March 18th, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent
“Create a clean heart in me, O God”
— Psalm 51

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
Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” (John 12:20-21)

Our Gospel this week begins with a group of Greek Jews seeking out Jesus. Having heard of him from afar, they approach Philip (another Greek Jew) and ask about him. As I reflected on this passage, I remained struck by this request. In many ways, it is a key to our identity as Christians.

It is a simple phrase that can be overshadowed by the rest of the Gospel passage, but on deeper reflection, we could compare the situation to today. Who are the people today who are seekers, who would like to see Jesus and understand who he is better? Who are the people who may be on the margins of our faith or our community, those who are believers but are still uncertain about many things?

I think about the courage that these Greeks had in approaching Philip. When a person feels that they are on the margins, it is not easy to venture into the midst of the “in” crowd. Yet their desire to see and speak with Jesus overcomes their fear or anxiety. Then, when they are welcomed by Philip, they are able to draw closer.

One of the best aspects of St. Vincent de Paul Parish is its welcoming attitude and environment. It is mentioned by visitors and long-time members alike. The parish staff and I always seek to promote this attitude, which is shared and put into practice by our many volunteers and parish commissions. I am very proud that we aim to make hospitality and welcome an integral part of our faith in action.

However, this is not meant simply to be a pat on the back or self-congratulation. While we rightly take pride in our welcoming spirit, we are called to continually renew and reflect on it. Who can we invite to celebrate with us? Who can we encourage to meet Christ or to develop a relationship with Christ? Who may be on the margins, longing to be more connected?

I truly believe that most people long for a connection with something or Someone more than themselves. Sadly, many of them cannot articulate it nor believe that they will find it in faith or the Church. Yet it is our call and responsibility to promote this faith – not by haranguing or high-pressure tactics, but by the joyful witness of our lives. It is by our love, generosity and kindness that we most clearly demonstrate our faith in Christ.

All of us have our own ideas of who may “belong” in the Church, yet what the Scriptures remind us time and again is that God continues to lovingly reach out to all. We are called to do nothing less in our lives.

From the Pastor

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

March 18, 2018
Holy Week and Easter

**Palm Sunday, March 25th**
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am; 10:00 am; 5:00 pm

**Easter Triduum**

**Holy Thursday**, March 29th - Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30 pm

**Good Friday**, March 30th - Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Passion of the Lord 7:30 pm

**Holy Saturday**, March 31st - Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday*, April 1st**
8:00 am          10:00 am          12:00 noon
*Evening Masses are not celebrated on Easter.

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAY**
MAR 23rd 7:00 PM

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Join TnT for Lenten Solidarity Suppers

Young adults are invited to join TnT for Lenten Solidarity Suppers. Each week, we will prepare a warm meal for the soup kitchen and, afterwards, share dinner and reflection from the CRS Rice Bowl recipes. Join us Thursday evenings during Lent from 6:00-7:30 in the soup kitchen starting February 15. Please contact stvincentdepaultnt@gmail.com for more.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) dates back to the earliest centuries of the Church. For the first 300 years of Christianity adults received the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation and communion) at the Easter Vigil. During this past year a wonderful group of adults at St. Vincent de Paul have been preparing all year to become Catholics at the Easter Vigil.

This week please pray for:

Octavian D. & Eliza T.

Prayer for Candidates & Catechumens

Loving and life giving God, bless those who have been journeying into the fullness of faith in the Catholic Church. Strengthen and encourage them during this Lenten season that they may grow closer to you in faith and wisdom. Reveal to them the saving love of Your Son Jesus. Empower them with the gifts of Your Holy Spirit and be with them as they receive the sacraments of initiation at the Great Easter Vigil.
Adult Confirmation classes at St. Vincent de Paul are held in conjunction with Catholic Campus Ministry at DePaul University. Classes will begin on April 8th and are held Sunday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the 8:30 PM student Mass.

For more information or to register please email Rebecca at rcarmic1@depaul.edu

Vincentian Women

Encouraging women to build friendship and community in our parish through faith and service.

Upcoming Events:
Next meeting – Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Events for all Women of the Parish:
- **Women’s Self Defense and Safety Workshop** – Saturday, April 14, 10:00 am, Ozaman Room. Contact Mary Carter at marycharlescarter@gmail.com to register.
- **Book Discussion** – Thursday, May 10, 6:30 – 8:00pm, Portail Room. “Barking to the Choir” The Power of Radical Kinship By Gregory Boyle (author of “Tattoos on the Heart”).

If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Jenny (jennyemohan@gmail.com). Meeting attendance is not a requirement. We will send out our meeting minutes and event announcements to everyone on our list. Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Learn more by visiting: stvdep.org/community-life/vincentian-women/
ON BLOOD DONATIONS, AND PHLEBOTOMISTS-IN-TRAINING

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I donated blood a few days ago. My 108th pint. At least my 108th pint since I started keeping track of such things. The number isn't important in and of itself. But it is important in the context of what I'm about to tell you, because through all of those 108 blood-lettings—from the old Children's Memorial Hospital to a LifeSource location somewhere on Diversey to a LifeSource sister location at Six Corners to my current donation center on Cumberland a little south of Foster—I've never had happen to me what happened to me the other day. And yes, I'm getting a bit forgetful as the years pile on, but I know I would have remembered this...

I got to the blood bank just before closing time, so not much was going on. I recognized some of the folks who greeted me, one of whom was on duty the night I gave my 100th pint a couple of years ago (working with my wife back then, she actually arranged to have a small cake on hand for me in honor of the milestone, and I never forget women who give me cake). Another familiar face, the blood-letter herself, got me into the chair and was about to stick me when two young women who were off to the side chatting when I entered approached me. “Excuse me,” one of them said (the one wearing a white lab coat), “We're phlebotomists-in-training. Do you mind if we watch?”

I laughed and told them that of course they could observe. I added, though—as noted above—that this was a first for me in all my times donating. They appeared to be impressed by my total. I told them they needn't be because No. 1, I'm really only in it for the cookies, and No. 2, I'm just fortunate to be able to do it (and I sense it's the right thing to do). Which brings me—albeit circuitously—to today's first reading from the prophet Jeremiah. Here, the Lord speaks of making a new covenant with his people. His people broke the earlier covenant, God says, and “I had to show myself their master.” But looking toward a new covenant, God says, “I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts.” The new covenant is in them. Is in all of us...

And what is this new covenant? As I’ve written several times in this space, I’m no theologian, and I’m sure no biblical scholar, but I see the new covenant as grace. The sacred grace that is ours by embracing the Christ and trying—even with all of humanness—to emulate him. I’ve spilled some blood over the years because they give me cookies, and because I can. Jesus, in keeping with the Father’s will, spilled all that he had for us because he loves us, and I recall now the words the priest says at the Consecration: Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me... More so, then, Jesus himself is the new covenant, and like the phlebotomists-in-training who wanted to learn by watching me give blood, we are saints-in-training, and it would be well for us to watch—and learn from—the most amazing blood donor of all.
DAUGHTERS OF WISDOM:  
WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP IN THE GLOBAL CHURCH

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Following Pope Francis’ establishment of a commission to study the ordination of women deacons, this conference addresses—more broadly—women’s leadership in the Catholic Church, with a special focus on the global South. Speakers from Asia, Africa, and Latin America explore topics such as women’s use of Scripture, the ecclesiological basis for women in Church leadership, and the leadership roles that women are already exercising in grassroots church communities, faith-based social movements, and theological education.

**Marguerite Barankitse** (Kigali, Rwanda)  
Founding president of Maison Shalom network for orphans of Burundi’s civil war  
Inaugural recipient of the Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity

**Melinda Roper, MM** (Darién, Panama)  
Past president of the Maryknoll Sisters Congregation  
Longtime missionary among Panama’s mestizo and indigenous communities

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Lenten Regulations
(from February 14th, 2018, Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.
Giving

stvdep.org/donate

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: Ron Bennett, Gabriel Cabael, Juliette Calabrese, Linda Cameron, Almeda Colby, Bob & Pat Dillon, Virginia Dillon, John Garrity, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Mary Hayes, Patty Hayes, Anita Italiane Heatl, Madelynn Jacobs, 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 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 18th
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. McDevitt; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Rybolt; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon
RCIA 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. - Portail & St. Vincent Room
Al-Anon Meeting 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Monday, March 19th
SPRED 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room
Baptism Prep 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Finance Commission Meeting 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Portail Room
AA Meeting 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Tuesday, March 20th
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

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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, March 22nd
TNT Lenten Dinner Preparation 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Soup Kitchen

Friday, March 23rd
Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - Church

Saturday, March 24th

Sunday, March 25th
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. McDevitt; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. McDevitt; 8:30 p.m. Campus Ministry Mass - Fr. Robinson
RCIA 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. - Portail & 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.

Visit www.stvdep.org/donate/ for more information.
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:** Jennifer Cinabro

**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.
- **Sactistry:** 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 Fr. Jeremy Dixon at JDIXON20@depaul.edu.

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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 (mcarter40@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 (mcarter40@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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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.

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Saint of the Day (http://tinyurl.com/l5yvch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.
Thinking about being a priest or brother like the Vincentians in your parish?  
Do something MEANINGFUL with your life: serve the poor with us! 

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