December 9th, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent
“The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.”
— Psalm 126

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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
Sunday Scripture Reflection

Bob is our Organist and Music Director, now in his 23rd year at St. Vincent. Additionally, he works in areas of community development for the parish community. He lives in Lakeview with his dog, Ru, and is pursuing a degree at DePaul University in Education.

We know John the Baptist by many names: the Great Forerunner, the Herald of the Messiah, and the Prophet of the Most High. John came before Christ and prepared his coming. Our description of John as a herald, however, loses its impact in modern times. Today we text and email and occasionally answer the phone, while our grandparents wrote cards and letters. But two thousand years ago before the municipal post office had been set up, the herald was a big deal.

When the local king was getting ready to drop in on ‘the little people’, the herald was the guy responsible for getting things ready. He went into the village to make the announcement by official decree and set everyone scrambling to get ready for a state visit. There were arrangements and preparations to be made! The streets had to be cleared, cleaned and repaired, drunkards and hoodlums were locked away, and the local market was scrubbed and spruced up. In addition, people took baths and put on their finest clothes.

Both the public and the private sectors of society were made ready to receive their king. It was the very important job of the herald to make sure these preparations were in place and that they met expectations.

There’s no doubt from today’s Gospel who the important players were in John’s society. In fact, Tiberius Caesar was unquestionably the most powerful man in the world at the time. So how does a Jewish hippie from Judea get to be the herald for the coming of the messiah, and just how does he prepare the way?

John’s appearance in the world was anything but glam. The desert, or deserted area where he inhabited, stretched from Jerusalem and Bethlehem eastward some 20 miles down to the Jordan River and the Dead Sea—a barren region of rugged hills and valleys. And just as Mary and Joseph were simple country folk, so were Zachariah and Elizabeth, the parents of John. Scripture tells us that John wore a camel hair garment, and his diet was grasshoppers and wild honey.

Yet, John’s mission fulfilled prophesies of a coming messiah like the one we hear in the first reading. John was the herald who prepared a group of people in the hill country to receive their messiah-king, and he did this through baptism. Ritual cleansing was not unknown to the Jews of the time, but baptism by John was quite different from the Jewish Mikva we know today. John had a couple radical prerequisites: 1) belief in the One who was to come after him; and 2) a willingness to repent of sin and make a radical, life transformation.

John’s mission was effective, but it required tremendous faith because the details and the answers weren’t all there. John, the Herald of the Messiah, prepared people by calling them to repentance and a conversion of heart. And we know from other scripture references that for those who went through the motions without a change of heart, John rebuked them.

“Hark! The herald’s voice is crying, in the desert far and near. Calling us to true repentance, for the kingdom now is here. O, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way.”

Are we ready?
Vincentian Stewardship

Planned Giving

Your ability to arrange a planned gift may be more significant than you first think. Many people of modest means make important gifts to charities of all kinds every day. Most people think of leaving a certain amount of money to their favorite charity by including the gift in their Will. However, giving cash or other assets is just one way to make a bequest.

Year-End Giving: Corporate Match

How can you make your year-end gift at Christmastime to St. Vincent double in value? Check with your company to see if they offer a charitable matching gift program.

Employee Matching Gifts are donations an employer makes to match its employees' charitable contributions. Employee matching gifts often are dollar-for-dollar, but some companies will give double or even triple the original donation. Guidelines and amounts vary with each company. Typically, individuals must submit forms to their employers. Check with your Human Resources Department for more information on matching gift donations at your company.
Join us for our
Second Annual Winter Retreat for Women
Saturday, January 26, 2019
9:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Parish Center and Church.

Visit our website for more information: stvdep.org/community-life/vincentian-women/
Pray : Serve : Share

The Vigil of Christmas | 5:00 p.m.
— Service of Carols begins at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Mass at Midnight
— Service of Carols begins at 11:30 p.m.

Mass on Christmas Day | 9:00 a.m.

Rosary and Adoration
Adoration begins with the rosary, led by the Vincentian Women.
Wednesday, December 12, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Advent Vespers
Evening prayer, sung in monastic style by the men of the parish choirs
Sunday, December 16 at 6:15 p.m.

Advent Vespers
at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish

Vespers is an evening prayer service with origins in the sixth century. It is a simple and ancient Catholic prayer service which features the recitation of psalms.

Vincentians have sung a unique form of vespers since the 1600s. This devotion—known as a novena—is prayed in Vincentian communities across the world the nine nights preceding Christmas.

This 30-minute prayer is a perfect way to quiet both your mind and your heart in one final preparation for Christmas.

Sunday, December 16 at 6:15 p.m.
JOIN TNT (TWENTIES 'N THIRTIES) ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

Join TNT (Twenties 'n Thirties) on Sunday, December 9th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We'll walk over to HomeSlice Wheelhouse together for pizza and socializing.

Questions? Email stvincentdepaультnt@gmail.com

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees. It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.
Vincentian Women
Winter Retreat
Saturday, January 26, 2019
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
At St. Vincent de Paul

Please join us for a day of Spiritual Camaraderie.
Our day will include Mass with Fr. Jeremy;
An art presentation by Prof. Robert Munman;
Prayer Yoga; Guided Meditation;
Quiet Prayer and Confession.
Lunch included.

$10.00 Suggested Donation
For info and to register, contact Mary Carter at
marycharlescarter@gmail.com
DePaul students & St Vincent de Paul Parishioners

Confirmation

What
Are you interested in receiving the Catholic sacrament of Confirmation? DePaul University and St Vincent de Paul Parish offer a sacramental preparation program for DePaul students and St Vincent parishioners. The sacrament will be conferred by Bishop Robert Casey at the 8:00pm Sunday Night Mass on March 3, 2019!

When
Classes will take place on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm in the Rectory at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1010 W. Webster Ave. starting January 13.

How
Register for the program by contacting Rebecca Carmichael at rcarmic1@depaul.edu.
ON EL PASO ADVENTURES,
AND THE 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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So I traveled to El Paso not long ago on a business assignment. The connecting flights getting me there were uneventful. Everything was going quite well, in fact, until I sat behind the wheel of the Avis rental car, a dark grey Jeep Renegade. My confusion began when I tried to start it. Let me say up front that I’ve rented a hundred cars over the years if I’ve rented one, and I typically have no problems. This one, though, was one of those keyless models and these are still new to me, so it took me a minute or two to figure out how to actually turn the engine over. And when I did...well...when I did, I discovered that the new things were still coming.

Because that’s when I found that the hazard lights were on, the radio was on, and the rear wiper was on. Now in my car, I’d have turned these things off in a heartbeat, but this was my first time in a Jeep Renegade, and it had way more stuff on the dashboard than I needed (or in that moment, wanted). Which is probably why it took me another minute or two sitting there with the Jeep running to find the controls to shut everything down. And when I was finally ready to pull away, it took me another minute to figure out how to navigate the side-view mirror controls. Oh. And when I got to the Best Western in Anthony, TX, I couldn’t figure out the card entry into my room...

I think about all of this now because I attended my Holy Name Society’s Morning of Recollection the other day, and our speaker stressed the importance of establishing a prayer regimen, which is also something new to me. Oh, I say “Thank you, Lord” for this and that many times throughout the day, and I say “Thank you, Lord” specifically for the new day in the morning, but a structured prayer regimen is new for me in the sense that when I’ve tried this in the past, it hasn’t lasted long. A guy at work told me once that people don’t like change because it forces them into a new way of thinking, and this can be hard. I’ll be honest with you: I haven’t done well with this one in times prior.

And it’s not so much that I’ve consciously given up my prayer routine in the past as I’ve just gotten busy and let it slip away. Hence, increased discipline is perhaps the new thing I need to embrace. “C’mon, John. You figured out the rental car in El Paso; you can figure out prayer time, too...” Our speaker said to make a reasonable plan, and to stick with it. I know it’s in me to do better here. More so, I know who put it in me to do better, so I take encouragement in Paul’s letter today: “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.” All things in God’s time, of course, but if—as recorded in the Gospel—the word of God really did come to John the Baptist “in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,” then this second Sunday of Advent in the Year of our Lord 2018 may just be my time for something new. And permanent.
**News & Notes**

**Tax Credit Scholarship Matching Gift Program**
**Triple your gift's impact!**

**PERSONAL BENEFIT, COMMON GOOD**

In its first year the Illiniois Tax Credit Scholarship Program, “Invest in Kids”, awarded scholarships to more than 3,000 students from low-income families to attend a Catholic school of their choice in Cook and Lake Counties. This was made possible through the generosity of thousands of donors who took advantage of the 75 percent state income tax credit on their donation.

To help their donations have even more impact in 2019, several donors have agreed to pool their resources and offer a 2-for-1 matching gift program to the more than 160 schools run by the Archdiocese of Chicago, up to $5 million total.

**HOW IT WORKS**

- Donors who would like to receive the tax credit for their 2018 taxes should begin the process prior to Dec. 14, 2018 to ensure that they have enough time to make their gift by Dec. 31, 2018.
- For every dollar designated to a qualifying school through Empower Illinois between Dec. 1, 2018 and Feb. 28, 2019, the school will receive two dollars in matching funds. The donations are capped at $100,000 per school.
- The program will end when all matching funds have been depleted or on Feb. 28, 2019, whichever comes first.
- After April 1, 2019, any matching gift program funds that are not awarded at a designated school will be reallocated to low-income students at schools with unmet demand.

**EXAMPLE**

A donor with about $75,000 in income could make a donation of $5,000 to Empower Illinois, in cash or stock, that would...

- Eliminate their Illinois state income tax liability (approximately $3,750); and
- Provide $15,000 in scholarship support (after the $10,000 match)

For a total cost of $1,250, this donor has now provided three students with $5,000 in scholarships to use to attend a Catholic school of their choice (donation of $5,000 minus the $3,750 in state credit).

For more information please contact the TCS hotline at **312.534.2617** or visit [www.archchicago.org/tcs](http://www.archchicago.org/tcs).
**Giving**

DONATE IN A SNAP… FROM YOUR BANKING APP!

- Open your banking app
- Select “Transfer $ using Zelle”
- Enter donate@stvdep.org
- Enter an amount to donate
- Send!

**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, Alyssa Beverly, Gabriel Cabaal, Juliette Calabrese, Linda Cameron, Camdyn Campbell, Margaret Charles, Almeda Colby, Pat Dillon, Virginia Dillon, Luis and Evelyn Fuentes, John Garrity, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Mary Hayes, Anita Italiane Hearl, Madelynn Jacobs, Nancy Janis, Laura Linke, David Neesan, Eileen Ouimet, Terri Proietto, Natalia De Los Rios, James Schwake, Scott Taylor, 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**

Mass offerings are now available for all weekend masses in addition to weekdays. Several weekend masses are available through the end of the year! We are also scheduling masses for 2019. Request a mass to be offered on behalf of your loved one. You can reserve one for the anniversary of a death or support someone during a difficult time, offer one for a birthday or wedding celebration, or however else you wish.

Please contact the parish office at 773-325-8610 or stop by to reserve a mass intention.

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<td>SPRED ................................ 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room</td>
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**Financial Stewardship**

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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.


Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018
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: Samuel Granieri, Catherine Bisher, Stephen Haughney

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.

Sactivity: 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.

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.