June 2nd, 2019

The Ascension of the Lord

“Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth”

— Acts 1:1-11

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

Today as the People of God, we commemorate and celebrate the end of Jesus’ time on Earth. We recall his Ascension into heaven, when he returned to God. But it’s not simply a commemoration of a historical moment or an important event in the lives of the disciples; it has relevance for us here today.

The readings we have today are in reverse order: we hear the end of Luke’s Gospel and the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles in our first reading. Both were written by Luke as a two-volume set. You can see where Acts picks up where the Gospel ends. In the Gospel of Luke, all roads lead to Jerusalem, where Jesus must go to face death and be raised. As well, Acts begins in Jerusalem with the apostles waiting for the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit comes, they will be “witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” The funneling of action towards Jerusalem will then stretch throughout the whole world after the Resurrection.

This mission to be a witness to the Resurrection is our mission today. We are a Church on a mission to proclaim what Jesus has taught us. We are on a mission to share the love of God with all we meet. We are on a mission to recognize where God is working in our lives. This mission is not just for priests, bishops and religious people; this mission is for each one of us who are baptized. The Risen Christ calls us to be his disciples and to spread the Good News in our lives. This has been the whole point of the Renew My Church process that we have begun, that each one of us is called into this mission. It is the same mission that St. Vincent de Paul embraced 400 years ago and the one that we seek to live out today through our compassion, love and service.

As people of faith, we form the Body of Christ in the world. We are connected with one another and with Christ. When we celebrate the Ascension, this is what we really celebrate. We are the Body of Christ present in the world. People get to know Christ because they know us and see the impact that our faith has. I close with a poem by the Spanish mystic St. Teresa of Avila. May this be our prayer today:

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

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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.

Life Insurance

Each week, we will look at different types of planned giving contributions and the financial benefits to you when your giving plan is in place. This week, we look at gift annuities and deferred gift annuities.

You may own a life insurance policy which was purchased for a specific purpose that longer exists. For example, a couple enjoying a comfortable retirement may not need a $10,000 policy which they acquired 30 years earlier for mortgage protection.

Donating a paid-up life insurance policy enables you to make a substantial charitable gift upon your death, while entitling you to a charitable tax deduction during your lifetime. You can donate the whole policy or make the charity a partial beneficiary. You may also consider purchasing a new policy that you irrevocably assign to St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Your premium payments qualify for a charitable income tax deduction.

Life insurance can also be used as a wealth replacement tool in conjunction with a charitable gift.
Who’s In The Pews?

Name: Mary Theresa Reed

How long have you been attending Mass at St. Vincent de Paul?
I started attending regularly in 2011

Where did you grow up?
I grew up in Chicago’s Kenwood neighborhood on the South side

Where did you go to school?
St. Elizabeth’s and St. Ambrose grammar schools, St. Thomas the Apostle H.S., University of Denver, Roosevelt University, University of Cincinnati, University of Michigan, and Concordia University

What do you do professionally (or what types of volunteer or other activities do you participate in)?
I am the Director of Choirs at Evanston Township H.S., Professional Freelance Singer, Choral Clinician, and Conductor. I am a member of St. Vincent de Paul’s Chamber Chorale. I am the Illinois Music Educators Association, District 7 Choral Representative and I am a long term Board Member and past President for YMCA Camp MacLean in Burlington, Wisconsin.

What do you like most about St. Vincent de Paul parish?
There are a few things that I love about Saint Vincent de Paul. Music is an important part of who I am and how I serve God. Singing with this loving choral family and working with such a gifted musician and loving human being, Robert Beatty, feeds my spiritual soul. This beautiful edifice inspires me, and the people are so kind and I believe are open and accepting to all.
Encouraging women to build friendship and community in our parish through faith and service.

Pray the Rosary led by Vincentian Women on Wednesday, June 12 in the Church. All are welcome!

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

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.

Elsa C.

Congratulations Elsa as you receive your First Communion today! Thank you to her dedicated catechist Holly Rumpel and to Elsa’s family for helping her to prepare for this blessed moment.

We welcome into the church this weekend:

Nolan David, son of Brandon and Julia Hall

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St. Vincent de Paul Parish Men's Group

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Vincent de Paul room in the parish center.
Join the parish men's faith-sharing group for Scripture-based reflection every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We'll be discussing the previous Sunday's readings.

No sign-up needed. Email SVDPMensGroup@Gmail.com for any questions.

Become a Soup Kitchen Volunteer

Weekday and Saturday Morning Shifts Available

Volunteers arrive by 8:00 a.m. on the day they are scheduled to prepare and serve meals. Shifts conclude by 10:15 a.m.

Contact: Fr. Jeremy (JDIXON20@depaul.edu)

SETON SOUP KITCHEN
Vincentian Mission Sunday

The Seton Sandwich Window began in 1980 from the front of the parish center. Since then, the generosity of many people has allowed us to expand the menu and serve guests six days per week. Now we serve over 31,000 meals per year.

The second weekend of every Month will be Vincentian Mission Sunday. We ask that you bring donations to church with you. You can give it to an usher, put it on the altar, or take your donation to the parish office.

This month we are asking for donations of small paper plates and napkins.

Thank you for your continued support of our Vincentian mission to serve our sisters and brothers in need.
ON THE ASCENSION: DIFFERENT TAKES
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It’s interesting to me that all four of the evangelists—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—write about Christ’s Passion. All four write about Peter denying Jesus. All four write about Jesus dying on the cross. All four even write about the empty tomb and Jesus’ appearances to his friend and disciples. But all four do not write about his Ascension. Odd. Matthew doesn’t even hint at it, closing his Gospel with Jesus commissioning the eleven disciples (“All power in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations…and behold, I am with you always until the end of time”). Uh. Did anybody hear anything about Jesus ascending?

Mark’s Gospel has two endings: “The Longer Ending” and “The Shorter Ending.” Clever. The shorter has no ascension. The longer covers Jesus’ appearance to Mary Magdalene and two disciples, the commissioning of the eleven, and yes, the ascension, but the wording lacks clarity to me (Jesus… “was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs”). While the Lord worked with them…? So…did he go and come back? Per one scholarly text online, the ending of Mark’s Gospel has been called “the greatest of all literary mysteries.”

John’s ending is interesting, too. When Jesus shows himself to Mary Magdalene, he says to her, “Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary does, but in the verses following her announcement to the disciples, Jesus appears before his friends in the locked room on that evening of the first day of the week (this is the My Lord, and my God story of Thomas we read about a few weeks back). There is no actual resurrection scene. And yet as noted, Jesus tells Mary before all that, “I am going to my Father.” So again…did he go and come back?

Luke gets two cracks at the ascension, and today, the Church give us both. Luke concludes his Gospel with “Then (Jesus) led them out as far as Bethany; raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven…” That’s pretty definitive. And Luke, who authored Acts as well, begins that book—and today’s first reading—where his Gospel left off: “In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up…” But just before Luke gives us the cool ascension details, Jesus tells his friends, “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses…to the ends of the earth.” The way I see it, only Luke has Jesus go away, and stay away. I don’t know about you, but I’m thinking it was easier to be a disciple when Jesus was physically around—pre- and post-rising—to call the shots. Without him, I guess, it really is on us—with the Spirit’s inspiration—to be Christ in the world (gulp) and to bring the Kingdom home. Which was probably the plan all along.
St. Vincent de Paul Parish

**News & Notes**

**CATECHIST 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.

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**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.

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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!

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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, 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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* Includes Monthly Stewardship from DePaul University

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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: Laura & Bryan Benedict, Elizabeth Cagigal & Paul Houillon, Michael O'Neill, Kristen Goetz & Benjamin Hengels, Adam Karac, Margaret Johnson, Grace Mazur

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.

**Ozanam 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.

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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 rcamic1@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 rcamic1@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 rcamic1@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.

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

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