St. Vincent de Paul Parish

The St. Vincent de Paul community lives out the Vincentian charism by serving and loving the Body of Christ without exception.

January 19th, 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy”

— 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

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

Who are you? That is a question that we answer in many ways. I am a son, a brother, an uncle, a priest, a Vincentian. Yet these identifiers, as important and telling as they are, do not get to the essence of who I am, and the same can be said for you.

Our readings today speak about identity. The prophet Isaiah prophesized about God’s servant, who is a light to the nations and chosen from the beginning. Paul says that he is “called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus” and John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” John himself self-identifies as one who “ranks” behind Jesus; he identifies himself as a humble servant of God in Christ.

The ways in which the people in today’s Scriptures identify is how we are invited to identify ourselves today as Catholic Christians. We too have been chosen by God to be a servant to others as in Isaiah. We too have been chosen by God to be apostles, messengers of the Good News of the saving power of Christ. We too are like John the Baptist in pointing out and making Christ known to others.

In all that we do, as St. Paul says, we are “called to be holy” because we have been redeemed and loved by Christ. Whether we are single or married, male or female, young or old, parent or child, or any other label with which we identify, we are called to be holy, to give all that we have to promote the Reign of God and its justice.

Who are you? Beneath all of the other labels that we have is our core essence and identity: I am the beloved of God. I came into existence because of God’s love, and it is God who sustains me at every moment. Knowing that I am lovable, knowing that I am healed and made whole by Christ, knowing that I am not an “accident” or “problem” is a great gift from God. It is what each of us are invited to affirm in our lives. It is indeed Good News for all people. This is who each one of us is.
Pray : Serve : Share

Eucharistic Adoration

Jan 14, 28
Feb 11, 25
Mar 10

Taizé Prayer

Jan 7, 21
Feb 4, 18
Mar 3

Tuesdays at 8 pm
St. Louise de Marillac Chapel

Questions? Contact Matt Merkt:
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January 19, 2020
Vincentian Women

Third Annual Retreat
February 1, 2020
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fr. Chris Robinson C.M.

“No Women – No Mission: A Deeper Look at Vincent and Louise”

Agenda

9:00 am - Gather in the Church
9:15 am - Mass with Fr. Jeremy
10:00 – 11:45 am - Lecture in Parish Center
12:00 – 12:45 pm – Lunch in Parish Center
1:00 – 3:00 pm - Sessions: Prayer Yoga; Prayer Maze;
Quiet Prayer; Confession

*$10 Suggested Donation*

Please email Mary Carter at mcarte40@depaul.edu to register.
Join us for Parish Vision Day

Remember “Renew My Church”? The groupings, the parish meetings, and the structural decisions lasted most of last winter and spring. While the process of structural change is complete for our area of the Archdiocese, the spiritual and communal renewal for our parish and area is just beginning. So, where do we go from here? What does this renewal process look like? What are the implications for my own faith life and for the St. Vincent de Paul community? We invite you to our Parish Vision Day on Saturday, January 25th from 10:00AM to 12:00PM the parish center, where we will begin a conversation around these questions. The morning will give each of us a chance to pray, reflect, and discuss where Christ is leading us individually and as a community in the journey of becoming Missionary Disciples. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, contact Rebecca Simons in the parish office. Hope to see you there!

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 was on January 12th.

More events to follow as this group forms and takes shape.

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.
With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God’s relationship with Israel and John the Baptist’s relationship with Jesus. Israel’s relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God’s “salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth” (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God’s will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are “called to be holy” (1 Corinthians 1:2).

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These days I pretty much show my age just walking out the door, but when I open my mouth, I often remove all doubt. Many times, I give it away by quoting some long-forgotten television show or commercial that still speaks to me but that is typically lost on a younger crowd. Lines like “Shakes out white. Turns blue” or “Everybody doesn’t like something…” or “Whadda you want when you gotta have somethin’ and it’s gotta be sweet and it’s gotta be a lot and you gotta have it now…” But sometimes a given circumstance flashes one of these old lines before my mind’s eye and I see an immediate—and very apropos—connection between the present and a jingle from forty or fifty years ago. I had occasion to use one such old-time reference with someone much younger than me not long ago when I responded to an observation she’d made with “Yeah. Like the “W” in Wrangler.” She just looked at me funny.

It's an old ad campaign for Wrangler jeans. In my memory, it has lines like “You have to look for the ‘W’ because it’s silent” and “Wremember, the ‘W’ in Wrangler is silent.” They come to mind now when I look at the first reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6. Something’s missing. See it? Actually, you can't see it because it’s not there. To paraphrase the Wrangler ad, “You have to look for Verse 4 because it’s silent.” The question is, why? This passage is from the second of four “Servant Songs” in Isaiah, so called—as I understand such things—because they stress the call of “the Lord's servant,” chosen by God to be a light to the nations. Some say that these songs point to Isaiah. Some, that they foreshadow the Christ. OK. But I think they point to all of us, too, as followers of Jesus, which is why that missing verse is so important. You can read the text given to us in the missalette if you want to. Here’s 49: 4, the text not given to us: “Though I thought I had toiled in vain, and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength. Yet my reward is with the Lord, my recompense is with my God.”

I don't know about you, but I don't always get this discipleship thing right. In truth, I fail, and I fail, and I fail again. But to me, this absent 49: 4… I don’t know… it seems to cover us in our shortcomings. It seems to allow for our mis-steps and our inadequacies, for even when we are not perfect—even when we are far from perfect, in fact—our reward is still with the Lord, and God still has our backs. I have no idea why the Church doesn’t see fit to include it in the reading we get during the Mass, but as I often tell my wife when she’s editing one of these columns and she doesn’t think people will get a particular reference I’m offering up (like the “W” in Wrangler being silent, I suppose), sometimes it’s on the reader. I mean, this writing-and-reading thing is a two-way street, my friends; we’re all in it together. Since 49: 4 is conspicuous by its absence in today’s first reading, we have to look for it, just as we have to look for the “W” in Wrangler. And when we do, and when we find it, 49: 4 tells us—at least I like to think it tells us—that even when we fail in trying to serve the Christ, we still serve the Christ. And perhaps more than we know.
**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

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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!
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, Isabelle Giurato, 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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| Saturday, January 18th | Legal Help Desk 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Bro. Leo & Marillac Rooms
|                    | Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m. - Presider: Fr. Dixon - Church       |
| Sunday, January 19th | 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 - Cardinal Cupich
|                    | Al-Anon Meeting 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room |
| Monday, January 20th | Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. - Church
|                    | Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center
|                    | AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room      |
| Tuesday, January 21st | Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. - Church
|                    | Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center
|                    | Music, Stillness, Solidarity Meditation 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Church |
| Wednesday, January 22nd | Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. - Church
|                    | Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center
|                    | AA Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room       |
|                    | Men's Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Ozanam Room    |
| Thursday, January 23rd | Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. - Church
|                    | Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center
|                    | Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room        |
| Friday, January 24th | Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. - Church
|                    | Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center |
| Saturday, January 25th | Parish Vision Day 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room
|                    | Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m. - Presider: Fr. Melaku - Church      |
|                    | TNT Board Game Night 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room  |
| Sunday, January 26th | Presiders: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Melaku; 8:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Muller
|                    | RCIA 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - St. Vincent Room
|                    | Baptisms 11:30 a.m. - Church
|                    | Al-Anon Meeting 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room |

**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.

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:** Joelle DePietro; Rosemary and Kyra O’Brien; Amy Corbett; Kelly Ryan

**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.

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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](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

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/pn4aywl) has a daily video reflection on the mass readings, as well as the readings

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.”

Busted Halo (bustedhalo.com) is an “online magazine for spiritual seekers” sponsored by the Paulist Fathers. It includes reflections on faith and popular culture.

Saint of the Day (http://tinyurl.com/15yvch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.

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