January 26th, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
“God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people”
— Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3

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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

Last week in my column, I reflected on our identity as Christians and how we see ourselves. It is through prayer and reflection that we come to know and believe that each one of us is the beloved daughter or son of God, loved and made whole through Christ. Once we affirm this truth in our lives, it then becomes necessary to take the next step and answer the question, “Now what?”

When we recognize our gifts and our identity in a spirit of prayer, it calls each of us to gratitude. As we give thanks to God for the love we have and the many ways in which God has blessed us, we are able to see that others are also loved and blessed by God. I am not alone in my being loved, but I belong to a community of believers who love and are loved by God in Christ.

In the Gospel today, Jesus calls the first disciples into this community of love. Jesus asks Peter, Andrew, James and John to “come after me,” to follow and learn. Perhaps the surprising thing is that they do! They leave behind their jobs and families and walk with Jesus.

How is Jesus calling out to us in our lives? How does he make himself known in the ordinary everyday events of our lives? What is he calling us to leave behind so we can come after him and be messengers of the Good News? It is in a spirit of prayerful reflection that each of us are invited to spend some time this week answering these questions.

As good as it is, it is not enough to simply affirm the truth that God loves me. Each of us is called to action, to be a “fisher” of men and women, spreading the net of God’s love and healing to those around us. This is what evangelization is: helping others recognize God’s love and presence in their lives.

We can only spread this love when we are rooted in God’s love for us, when we are rooted in a relationship of prayer with Christ. This allows us to hear Jesus’ invitation to follow him, to leave our hang-ups behind and trust in his plan of love and peace for us. How we do so varies from person to person, because each of us was uniquely created by God and endowed with particular gifts.

However, as we read this Gospel, I would like to note that Jesus is still calling men and women to follow him radically as the disciples did, to follow as priests, brothers and sisters in the vowed religious life. Don’t be afraid of Jesus’ invitation. Listen in prayer to what he is telling you. If you feel that you may be called to this life, don’t ignore it (trust me, it doesn’t work), but talk to someone about it. You are always free to speak with me about it, or to contact the Vincentian vocation director at 1-800-DEPAUL-1 or online at www.menonamission.net.
**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Jan 14, 28  
Feb 11, 25  
Mar 10  

**TAIZÉ PRAYER**

Jan 7, 21  
Feb 4, 18  
Mar 3  

**Tuesdays at 8pm**  
St. Louise de Marillac Chapel  

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**Pray : Serve : Share**
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.
SEEKING THE LIGHT

In today’s readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John’s arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: “the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen” (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin’s death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

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Cenacle's First Friday Series

February 7, 2020 -

Seeking the Face of God when I feel Unworthy: with Sr Barbara Regan r.c., 10am to noon, part of the Cenacle's First Friday Series.

Women of all ages welcome; $30 offering includes conference, Mass and lunch at the Cenacle, 513 W. Fullerton; call (773) 528-6300 or visit www.cenaclesisters.org/chicago/retreats-programs

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://stvedep.org/about-us/from-the-pastor/) or our Facebook page to listen.
We welcome into the church this month:

**January 19 –**
Emma Rose Marie, child of Tom Call & Nicole Janovick
Lincoln Jansen, child of Tyler & Elle Walters

**January 26 –**
Alexandra Kate, child of Jeffrey & Katherine Lula
Owen William, child of Adam & Karlyn Matthews
Evelyn Anne, child of John Kenneth & Kristina Sarajane Spegele
My wife and I spent a few days in the (very popular) Valley during our Yosemite trip last fall, but our trip actually began at a much less-visited area: Hetch Hetchy. Per the park’s website, “Hidden in Yosemite National Park’s peaceful northwest corner, Hetch Hetchy Valley is a treasure worth visiting in all seasons…an ideal place for thundering spring waterfalls and wildflower displays. High temperatures prevail in summer months, but that is a small price to pay for the reward of vast wilderness filled with stunning peaks, hidden canyons, and remote lakes.” We were there in October so we missed some of it, but we saw the rest. It was beautiful--stunning, even--and, not at all crowded.

We started/finished our hike at O'Shaughnessy Dam, where the 117 billion gallon reservoir it holds supplies drinking water to over two million Bay Area folks along with hydro-electric power. Those 117 billion gallons stretch out further than the eye can take in, but we saw some of the explosive power they can generate as thousands of them cascaded through underground channels toward converting plants downstream. Gail and I had stayed the night prior at the McCaffrey House B&B. It’s run by a local, and she told us that Hetch Hetchy was worth the trip. Her breakfast was delicious--heck, I thought her coffee alone was worth the trip--and her Hetch Hetchy advice was spot-on.

But the highlight of the visit began before we even strapped on our hiking boots. It came as we were checking in at the entrance, because this is when I bought my Lifetime Senior Pass for $80. “America the Beautiful” it says on the front, with an image of a bighorn sheep and a compass. Per the small print on the back: “Lifetime pass for US citizen or permanent resident, 62 years or older,” and it not only gets me into the parks for no charge, it gets my traveling companions in for free as well. And I’m taken now by what the young park ranger said as he placed the card in my hand. “Welcome to your Lifetime Enhancement card, because every time you use it, your life will be enhanced.”

OK. I think a Lifetime Enhancement card of sorts is in play today for all three readings. Per Isaiah, “First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles…” Here, he prophesizes Jesus. It took 700 years, but Lifetime Enhancement ensued for all believers from that day until even now. Next Paul counsels the Corinthians to never lose sight of their Lifetime Enhancement (“I urge you…in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ…that there be no divisions among you”). And Jesus personally hands Peter and Andrew their Lifetime Enhancement cards (“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men”), and later James and John get--and accept--the same offer. According to the NPS website, my America the Beautiful card is my ticket to 2,000+ federal recreation sites. Cool. But as I think about it, I guess we all have access to an Eternity Enhancement card by embracing the Christ. Oh. And don’t even worry about the $80. This one’s already paid for.
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, 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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### Week at a Glance

| 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  |
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| Sunday, January 26th  | Presidents: 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  |
| Monday, January 27th  | Daily Mass .................................................. 8:00 a.m. - Church  
Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel ...... 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center  
SPRED .................................................... 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room  
Worship Commission Meeting ....................... 7:00 p.m. - Portail Room  
AA Meeting ............................................. 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room  |
| Tuesday, January 28th | 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  
Knights of Columbus ................................ Ozanam Room  |
| Wednesday, January 29th | 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  
Married Mentor Training Meeting .................... 7:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room  |
| Thursday, January 30th | 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 31st  | Daily Mass .................................................. 8:00 a.m. - Church  
Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel ...... 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center  |
| Saturday, February 1st | Vincentian Women Retreat ......................... 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Parish Center  
Parish Vision Day .................................. 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room  
Vigil Mass........................................... 5:00 p.m. - Presider: Fr. Melaku - Church  |
| Sunday, February 2nd  | Presidents: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Melaku; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Dixon; 8:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Robinson  
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.  

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
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:** Michael & Lauren Brokaw; Eric Siemborski; Chuck & Margaret Adams

**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.
- **Oznan 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/ly7vch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.

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