October 27th, 2019

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth”

— Psalm 121

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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
Leslie Linke has been a parishioner and member of the choir at St. Vincent de Paul Parish for forty years. She attends the 10:00 am Mass with her husband, Othello, and is a member of the Vincentian Women and the Community Life Commission. Leslie is a retired speech and language pathologist who worked in the public schools and skilled care facilities for more than thirty-five years.

Today’s gospel is a parable about prayer. It’s about the quality of our prayer. When we pray we have to be honest. We have to be humble. We have to ask for mercy.

When I was a child, I was taught that prayer was formal, private. We prayed before dinner, before bedtime, and in church. To pray elsewhere would feel ‘weird’ or overly pious.

My perception about prayer began to develop as a young adult. I have been singing in choirs since I was ten years old. One choir director said something, almost in passing, that changed my way of thinking. She said, “When you sing, it is like praying twice.” I never thought that my singing in the choir was praying but she was right. Our hymns are based on bible verses and psalms. We raise our voices in praise and lead the congregation in these musical prayers. It is the way I celebrate the liturgy each week.

The Vincentian Women’s group at St. Vincent’s also helped my life of prayer. We pray the rosary once a month and, in the beginning, I was attending to help provide a spiritual service for the parish. The more I came and prayed, the more spiritual the experience became for me. It is a calming, meditative practice that centers me and focuses my prayer.

I started to see prayer in a different light. I began to see prayer as a conversation with God. This could be a conversation that I might hold at anytime. I could pray while in the car or riding the bus. I could pray for the homeless on the street or give thanks when something good has happened. I could keep my family and friends in my thoughts and prayers during the day.

I aspire to be like the tax collector who humbles himself before God, and pleads for mercy and forgiveness. I hope and pray that I become a better person everyday and that my prayers will be heard.

Look for ways to bring more prayer into your lives this week. Our spiritual life does not end at the church doors. God bless you.
October is Stewardship Awareness Month

Thank you to the many parishioners who filled out the Stewardship Intention Card last weekend and to those who continue to send the cards into the parish office.

If you have not filled out your card and wish to do so, please see the ushers or greeters for a card or visit the Parish Office.

We are blessed to have this community of disciples who are willing to answer God's call to live as stewards.
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.

Gift Annuities and Deferred Gift Annuities

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.

Some planned gifts enable you to receive income from your charitable donation for the remainder of your life, or the life of your spouse or another loved one. You receive a substantial charitable tax deduction in the year you make the gift, and the gift produces income each year, a portion of which could be tax free. An attractive form of an income-producing gift is a Charitable Gift Annuity. This gift provides you with a source of guaranteed income during your lifetime. The specific rates vary with the highest rates of return available for older individuals. After your death the charity receives the remainder of your original gift.

A deferred Gift Annuity allows you to defer income until a later time. This feature is especially attractive to younger individuals who may not need the immediate income. By choosing this option you get a larger up-front deduction. This type of annuity has a higher rate of return compared with ordinary gift annuities. This is a perfect way to diversify a portfolio with a guaranteed fixed income for life.
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Today’s readings invite us into prayer, into relationship with God. Because relationships feel more natural when we know one another well, Sirach encourages us to know God better. In his wisdom, Sirach tells us what God is like: fair, open-minded, compassionate, and attentive. “The Lord will not delay,” he says. Knowing that God’s help comes right on time, whenever we need it, calms our hearts and helps us trust the Lord. In his second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul demonstrates his own trust in God. Despite the grueling struggles Saint Paul has faced because of his Christian faith, he praises the Lord for rescuing him time and again. Today’s Gospel draws us close to Jesus too, revealing his special love for the poor and humble. As Jesus tells his parable about the prayer habits of a Pharisee and a tax collector, our hearts long to become as gentle as Christ’s.

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Celebration of the Rosary

Learn the history of the Rosary and how to pray the Rosary with fellow parishioners.

Sunday, November 10, 2019
11:00 – 11:30 am
St. Vincent de Paul Church

Offered by the Vincentian Women
Encouraging women to build friendship and community in our parish through faith and service.

Please join us on Wednesday, November 13, for our Fall Book Discussion!
6:30 – 7:00 pm Wine and Cheese Reception
7:00 – 8:00 pm Discussion

Our book selection this fall is “The Fisherman’s Tomb: The True Story of the Vatican’s Secret Search” by John O’Neill. The incredible, sometimes shocking, story of the 75-year search and its key players has never been fully told until now. The quest would pit one of the 20th century’s most talented architects, a woman, against top Vatican insiders.

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

HOMILIES ONLINE

Did you know that Father Jeremy records his homilies and posts them on our website?

So if you were out of town, or would like to hear it again, you can go to our website (https://stvdep.org/about-us/from-the-pastor/) or our Facebook page to listen.

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 paper towels.

Thank you for your continued support of our Vincentian mission to serve our sisters and brothers in need.

We welcome into the church this weekend:

Archer Timothy Mertz, child of Matthew and Amanda Mertz
Winston Alfred Mertz, child of Matthew and Amanda Mertz
Claire Kilcoyne Kysiak, child of Kathleen and Kevin Kysiak
Theo Anthony DeNicolo, child of Mary Cunningham & Nicholas DeNicolo
Beau Anthony Becknek, child of Sarah Jorgenson and Anthony Becknek
Chloe Emery Tiano, child of Nancy Tiano
Cecilia Malen Cueva, child of Joel Cueva and Ashley Tuchten
“Well, King, this case is closed.” Sergeant Preston of the Yukon was a long-ago TV series, but I’ve never forgotten the words that the RCMP officer always said to his faithful dog King each week after having sent another bad guy away. I haven’t thought about Sergeant Preston for a long time, but I think of him now as I consider today’s Gospel, and probably because the story of the Pharisee who prays boastfully and the tax collector who prays humbly speaks to me of the civil case that put me in the jury box recently. But that case is closed now, too, so I guess I can talk about it. At least a little...

It was a bar fight. A female patron was suing the place for negligence after she was allegedly hit in the face by another female patron who was allegedly intoxicated (I’m not sure, but I think I’m always supposed to say “allegedly”). We found for the plaintiff because the bar by their own convoluted acknowledgement—as I heard it anyway—was understaffed that night, forcing the guy behind the bar to act as both the bartender and the manager, and this proved to be one hat too many for him when what began as an innocuous conversation—per the security camera pics—between the women escalated first into an aggressive conversation and then very quickly into fisticuffs. The punchee called the cops, who promptly arrested the puncher. And that was that.

Except for the lawsuit and trial. After agreeing on the negligence charge (the law states that bars have a duty to act reasonably to keep their patrons safe), we needed to determine how much money the plaintiff should get for her pain/suffering, emotional distress, and normal life disruption (or something like that). Her lawyers hinted at $50,000 each. We gave her way less. In deliberation, some questioned why the plaintiff didn’t walk away when the conversation went south. One juror said that she knew what she’d do in such a circumstance. She wouldn’t sit there and keep engaging the aggressor. She’d just get up and get the hell out. Actually, I was thinking the same.

Which to my ears is akin to the Pharisee’s Prayer. Taking his position in the temple, he references the tax collector and says, “O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income...” Can you hear it? Just a little? “O God, I thank you that I wouldn’t make a mistake like the plaintiff. Thank you that I’d never put myself in that circumstance. Thank you that I have much more sense than that...” But comparisons are odious, as writers have told us for centuries. And yet we’re all inclined to make them. And judge others in the process. Jesus says “whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted,” but this is a tough teaching, for as someone once said, as soon as I say, “I’m humble,” I’m not. I guess we’re all on a growth curve in our respective discipleship journeys, and none of our cases are closed—by our own accord, anyway—until we take our final breaths. Which means our jury is still out. Yay! “O God, be merciful to me a sinner.”
St. Vincent de Paul Parish Men's Group

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Ozanam Room in the parish center.

Join the parish men's faith-sharing group for Scripture-based reflection every Wednesday 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.

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

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!
Weekly Intentions

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, Leonila Cabael, Juliette Calabrese, Linda Cameron, Camdyn Campbell, Allen Carter Sr., Frances Carter, Margaret Charles, Almeda Colby, Virginia Dillon, Luis and Evelyn Fuentes, Mariam Gracia, 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, Deedee Siytangco, 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.

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**Financial Stewardship**

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.

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: Maureen & Adam Hawkins; Kyle Strehlau; Ardag Hajinazaria

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.
Ozana 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.
Sacristy: 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 Church. 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. Derek Swanson, C.M., 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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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

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