.m. - Portail Room

**Friday, November 3rd**

**Saturday, November 4th**
Vincentian Women – Toiletry Kit Assembly ... 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Ozanam and Portail Rooms

**Sunday, November 5th**
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Udovic; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. McDevitt; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:30 p.m. Campus Ministry Student Mass - Fr. Robinson
RCIA .................................................. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Al-Anon Meeting ........................................... 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

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**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.

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:
Sarah Healy, Patrick Lopez

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, O PY 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.