May 12th, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter
“The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region”
— Acts 13:14, 43-52

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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 during the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Sunday Scripture Reflection

Attending St. Vincent DePaul first as a student and then joining as a member of the Worship Commission 13 years ago, I found a strong connection with the church and its community. The relationship was deepened through volunteering as a sacristan and Eucharistic minister. Though I’ve lived in several apartments in the city, I’ve always managed to stay close to the church and even exchanged my wedding vows on this very altar. On a professional level, I work at an advertising agency downtown and teach cycle classes across the street at the Ray and at the fitness boutique Power Sculpt Fitness. If you come to the Sunday 10am mass, you’ll often see me with my twin sister Trina and my two adorable nieces.

Making my First Communion as an excited second grader at St. Columbian parish in Ohio, I vividly remember the image of the Lord being presented as a loving shepherd in a green pasture, attending and accounting for every member of his flock. God was there to protect us and show us his tenderness when we may get lost or distracted. In John’s gospel today, the message is simple—God chose us, he knows us, loves us and gives us eternal life to be with him forever. No matter how far we may have strayed and sinned, the Lord will always welcome us back with open arms. Even when we become adults and the stress and responsibilities multiply—God wants us accounted for within his flock.

Reflecting on this gospel, ask yourself—are you listening as Jesus did? Are you helping the “flock” of people around you like the good shepherd? Are you open to receive the Lord? Do you hear him? In our world of immediate gravitation, media noise and social media falsehoods where does your shepherd Jesus guide you? Remember to not only listen for guidance but to use your own talents to help others and find your next steps. Maybe you’re at a point in your life, you can’t hear God and you can’t find him in the world around you. Even when we are lost the Lord is always looking over his flock, be patient with yourself and in time you’ll find your footing. Prayer is a powerful thing.

Now in the fourth Sunday of Easter, continue to celebrate the love and sacrifice Jesus gave us through his death and resurrection. Remember that though each of us is part of the Lord’s flock, we are each called as individuals to live our best lives in the light of the Lord.

- Shelley Knight

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Mother’s Day Collection

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Light the Way

Your gift to Catholic Charities on Mother’s Day will help mothers, children, and seniors from our community who are hungry, homeless or hurting and empower them to rebuild their life.

You can also contribute online at www.catholiccharities.net/donate or mail your check directly to Catholic Charities at 721 N. LaSalle St, Chicago, IL 60454.

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Vincentian Stewardship

Gifts of Investments and Property

Each week, we will look at a different type of planned giving contribution and the financial benefits to you when your giving plan is in place. This week, we look at investments and property.

Stocks, mutual funds, and other assets can be donated as a planned gift. The donor receives a charitable income tax deduction for the full, market value of the investment on the transfer date, thus avoiding the payment of capital gains on the difference between the original cost and the current market value of the donated asset if higher.

This greatly enhances the value of the gift to the charity and to you. To ensure that you will qualify for the capital gains tax savings, your broker or financial advisor must arrange for a direct transfer of the appreciated asset to the charity. If you have investments that have decreased in value, selling the assets and donating the cash proceeds allows you to deduct the loss realized from your capital gains income or even from a limited amount of ordinary income.
Join us for our next book discussion

“Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?”
By JOHN R. POWERS

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Hospitality: 6:30 pm
Discussion: 7:00 to 8:00 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Parish Center
All are Welcome! Bring a Friend!

RSVP to Ginny at gcostiga@depaul.edu

“A totally enjoyable novel with at least one laugh on every page.”

Entering Eddie Ryan’s world on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960’s will delight not only readers who grew up there with him, but also those too young to remember.

Hosted by the Vincentian Women
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Vincentian Women

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

Join us for our book discussion on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 pm in the parish center.

We will be discussing “Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?” by John R. Powers

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. Easter duty means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your Holy Mother Church is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

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Join TNT (Twenties 'n Thirties) on Sunday, May 12th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We’ll walk over to HomeSlice Wheelhouse together for pizza and socializing.

Questions? Email stvincentdepaultnt@gmail.com

Scripture Reflections

Fr. Jeremy is hosting 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 at 7pm in the parish center.
Congratulations to Deacon Ben!

Bemnet Melaku, a Vincentian seminarian and deacon, will be ordained to the priesthood at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, here at St. Vincent de Paul. Ben is a native of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and a U.S. citizen who spent about 20 years of his adult life in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. For the last four years, Ben has been in formation with the Vincentian community at Perboyre Mission House, in the Hyde Park area of Chicago, while attending classes at the Catholic Theological Union.

Ben earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Psychology, and a Master of Science degree in Hospital administration. After completing his course work, Ben began working for Catholic Charities in the Fort Worth diocese. While working at Catholic Charities a friend asked him what it was like to be in the seminary (the friend was thinking about entering the seminary). Ben talked with him about his experiences and encouraged him. However, it was not to be, his friend met his future wife and they were married. But Ben began to rethink what he wanted to do with his life, and joined the Vincentians.

Fr. Ben will celebrate his first mass at St. Vincent at 10am on Sunday May 19. In addition, after the summer, he will be regularly celebrating mass at the parish as he completes a doctoral degree.
ON THE BEFORE AND THE AFTER EXPLAINING THE NOW
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So a deacon friend of mine told me years ago that to better understand a given scripture reading, it often helps to consider what comes immediately before it and immediately after it. Since I’ve been sitting here looking at today’s Gospel for nearly an hour now trying to think of something insightful to say about it, I thought I’d take the deacon’s advice. Eureka! Now...I’m not saying that the insight gained in the process this time around is brilliant, but it’s insight I didn't have just a little while ago...

Even though today’s Gospel from John references Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the Good Shepherd text in its entirety is actually a chapter earlier in John’s writing. Today’s passage comes from the subsequent chapter, the Feast of the Dedication. Here—in the verses preceding today’s Gospel—the Jews grow impatient with Jesus, coming up to him as he walks about in the temple area and putting it to him with a certain attitude in their voices: “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

Perhaps with a little attitude of his own, Jesus answers, “I told you and you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify to me. But you do not believe, because you are not among my sheep.” Ah...there’s the Good Shepherd connection. Then Jesus elaborates with today’s Gospel text: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

This is where today’s Gospel ends. But look at what comes next: “The Jews again picked up rocks to stone him.” They even tell Jesus they intend to stone him because “You, a man, are making yourself God.” But here’s where it gets really interesting. First Jesus references the judges of Israel—recognized in Scripture as gods themselves—then adds “If I do not perform my Father’s works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize (and understand) that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”

And this returns us to the Gospel text, ending as noted with Jesus saying “The Father and I are one.” As my old lectionary workbook puts it, “In ways quite beautiful, even sublime, the Christology of John’s Gospel more clearly exalts Jesus’ position in relation to the Father than the other three. But that Christology is also the source of great hostility and division in the pages of the Gospel.” Case in point? Earlier in John, the Jews again try to kill Jesus, and not so much because he cures a man on the sabbath (although they’re not happy about it), but because he tells his critics, “My Father is at work now, so I am at work.” More and more Gentiles embrace this Messiah message, while more and more Jews turn away. But that’s all before and after. In the now, the Good Shepherd knows his flock. Thank goodness—and God—we know him.
News & Notes

CATEGHIST WANTED!

St. Vincent de Paul Religious Education program is looking for teachers/catechists for its 1st – 6th grade classes during the 2019-2020 school year. Materials, help and prayers provided!

Please contact Rebecca at rcarmic1@depaul.edu for more information.

Mass offerings are now available for all weekend masses in addition to weekdays.

Several weekend masses are available through the end of the year! 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

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• Enter an amount to donate
• Send!

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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, Ruth Ohrem, 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. 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, May 11th
Vigil Mass………………………..……….. 8:00 p.m. - Presider: Fr. Borlik - Church
* Mother’s Day Catholic Charities Collection

Sunday, May 12th
Presiders: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Rybolt; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 pm Mass - Fr. Robinson

* Mother’s Day Catholic Charities Collection at all Masses

Religious Ed ............... 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Portail and 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, May 13th
AA Meeting ......................... 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Tuesday, May 14th
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, May 15th
AA Meeting ......................... 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Worship Commission Meeting ............. 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Portail Room

Thursday, May 16th
Scripture Study ......................... 7:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
Choir Practice ......................... 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room

Friday, May 17th

Saturday, May 18th
Vigil Mass………………………..……….. 8:00 p.m. - Presider: Fr. Dixon - Church

Sunday, May 19th
Presiders: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Melaku; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Udovic; 8:00 pm Mass - Fr. Piotr Sambroski (Bilingual Polish Mass)

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

** $10,000 Annual Contribution one-time lumpsum payment was made by a single donor

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.

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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:** Joe Forberg, Kendall Nock, Brooks Green

**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.
- **Ozananm 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.
- **Sacrity:** 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 (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.”

Saint of the Day (http://tinyurl.com/l5yvech) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.