July 16th, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“My word will achieve the end for which it was sent”
— Isaiah 55:10-11

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
How often do we really listen to someone? Many of us are very good at “selective hearing.” For example, while we do something else, we listen to the TV or music. But most of the time, we don’t really listen. We may hear it, but we don’t listen. Or when someone is talking to us, we may hear, but we don’t really listen. And sometimes we are the same when it comes to listening to God or to the Church. We may hear, but we don’t listen, we don’t take to heart what is being said. Even God becomes another voice that we tune out.

Yet God still continues to speak to us, to invite us to truly listen. Sometimes we hear, but don’t understand. St. Francis of Assisi, when praying in the ruins of the chapel of San Damiano, heard a voice tell him, “Francis, repair my house.” He believed that God was calling him to rebuild the little chapel. Francis heard, but did not understand. What God was calling him to was to rebuild the Church of God on earth, not just a small chapel in Italy.

Like St. Francis, we too are called to rebuild the Church, to make the Word of God come alive in our time. The Word of God is the most powerful force on earth. As Isaiah the prophet wrote in our first reading, “Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.” God’s Word is fruitful, it renews and brings life.

And this again is what Jesus is trying to tell us in the parable of the sower. The Word of God is the seed, given to everyone and everything. If God is the sower, then he sends his Word to all parts, to all people, to good and bad alike. Unfortunately, some people make a choice not to truly hear the Word and let it grow in their hearts. They allow anxiety or challenges or temptation to stop its growth.

Many times, we hear the words or parables of Jesus so often that we don’t listen to what it is truly saying to us. We are called today to allow the Word of God to take root in our hearts and minds. We are called to take stock of how receptive we are to God’s Word in our lives. Do I allow anxieties or challenges or temptations to limit the effectiveness of God’s Word? Or do I seek to allow God’s Word to grow in me, to prepare my heart and mind to receive his grace and blessing? Do I give thanks for the good things that God has already given me? Do I allow the Word of God to come alive, to bear fruit in my life, in my family, in our community, in our Church?

Let us pray today that we may be open to God’s loving and saving presence in our lives, that we may be open to the Word calling us to love and serve God and our neighbors, and let us truly listen to the Word of God that is sown in our hearts.
Learn it. Grow it. Serve it.

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THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join us this summer for our Theology on Tap speaker series! Our parish will be focusing on the “Learn it” track, where we will partner with parishes in our community to host exciting events that will focus on how each one of us can further develop our relationship with Jesus and deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith.

We look forward to seeing you this summer at the events below!

Jesus and the Avengers:
Superheroes, the Bible, and the Greatest Team-Up Never Told
Monday, July 17 at 7:00pm
Kelly’s Pub, 945 W. Webster Ave., Chicago

Scripture is supposed to be an important part of our faith-lives, but sometimes it can be hard to follow, it doesn't always make sense, and may not resonate in our lives. To help us understand scripture better, it helps to compare it to things that we do know and understand. This talk will let us examine the similarities and differences between the Sacred Word and popular fiction today.

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 or contact Suzanne Gillen at 773.325.8612 or sgillen1@depaul.edu
Volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul Parish at

SHEFFIELD MUSIC FESTIVAL
AND GARDEN WALK

Saturday, July 22nd
Sunday, July 23rd

Sign up to volunteer by logging onto the parish website at stvdep.org, or sign up in the back of church after mass in the coming weeks.

Positions include serving beer, food, working in the kitchen, and more.
Shifts are two or three hours, and there is a job for everyone.

St. Vincent de Paul Special Edition Church Tour

Can you spot the Foundlings, Sun of Splendor or Daughters of Charity? Do you know the story behind the Munich Stained Glass? Were you an extra when a Hollywood movie was filmed on location at St. Vincent de Paul Parish?

Learn about these and more at The St Vincent de Paul Special Edition Church Tour on Garden Walk Sunday July 23, 2017 after the 10:00 am Mass. We will gather at 11:15 am on the front steps of the church facing Webster Avenue to take a deeper look at our beloved patron Saint Vincent de Paul along with the history, church architecture and Vincentian art in our parish.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!
Who’s In The Pews?
Profiles of neighbors serving our mission to Worship/Serve/Share

Names: Chris Lalla and Becky Janus

How long have you been attending Mass at St. Vincent de Paul?
Chris: My friends introduced me to the church on Ash Wednesday in 2014, and I have been coming ever since!
Becky: I’ve been attending Mass at St. Vincent de Paul for about three years.

Where did you grow up?
Chris: I grew up in Orland Park, IL which is a Southwest suburb near Joliet.
Becky: I’ve lived in Chicago my entire life (with the exception of college).

Where did you go to school?
Chris: I attended the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign for my Bachelor’s and Master’s in Statistics. My parents, brother, and sister all attended the University, so I guess you can say we are an orange and blue family!

Becky: I attended the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign for my undergrad.

What do you do professionally (or what types of volunteer or other activities do you participate in)?
Chris: I am a data scientist at a large, commercial insurance company in the Chicagoland area. I work in predictive analytics to provide tools to claim adjusters and underwriters to make data-driven decisions. In my free time, I enjoy running. I have completed a marathon, half marathon, and various other races throughout Chicago. I also umpire high school baseball which is a nice change of pace to the everyday routine.

Becky: I’m currently working downtown Chicago as an actuarial consultant. Outside of work, I enjoy playing tennis, traveling, and my big project this summer is to create my first outdoor garden (growing variety of vegetables and fruits).

What do you like most about St. Vincent de Paul parish?
Chris: I love the sense of community at St. Vincent and how the parish is part of the DePaul campus. There are a lot of fun events and opportunities that St. Vincent offers, and I have always felt welcomed at any of the events I have attended.

Becky: I’ve met so many wonderful people at St. Vincent de Paul, and have enjoyed the various events and volunteer opportunities offered during the year.

** We would also like to congratulate Chris and Becky on their recent engagement! May God continue to bless your relationship as you prepare for the holy Sacrament of Marriage.**
After Jesus tells a large crowd about the sower and the seed, the disciples ask him why he speaks in parables. Christ responds, “Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted...This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see, and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says, ‘You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes...’”

Jesus then elaborates, explaining that the seed is not the Word of God per se but is—essentially—each of us (given the day). “The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no roots and lasts only for a time...The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit...” On our best days, though, we are the seed sown on rich soil, who hear the word, produce fruit, feed the Kingdom.

I’m no farmer, but I admire—and thank—the people who work the land. And I’m thinking most of these folks would look at this parable and scratch their heads. I mean, what kind of farmer sows seed on a footpath, or rocky ground, or among thorns? Certainly this is poor planning in the face of modern agriculture, but just as certainly, Jesus has a different harvest in mind. But to this end, who’s the sower, anyway? Despite his elaboration, Christ doesn’t really define the person spreading the Word. It’s Jesus himself, of course, and his ministers, deacons, priests. But it’s you and me as well. For just as we are the seed receiving the Word, we are the seed called to live the Word.

Several years ago in the Catholic New World, Cardinal George wrote that given the declining number of Mass attendees, one could argue that we don’t have a shortage of priests, but rather, of Catholics. This situation seems to have only gotten worse, perhaps prompting Bishop John Manz to say during his homily at the Chicago Association of Holy Name Societies/Mater Christi Parish Spiritual Assembly Mass that while he’s not optimistic about the future of the Church, he’s hopeful. Hopeful because hundreds of men showed up that night in the name of Jesus the Christ? As somebody online wrote about today’s Gospel, “Our seed must be sown or there will never be a crop, but by no means is the harvest all up to us. We must sow the seeds, but we must also trust that what will grow will grow and what doesn’t is out of our control.” Maybe it’s not totally on us to change the world, but a part of me keeps thinking it is. And to that end, may we never forget that on our very best days, by God, we do.
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, Mike Cameron, Almeda Colby, Bob & Pat Dillon, Virginia Dillon, Gloria Flores, John Garrity, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Anita Italiane Hearl, Richard Jaracz, Laura Linke, 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**

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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: Jim & Julie Oliver, Keelin Guerin, Kristen Larson, Erin Maguire

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.

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, 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/pn4a7wl) 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/l5yvch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.

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