January 5th, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you”

— Psalm 72

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

It has always been a fairly common occurrence that people get lost. Since the dawn of time, people have used various methods to find their way. Yet sometimes we don’t have good directions. Sometimes we take a wrong turn. Although Google Maps has cut down on getting lost, it still happens.

Sometimes as well we can get lost in our lives. A poor decision leads to another and one day we wake up to discover that we are a long way from where we hoped or wanted to be. Perhaps grief, anger or sadness has knocked us out of line. Perhaps the anxieties and worries about the church or our political system weigh us down and lead us to lose sight of our ideals. Whatever the reason, we often can feel lost or adrift in our lives, wondering how we got to where we are or how to get to where we want to be.

We hear today the story of how the Magi followed the star to the infant Jesus, how they finally arrived to see the child and worship him. In our lives, there isn’t a physical star to lead us to where we want, but the star that grounds us and helps us to find direction and meaning is Christ himself. When we begin to follow his light in our lives, even if it seems far off and dim, we grow in our love and our hope. The light directing us and leading us is always there if we are open to seeing it. Sometimes, though, the star seems obscured by our own doubts and questions. But the star is still there; Christ is still there. As St. Paul said, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ – not distance, not sin, not fear. Nothing. Jesus told us that he came to seek and save what was lost (Luke 19:10). All of us from time to time are lost, we lose our bearings and wander away. The Good News is that Jesus is there – wherever we are. Nothing we have done, nothing we have failed to do, nothing can make God stop loving us and wanting us.

Jesus is waiting for us to see him in our lives, to receive his love, to give of ourselves in service to one other. Today we are invited to trust in him, especially if we feel lost, at drift or alone. And as a parish, we seek to recognize the loving and merciful presence of Jesus in our lives, and to be the mercy of God for others. As our vision statement says, we serve and love the Body of Christ without exception. Our celebration today of Epiphany is really a celebration of the fact that Jesus came for every person throughout the world. No one – past, present or future – is outside his love and mercy. Christ works in the life of each person, you and me included. We are called to recognize his loving presence and guidance in our own lives, and to help others who are lost or alone to see it in their lives as well.
December 11, 2019

Rev. Jeremy Dixon
Pastor
St. Vincent DePaul Church
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Chicago, IL 60614

Dear Fr. Dixon:

Our community of Little Sisters of the Poor thanks the kind parishioners of St. Vincent DePaul for remembering our dear Residents during this blessed time of year with the gift of $2,448.00 on November 20, 2019. We are grateful to you for allowing us the opportunity to share our special mission with your parish. To our earnest appeal, your community of caring individuals responded readily and generously.

We deeply appreciate their goodness, which allows each of us to enter more fully into the true meaning of this season. It is with the help of benefactors like your parishioners that we at St. Mary’s Home are able to provide for the needs of our Residents, and we are truly humbled by those who give of themselves through their donations.

Advent has officially begun. There is a feeling of joyful anticipation throughout the home as we wait for the birth of our Savior. We look forward to the many guests who will visit our Home in the coming weeks including carolers from local schools or volunteers and family members who put up decorations and celebrate with gifts. We are grateful to all those who make this season so special for our Residents.

December is a particularly meaningful time of year for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Each year on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the entire Congregation around the world renews their vows of chastity, poverty, obedience, and hospitality. We welcome this happy time as an opportunity to recommit our lives to God through our service and loyalty to the elderly poor.

Your caring parishioners and you are truly a blessing to us and to those wonderful lives we serve and celebrate. As an expression of our gratitude, we pray that they and you enjoy a peaceful and grace-filled season.

Gratefully,

Sr. Julie, ISP
Sr. Julie, I.S.P.
Superior

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Vincentian Women

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

Pray the Rosary – Wednesday, January 8, 6:00 pm in Church
(Doors open at 5:30 pm)

Meeting this Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center.
All women are welcome to attend.

Save the Date...

Women’s Retreat, Saturday, February 2, 2020, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

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

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.

Weddings Celebrated in December:

Elizabeth Olson and Anthony Cincinelli
Katherine Steigerwald and Scott Farber
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 packaged cookies and desserts.

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

Young Married Couples Group

St Vincent’s young married couples group is active once again!

The vision of this group is to give an intentional space for married couples to come together to reflect on and actively strengthen the marriage vocation. Our first meeting will be on January 12th!

We will meet in the parish center after the 5pm Mass for a short speaker, reflection, and dinner. More events to follow as this group forms and takes shape.
Join journalist Michael O’Loughlin of America Magazine as he discusses and answers questions about his new in-depth podcast project, Plague, which tells the stories of gay Catholics navigating their identity and their faith at the height of the AIDS epidemic.

Thursday, January 9 at 7pm
McGee’s Tavern & Grille (950 W. Webster Street, Chicago IL)

About
Michael J. O’Loughlin is the national correspondent for America Media, where he writes regularly about the Catholic Church, and the author of The Tweetable Pope: A Spiritual Revolution in 140 Characters (2015). Previously a staff writer for The Boston Globe’s Crux, Mike has also written for The Atlantic, The Washington Post, Foreign Policy, The Advocate, Religion News Service. He has been interviewed on MSNBC, Fox News, ABC, CBS, and NPR. Follow him on Twitter: @MikeOLoughlin

This event is being sponsored by Clement Affirmed, a ministry of fellowship and support for LGBTQ+, gender minorities, and allies. There is no cost to attend. Learn more at www.clement.org/lgbtq
“I’m just one of those people who believes God doesn’t love me.” I heard American author and featured speaker Alice McDermott say this during her talk at Loyola University’s Catholic Imagination Conference a few months ago. While I’ve not read her—yet—I understand that her Catholicism often works its way into her words. Given her presentation that day in its entirety, I think she said this in the same way I say, “I’m getting too old for this” as I line up for another marathon. I say it because part of me thinks it, but I don’t really believe it. And perhaps my assessment of McDermott was confirmed later that afternoon when I saw her at Loyola’s Madonna della Strada Chapel for Mass.

“I’m just one of those people who believes God doesn’t love me.” I suspect we all encounter this feeling every now and then. I encountered it when my mother died unexpectedly and suddenly over two decades ago now. I remember that I cried all the way to Streator. I encountered it years later when my dad—under my direct care—fell and broke his hip trying to get out of his wheelchair. I had turned away for only seconds... As I wrote then, “It wasn’t Pop’s fault that he fell. It was mine for leaving him alone.” These are the “Why, God, why?” moments I’m talking about. One could argue that Jesus himself entertained like sentiment hanging on the cross that dark day.

“I’m just one of those people who believes God doesn’t love me.” I’d forgotten all about Alice McDermott’s assertion, but I came upon it moments ago while rifling through some paperwork I’d set aside for later. Something prompted me to get back to it now, and McDermott was in the pile. I wrote two weeks back that God always gives me the words for this column when I need them. Here we go again. Christ is made manifest today to the magi from the east. You know. The big-E Epiphany. A small-e epiphany, though, is generally seen as an understanding of things we thought we knew, but now see differently. If such is so, then, Hey! I’ve got your epiphany moment right here.

God loves me! God loves you! God loves all of us! *And*, God loves all of us all the time! “Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem” Isaiah writes. “Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” This holds for you and me, too, you know. And then the Apostle Paul: “You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit...It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs...and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” Yay! Then here come the magi with their treasures for the infant King. As quoted in an online article I saw while looking up the author’s work, McDermott’s interest in the “essential question of the efficacy of love in a mortal world” springs from her faith. We live in a mortal world, true, but we have supernatural friends in high places, and Love rules there. “I’m getting too old for this.” “I’m just one of those people who believes God doesn’t love me.” Well...yeah...maybe... No.
News & Notes

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.

**Mass Offerings**

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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.


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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:** Katy Oatway; Melanie Early

**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.
- **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.

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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/](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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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.

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Thinking about being a priest or brother like the Vincentians in your parish?

Do something MEANINGFUL with your life: serve the poor with us!

Contact:
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WHY IS IT
A man wakes up after sleeping
under an ADVERTISED mattress
and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas
that is an ADVERTISED shower
shaves with an ADVERTISED razor
brushes his teeth
with ADVERTISED toothpaste
washes with ADVERTISED soap
puts on ADVERTISED clothes
a cup of ADVERTISED coffee
drives to work
in an ADVERTISED car
and then
refuses to ADVERTISE
believing it doesn’t pay.
Later if business is poor he
ADVERTISEs it for sale.
WHY IS IT?