March 10th, 2019

First Sunday of Lent
“God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey”
— Deuteronomy 26:4-10

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: 8:00 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

“This is the time of fulfillment. The Reign of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” (Mark 1:15)

With these words, Jesus makes his first statement in the Gospel of Mark. These are the same words in one of the formulas used on Ash Wednesday when people receive ashes on their forehead. Often when we think about repentance, it is accompanied by harsh penances, fire and brimstone, and judgment. But what does it mean to “repent and believe in the Gospel?”

In ancient Hebrew, the word for repentance can be translated as “return.” It is an action of coming back to God, of turning towards what is holy. The Greek word used in the New Testament is *metanoia*, which means to think differently or change one’s way of thinking. Putting these two words together provides us with an insight that repentance happens both in thought and action; it is a changing of mind and heart to follow the ways of God more closely.

The Gospel, or Good News, is the story of Jesus Christ. The Good News is that the Son of God became human and showed us through word and action how to live for God. The Good News is that we are loved so much by God. In my mind, the Gospel message simply is “God loves you, and Jesus shows us that love.”

Jesus’ proclamation is one of joy and hope. It is a call to turn back towards God’s loving embrace, to believe that God has chosen each one of us and loves us beyond all telling. When we sin and choose to give in to the temptations in our life, we pull away from the Holy One who loves us. Repentance invites us to return to God with the hope of doing better. When we do, we will find that God is always there, ready to forgive. This Lent, we are invited in our personal prayer to reflect on God’s goodness and love and its implications for our actions and lives. Because when we open our hearts and minds to God’s loving embrace, we are changed. That, indeed, is Good News.

This Lent, we have several opportunities for prayer and reflection. The Little Black Books are to take home and use daily (there are also purple books for children.) In addition, we have daily reflections on our website and Facebook page. Like us and receive them each morning.

Also, throughout Lent, music and meditation is on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the church and rosary at 6pm in the church on Wednesday. Thursday at 7pm will be a Scripture reflection with Fr. Jeremy in the parish center. Finally, on Fridays are Stations of the Cross in the church at 7pm.
Congratulations on Your Confirmation

Stephanie Barrera  Caitlin Kennedy
Lissy de la Chapelle  Christina Martinez
Jessica Coop  Lizet Martinez
Julia Coop  Meagan Rathjen
Timothy Daniels  Maria Taveras

It's all about ME25

St. Vincent de Paul parish wants to provide you with the best possible spiritual home. In order to do so we need to hear your opinions and understand the engagement level of all parishioners.

Beginning Sunday March 24th St. Vincent de Paul Parish will begin conducting the Gallup ME25 survey. The survey will be accessible to parishioners both online and in paper form in the pews.

ME25 features questions carefully chosen to measure an individual's engagement and spiritual commitment. Both of which are essential to achieving the four relevant outcomes of spiritual health: life satisfaction, serving, inviting, and giving.

All survey responses are confidential. For more information or questions please contact Rebecca at rcarmic1@depaul.edu
REFLECTION ON THE PLENARY IN ROME: THE PROTECTION OF MINORS IN THE CHURCH
February 27, 2019

The historic meeting on the protection of children convened by the Holy Father this past week set the direction of the entire global Church on the question of child safety. Our firm resolve and the actions we will take were the direct result of our listening to victim survivors throughout the meeting. Their unflinching witness moved the hearts of the participants and the world and led us to commit to a common mission of making the Church a safe place for all, achieved by taking personal responsibility, holding bishops accountable and practicing transparency.

The nine talks over three days were given by presenters approved by the Holy Father. There was no glossing over the problem as each of the speakers pointed out the failures of bishops to act responsibly and described the damage done by their lack of accountability and transparency. Pope Francis built on what was said in the various talks by making it clear at the end of the Mass on Sunday that the Church’s agenda in protecting children must be proactive not reactive or defensive. He insisted that the Church will spare no effort to hold abusers accountable and will not tolerate cover ups.

The Holy Father has already begun the transformation of the Church’s approach to child abuse. The pope’s Apostolic Letter, Like a Loving Mother, provided for the removal of a bishop on the basis of incompetence rather than the higher level of proof of fault in handling cases of abuse. Additionally, the way has been cleared for episcopal conferences to establish procedures for holding bishops accountable should they abuse minors or mishandle cases.

The all-out effort the pope has called for will continue to build over time and will be marked by a commitment to ongoing learning and improving, particularly by listening to victim survivors of abuse. Four concrete steps were announced at the end of the meeting.

1. The imminent publication of a motu proprio by the pope, providing rules and regulations to safeguard minors and vulnerable adults within the Vatican City State;

2. The distribution of a “vademecum” (or rulebook) to bishops around the world, standardizing guidelines so church leaders everywhere take on this task in a united way and explaining their juridical and pastoral duties and responsibilities regarding protecting children;
3. Recognizing that the global Church is marked by great culture diversity and unique regional challenges, task forces of competent experts that are culturally sensitive and regionally representative will be organized to assist bishops’ conferences that may lack the necessary resources or expertise to fully address the issue of safeguarding minors and dealing with abuse;

4. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is responsible for approving the norms of each bishops’ conference.

I invite you to view the major talks, prayer services with testimonies of victims, the penitential ceremony and Mass, all of which were live streamed, so the entire world could follow this event. The videos and talks are posted on the Vatican’s dedicated website at pbc2019.org.

Into the Desert
Lenten Young Adult Retreat

When: Friday, March 22 to Sunday, March 24, 2019
Where: Benet Lake Retreat Center (WI)
Who: All 20/30-somethings invited
Cost: $99/person - financial assistance available
Register: events.org/yacretreat
Info: mbayer@clement.org
**Pray : Serve : Share**

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**Vincentian Women**

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

*Join us for Pray the Rosary led by Vincentian Women on Wednesday evenings during Lent!*  
6:00 pm in the Church. Doors open at 5:30 pm.  
All are welcome!


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

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**Lenten Regulations**

*(from March 6th, 2019, 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.

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**Lenten Scripture Reflections**

Beginning on March 7, Fr. Jeremy will host a Scripture reflection on the readings for the following Sunday. A mix of historical background and context along with spirituality will help everyone to go deeper into the Word of God. No prior experience is necessary! Copies of the readings will be provided. We will continue each Thursday until Holy Week at 7pm in the parish center.

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Join TnT (Twenties 'n Thirties) on Sunday, March 10th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We’ll walk over to HomeSlice Wheelhouse together for pizza and socializing.

Questions? Email stvincentdepaughtnt@gmail.com

Mercy Home’s March for Kids is the perfect opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children who have suffered from abuse and neglect. Your kindness will make it possible for these kids to live in a safe, stable, and supportive home. At Mercy Home, they can heal from trauma and are given the tools they need to build a brighter future, like a good education and job skills. They depend on generous donations from friends like you to make their mission possible. Next weekend, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for Mercy Home’s March for Kids. Please consider making a contribution. Thank you.
Join us for a fish fry!

Share in a Lenten gathering with Friends!

Friday, March 15 | 5:30pm - 7pm

Location: St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1010 W. Webster

Tickets are $10 for parishioners and free for DePaul students! You can register and print out your ticket at go.depaul.edu/fishfry
A priest told me once that when it comes to the Sunday readings, typically the Gospel aligns in some fashion with the Old Testament text, while the second reading is just kind of out there. Perhaps because he planted the seed, I’ve often found this to be the case as I’m putting these columns together. This week, though, I see a connection among all three entries. Not in that, say, the “wandering Aramean” (Jacob?) in Deuteronomy wanders his way into Paul’s letter and then into Luke’s version of the temptation of Jesus, but more so in that the first two readings offer a profession of faith while the third puts faith in the context of life (here, Christ’s very own).

I read somewhere that today’s first reading is one of Scripture’s earliest professions of faith. Per Moses to the people, “The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD...Then you shall declare before the Lord...’My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us...we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry...Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me...”

And now look at Paul’s letter to the Romans, also a profession of faith...a recognition of God entering into our lives. “What does Scripture say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart—that is, the word of faith that we preach—for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” But Paul’s statement of faith is different than Deuteronomy’s because Paul directs it to a specific person: Jesus. And, Paul makes it clear that his profession of faith has a larger reach than Deuteronomy’s (as in, “... there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all...

Faith is easy to talk, though; hard to live. Enter Jesus being tempted by the devil. Most of us have heard this reading—or Matthew’s version—numerous times. We all know Satan’s taunts (“If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread" and "I shall give to you all this power and glory... All this will be yours, if you worship me” and "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you...”) and we all know Christ’s rebuttal of each. If we read between the lines, though, I think we see more than the rebuttals. I think we see Jesus—under trial—keeping God in his life while believing in some promised end. You know. Faith. Jesus lives the proclamation expressed in the first two texts. Now, we’re all more likely to be tempted by those Deadly Sins than by the Satan’s direct promise of riches/power/fame, but it’s all really the same thing. We’ve each made our proclamation of faith. Lent reminds us to live it—just as Jesus does—by keeping God close in a secular world.
We welcomed into the church last weekend:

Charlotte May Yannuzzi,
daughter of Bennet and Laura Yannuzzi

Jonathan Mark Yeksigian,
son of Daniel Yeksigian and Tracie Wescott Yeksigian

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.

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 Cabael, 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, Gustavo Lauria, Laura Linke, David Neesan, Eileen Ouimet, Terri Proietto, Natalia De Los Rios, James Schwake, Philip Stelnicki, 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

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Week at a Glance

Saturday, March 9th
Presider: 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon

Sunday, March 10th
Presiders: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Benson

Religious Ed. .................... 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Portail & Ozanam Rooms
Outreach Commission Meeting ........ 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Soup Kitchen
Al Anon Meeting ...................... 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Monday, March 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.-8:15 p.m. - Portail Room

Tuesday, March 12th
Music, Stillness, Solidarity Meditation ........ 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. - Church
Men’s Faith Sharing Group ............... 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Wednesday, March 13th
AA Meeting ............................. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Pray the Rosary...6:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 for private prayer) - Church

Thursday, March 14th
Scripture Study Group .................... 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Choir Practice ........................... 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room

Friday, March 15th
Parish Fish Fry ............................ 5:00 p.m. - Parish Center
Stations of the Cross ..................... 7:00 p.m. - Church

Saturday, March 16th
Presider: 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass - Fr. Dixon

Sunday, March 17th
Presiders: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Borlik; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Robinson; 8:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Borlik

Hospitality after all Masses by Community Life Commission

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: Edwin Bierzychudek, Melissa Golez-Meily

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 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.
**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.

The Word Among Us (wau.org) is a Catholic devotional magazine with the daily mass readings and reflections.

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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/l57vch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.