December 10th, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent
“Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation”
— Psalm 85

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
Last week, I went to Mundelein Seminary for a workshop/ reflection on *Renew My Church*. With me were the pastors of the parishes in our grouping: Fr. Larry Lisowski from St. Joseph/ Immaculate Conception, Fr. Ted Lawson from St. Michael’s, Fr. Frank Latzko from St. Teresa of Avila and Fr. Francis Bitterman from St. Josaphat. (St. Josaphat recently decided to join our grouping instead of another one further north because of the many similarities they have with the parishes in our grouping.)

*Renew My Church* gives us an opportunity to spread the love of God in our community by working together with the parishes in our area. I am excited about this collaboration and envision that we can strengthen our common mission. Simply put, the old model of parish – where each parish did everything on its own and didn’t collaborate – is not working. We see fewer people at church, fewer people engaged in service, fewer resources to serve you.

We need to do better. We are called to think about church in a new way. We can no longer solely focus on “my parish” at the expense of “our Church.” Developing a new way of being Church, of living out our Gospel call to love and serve, will be challenging. Changes will be necessary because the old way isn’t working.

As a grouping, our five parishes will be asked to identify how to enhance our collective vibrancy and deepen bonds with each other to strengthen our work of making disciples. This will involve our communities together assessing our strengths, challenges, and future opportunities and evaluating how we may need to operate differently as Church to best serve our mission together. These will be challenging and exciting discussions about how we move into the future together as the Church in our local area.

St. Vincent de Paul was a man who worked for change in his world. By being creative in how to organize the People of God, he was able to usher in a dynamic mission where the poor were served, the clergy were trained and all were able to see God’s loving presence through his actions. He realized that this mission went well beyond one parish, or even one country. He wrote, “Our calling is to go, not just to one parish, not just to one diocese, but all over the world; and do what? To set people’s hearts on fire, to do what the Son of God did. He came to set the world on fire in order to inflame it with His love.”

We all share in this mission, to work together to inflame the world with God’s love. This is a time when the world desperately needs us to be beacons of hope. Let us pray this Advent for the grace and strength to draw closer to Christ, and to open our hearts to reflect on where we can work together to create a stronger Church.
Advent Reconciliation Service

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will take place on

Wednesday December 20 at 6:30 p.m.

We are doing it in collaboration with the other parishes in our Renew My Church Grouping, and it will be held at St. Teresa at Armitage and Kenmore.

The sacrament is also available on Saturday afternoons from 4:15 until 4:50, or by calling Fr. Jeremy (773-325-4155) to set up an appointment.

Low Gluten Hosts Available!

If you are allergic to wheat or have celiac disease, or have any type of gluten intolerance, we have hosts available for you!

To receive a low gluten host at mass, please come to the sacristy before mass begins, so one can be prepared for you. Then, be sure to get in the communion line to receive from the priest.

These hosts have 0.01% gluten. If you have questions, please contact Fr. Jeremy at jdixon20@depaul.edu

Mass Intentions for 2018

Did you know that you can request a mass to be offered on behalf of your loved ones? Mass intentions can be celebrated for people living or deceased. If you would like to make a special intention for mass, please stop by the parish office or call at 773-325-8610. The calendar for 2018 is now available.
St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Pray : Serve : Share

Advent Prayer Tree
What are your prayers as we prepare for the birth of Jesus? Write your prayer on an ornament and hang it on the tree in church.
This year in particular, we invite prayers for those who are on the margins and strangers in our midst as we commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Vincentian mission.

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 December we are asking for donations of hot cocoa.
Thank you for your continued support of our Vincentian mission to serve our sisters and brothers in need.
In the 4th Century, a young Christian woman made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and kept a journal of the customs and liturgies she saw there. She witnessed the Christians celebrating the birth of Christ with a midnight vigil in Bethlehem, which was followed by a torchlight procession and gathering in Jerusalem. When the Basilica of St. Mary Major was built in Rome around 430, Pope Sixtus III included a replica chapel of the Bethlehem cave where Jesus was born. Like the practice in Jerusalem had been, he instituted the celebration of a midnight Mass in this chapel.

The solemn tradition of celebrating the Lord's birth at the midnight hour has been carried on for centuries. In our modern world, however, where convenience often trumps tradition, many parishes have moved their midnight Mass to an earlier hour.

At St. Vincent de Paul, we continue the time-honored tradition of Christmas Mass at Midnight. Join us at this mystical hour when the world truly does appear to wait in stillness.
We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We visit family and friends, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and shop for gifts until we’re ready to drop.

This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Join our parish for Best Advent Ever, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during Advent. Each day, you’ll receive an email with . . .

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TO SIGN UP, VISIT
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Dear Father,

On behalf of the Aged Residents and Little Sisters here at St. Mary’s Home I want to thank you sincerely for the check of $3,093.00 which we received from the collection at St. Vincent’s recently.

Your words of encouragement and the kindness expressed is certainly more than we deserve. The Little Sisters of the Poor will always be grateful to the Vincentian Community for all that is done for us. Together we can collaborate to care for the poor in the name of Jesus with your help.

Surely the Fathers and the entire community have always been at our service in so many ways. Since all of us have the privilege of going to France for our Final Profession for the most part many of the Little Sisters have visited the places where St. Vincent de Paul rests today and the many places where the work was begun.

We certainly will always think with much gratitude of the many days, rain or shine when the Vincentian Fathers have come to our assistance. We also appreciate the collaboration we have had over the years with the Daughters of Charity. We will also be very grateful for the privilege of hosting our local celebration of the canonization of St. Jeanne Jugan in St. Vincent de Paul parish in 2009.

Please assure your parish community of our gratitude. The individual donations you included with your check will also be acknowledged through our offices. Be very sure of our gratitude and prayers for each of your intentions.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Sr. Maria Guadalupe
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Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017
Per Emerson, “There is a difference between the waiting of the prophet and the standing still of the fool.” Advent emphasizes the former. Generally speaking, though, we’re an impatient people. We have quick oats, one-minute eggs, instant mashed potatoes! But consider Penn: “Patience and Diligence, like Faith, move mountains.” Consider Lincoln: “A man watches his pear tree day after day, impatient for the ripening of the fruit. Let him attempt to force the ripening...and he may spoil both fruit and tree. But let him patiently wait, and the ripe pear at length falls into his lap.” Consider Kafka: “Perhaps this quiet yet unquiet waiting is the harbinger of grace, or perhaps it is grace itself.”

OK, but tell that to the guys behind my wife and me in line for the Coors Brewery tour in Golden, CO. Gail and I spent some days in Denver a few weeks back visiting friends and family, and we drove over to Golden one day for the tour. As a food technologist, I’ve been in a lot of food plants over the years, and I was eager to go through a beer plant. Hence, I was OK in learning when we arrived after lunch that we’d be waiting up to an hour. Standing in queue, Gail and I wondered how many people were there for the beer-processing knowledge or just for the three free eight-ounce samples that we heard were being served up in the tasting room at the end of the tour.

The wait became even longer when the tour lady told us that the plant had been evacuated. She said this didn’t happen often, but often enough for her to know that the tours, now suspended, should begin again later on. Gail and I said we’d give it until 3:00, and the tours resumed around 2:50. Less than five minutes after this was announced, a guy behind us told a newcomer to the line of the delay, adding that the tours were supposed to be resuming, but that this was announced twenty minutes ago. That’s when Gail figured the guy and his buddies were just in it for the beers. As she put it, “When you’re really anxious to get somewhere, even a short amount of time can seem like an eternity!”

Hmmmm... Per today’s second reading, “Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like a day.” The author here is referencing the “scoffers,” the unbelievers who hold that there will be no second coming of Jesus (“Where is the promise of his coming? From the time when our ancestors fell asleep, everything has remained as it was from the beginning of creations”). Maybe, but Advent over all reminds us to continue waiting on the Lord. Isaiah specifically reminds us to prepare his way—to make straight his paths—and the Baptist reminds us that one mightier than he is on his way. “Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day.” “When you’re really anxious to get somewhere, even a short amount of time can seem like an eternity!” Like I said. Hmmmm...
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is presepio, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the presepio, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a Where's Waldo? children's book. The oldest surviving presepio is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living presepio. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find presepios with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us!

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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, Linda Cameron, Almeda Colby, Bob & Pat Dillon, Virginia Dillon, Diana Fuentes, 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.

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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, December 10th**
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;
Religious Ed ....................... 9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. - Church, Soup Kitchen, St. Vincent Room
Christmas Gift Sorting ....................... 9:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. - Ozanam and Portail Rooms
Al-Anon Meeting ....................... 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

**Monday, December 11th**
SPRED .............................................. 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room
AA Meeting .............................................. 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Worship Commission Meeting ....................... 7:15 p.m. - Portail Room

**Tuesday, December 12th**

**Wednesday, December 13th**
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, December 14th**

**Friday, December 15th**

**Saturday, December 16th**

**Sunday, December 17th**
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;
RCIA ............................. 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. - Portail & St. Vincent Rooms
Al-Anon Meeting ....................... 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Advent Vespers ....................... 6:00 p.m. - Church

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:
Caitlin Walsh, Andrew Ford, Karen Mark, Sean Dolan

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.
Ozanan 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 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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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/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.”
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