December 16th, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent
“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!”
— Philippians 4:4-7

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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

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As a child I always remembered looking forward to Advent. One thing about this time of year that always perplexed me was the Advent wreath. Yes, it is a beautiful way to count the weeks until we celebrate the birth of Jesus, but why is one candle always a different color than the rest? I often wondered when I was a kid why all the candles weren’t the same color or multiple colors. Here we are again on the third week of Advent and I am sure there are many people asking this same question.

A simple explanation is that today is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means “rejoice” in Latin. Jesus’ birth is fast approaching so it is the perfect time to rejoice and prepare ourselves. You’ll notice because of this that everything from the music to the readings at Mass have a more joyful tone. The people in today’s Gospel are told by John the Baptist that the Savior is coming and instead of feeling immediate joy, they ask what they can do to best prepare themselves for Christ’s coming. Then John responds in a way that may not bring much joy to us or those he was talking to.

John responds by asking them to check their privilege and consider the differences between a need and a want. John says to everyone, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” He tells the tax collectors to “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed” and the soldiers to not “practice extortion”, “falsely accuse anyone” and “be satisfied with your wages”.

Many of us can get trapped in the idea that joy can be given to us through our possessions, money and power. John flips this idea on its head and challenges those present to rethink how they live a life as children of God. Through his statements, John makes the point then and to us today that it is not enough to simply call ourselves children of God or Christians. Rather, these titles must be lived fully and be reflective of the example Christ left for us. While we all face challenges, there is always someone else out there in greater need of help and happiness in their lives. As we get closer to celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and the joy that brings, now (and hopefully always) is the perfect time to think and act on bringing that same joy to everyone we encounter. Jesus’ birth is a true example of God’s love for us. It is only right that we challenge ourselves to think how we can best share that love forward. Now I better understand that candle. True joy is being selfless as Jesus is.
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.
CHRISTMAS AT DEPAUL

Thank you to all those who attended Christmas at DePaul last weekend. Those who came donated $22,124 to our outreach programs, in addition to 45 boxes of food and beverages and 7 containers of clothing! Thank you to all of our volunteers who worked the concert and to all those at DePaul University who put on the magnificent program!
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 choir.
   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.
Start a New Christmas Tradition

Handel’s Messiah

At Historic St. Michael in Old Town

DECEMBER 21, 2018 | 7:30 PM

Buy Tickets Now at www.St-Mikes.org

Stephen Alltop, Conductor

Daniel Stucker, Music Director

Irene Quirmbach, Concertmaster

Soloists
Soprano: Henriët Fourie and Kimberly Jones
Mezzo-soprano: Marissa Simmons and Karianne Wardell
Tenor: Jonathan Zeng and Oliver Camacho
Bass: Aaron Wardell

1633 N Cleveland Ave | Chicago, IL 60614
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
Confirmation

What
Are you interested in receiving the Catholic sacrament of Confirmation? St. Vincent de Paul Parish will offer a sacramental preparation program for adults. All are welcome. 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.
People who know me know I’m not good with time. As in, I tend to lose track of it. As in minutes become hours become days become weeks, etc. and they all blend together and compress. Some people might say that this is a sign of me becoming older, and these people might be right, but these people don’t know that I’ve always been this way. Here’s probably my best example… Many years ago when I was much younger man, a work colleague announced that she and her husband were going out of the country on vacation. To London, as I recall. Remembering that she had been there once before, I said, “Didn’t you just go to London?” She answered quickly, with a look of concern on her face for me. “John, that was ___ years ago…” She recalled the actual number of years at the time, which I cannot now recall, but it was many, many years prior. I tell the story only to make the point: I’m not good temporally.

But today, I think I get it. Today, I think I am good temporally. And I say this because of something that hits me now as I consider today’s readings. Let’s start with Paul’s letter to the Philippians: “Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Now compare this to John the Baptist’s response to the tax collectors and the soldiers and the crowd in general when upon hearing his answers to their questions--begin thinking that John may be the Christ: “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire…” Both Paul and John are pointing to Jesus, but they are pointing to him in totally different contexts. And nobody’s talking Nativity.

John, of course, is pointing to Jesus in his public ministry, while Paul is pointing to Jesus in the Second Coming (which Paul underestimated by a couple thousand years now). Temporally, we’re only nine days from Christmas, but temporally-speaking, the birth of Christ isn’t all that important. Oh, it’s crazy important in the salvation story, but only from the perspective of the Cross. I mean, I don’t think what happened in Bethlehem millenniums ago meant much to people at the time who weren’t intimately involved with the story. Nor does it now, although we set our calendar on this man’s earthly presence. Precisely when Jesus was born is irrelevant. Precisely that he was born is everything. The big day will be here soon, and yes, we have many Christmas-related things to do. We know deep down, though, that it’s all periphery. I may not be good temporally, but today I think I get it. And it’s funny. I get it because of something Zephaniah wrote some 600 years before the manger: “The Lord, your God, is in your midst...” Then. Now. Always.
News & Notes

Vincentian Women

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

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.
Register with Mary Carter at marycharlescarter@gmail.com

We will not meet in December. Our next meeting is January 22 at 7:00 pm in the parish center.

Visit our website for more information: stydep.org/community-life/vincentian-women/

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to rejoice always in the Lord, and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is the season of joy. Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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We welcome into the church this weekend:

Holy Baptism

Claire Mary, daughter of Daniel and Kathryn Meyer
Elle McMurray, daughter of Lauren and David Smith

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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, Gustavo Lauria, 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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Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 16th
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Borlik; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Benson; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon
Christmas Gift Sorting ... 8:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. - Ozanam and Portail Room
RCIA ............. 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room and Soup Kitchen
Baptisms ......................................................... 11:30 a.m. - Church
Al Anon Meeting ......................... 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Advent Vespers ........................................ 6:00 p.m - Church

Monday, December 17th
SPRED .......................................................... 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room
AA Meeting ......................... 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Baptism Prep ........................................ 7:00 p.m - Church

Tuesday, December 18th
Parish Office Closes at 5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 19th
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 20th

Friday, December 21st
Parish Office Closes at 5:00 pm

Saturday, December 22nd

Sunday, December 23rd
Presiders: Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Robinson; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Udovic
Al Anon Meeting ......................... 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Financial Stewardship

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* Includes Monthly Stewardship from DePaul University

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: James Lynch & Jennifer Scully, Jacqueline Lentz, Stephen Hall, Timothy F. Daniels, Kevin Blank

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.
- **Sacristory:** 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 sacristory from the church which allows access to the Parish Center through the sacristory. 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.
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.

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