February 9th, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright”
— Psalm 112

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
When I was in high school, I got involved in Teens Encounter Christ (TEC), which consisted of several weekend retreats each year. It was a powerful experience, bonding with other people and getting to know Christ better in my life. It helped me in a confusing time (when isn’t high school confusing?) and helped me trust in the presence of God in my life. The anthem of our TEC retreats was the old children’s song, “This Little Light of Mine.” We sang it countless times throughout the weekend and it made an indelible impact on me.

“This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.” These lyrics continue to resonate with us today as we read Jesus’ words in the Gospel from the Sermon on the Mount: “Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your heavenly Father.” (Mt 5:16) Each one of us is a reflection of God’s goodness, God’s light. Each one of us has gifts and talents that God has given. From the moment of our baptism, we are called to keep the light burning brightly in our lives. We are called to use our gifts in service of the Reign of God. It is through our actions, our words, and our prayers that God continues to be present in the world.

The light of God’s love that dwells within us is not meant for ourselves alone. It is not to be hoarded selfishly, but shared with those around us. Just as light doesn’t keep to itself, our love and faith is meant to be given to others. If the light is within us, we are called to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, shelter the oppressed and homeless, remove hatred and malice from our hearts and assist those in need, as Isaiah reminds us in the first reading. When we give away the light, it continues to grow and does not go out.

Yet there remains the danger of “burn out.” When we give and give, at times we feel emptied and exhausted. This is where prayer comes into play. As we live out our faith and proclaim our faith through words and deeds, we are called to re-energize the light through our personal prayer. Ask Christ to give you the strength to let your light shine, to be a reflection of God’s love and goodness for those around you.
Pray : Serve : Share

Eucharistic Adoration

Jan 14, 28
Feb 11, 25
Mar 10

Tuesdays at 8pm
St. Louise de Marillac Chapel

Questions? Contact Matt Merkt:
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Catholic Campus Ministry

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Jan 7, 21
Feb 4, 18
Mar 3
2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

Come, follow me... and heal our world

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you received with your bulletin. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledged campaign commitment where you can make a gift payable in installments. A pledge is a promise to make a gift over a span of time.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer Jesus’ call to “Come, follow me... and heal the world.”

Once we reach our parish goal of $29,847 in paid pledges, any additional funds come back to our parish to help fund our needs. This year, with our rebate, we plan to use the money to fund our building needs, including restoration of our stained glass windows.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses the weekend of February 22/23.

THANK YOU!

A very gracious thank you to everyone who responded to the Knights of Columbus appeal to buy wheelchairs for residents at the Little Sisters of the Poor home down the street. We raised $2,400 over the weekend! Thank you also to the Knights who spoke and collected donations over the weekend. When the chairs are delivered, we will be sure to take some pictures so you can see the fruits of your generosity.
Alpha is a place to explore life, faith and meaning. A relaxed and welcoming atmosphere with dinner, a short film and opportunity for discussion about life’s big questions.

Done with small talk? Try Alpha.

You are invited to Alpha for a time of great food, even better conversation and talks that make you think.

Tuesdays 7:00 PM
February 18th – April 28th in the parish center.

For more information contact Rebecca at rcarmic1@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 paper towels and sanitizing wipes.

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

MUSIC

STILLNESS

SOLIDARITY

People of all faith traditions are welcome at St. Vincent de Paul Parish on Tuesday at 6:00 for an evening of contemplative piano music and prayer.

Vincentian Women

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

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

Pray the Rosary, February 12, 6:00 pm

(Doors open at 5:30 pm)

Monthly Meeting, February 12, 6:30 pm

All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

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

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for sponsoring lunch at the Vincentian Women’s Retreat on February 1st!
**Ash Wednesday**

**February 26**

**Masses and Services**

**In Lincoln Park Campus:**

**Mass**

Noon and 9:30 PM | St. Vincent de Paul Church

(8:00 AM and 7:00 PM Parish Masses)

**Ecumenical Ashes & Blessings**

8 AM, 10 AM, Noon, and 2 PM | Interfaith Sacred Space

**Ecumenical Worship**

5:15 PM | Interfaith Sacred Space

**In the Loop:**

**Mass**

8 AM in the Miraculous Medal Chapel & Noon in the DePaul Center Concourse

**Ecumenical Worship**

Noon and 5 PM | DePaul Center 11th Floor
Systemic Change, Vincentian Style:
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, February 27
6:30pm Reception
7:00pm Presentation

DePaul Student Center, Rm. 314B
(2250 N. Sheffield Ave.)

Begun in 1833 by a handful of students in Paris to serve the poor, today the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) exists on 5 continents with 800,000 members and over 1 million volunteers in 153 countries. Based on love of neighbor and face-to-face relationships, this association of lay Catholics ultimately works for systemic change; its projects range from microcredit programs for street vendors in the Dominican Republic to a new well and solar powered water pumping station in drought-ravaged Angola.

Renato Lima de Oliveira has served since 2016 as the international president general of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and has been active as a lay Vincentian for 33 years. He holds an MA in political science (University of Brasilia).

More Information
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CWCIT@depaul.edu

Sponsored by the Center for World Catholicism & Intercultural Theology (CWCIT) and the Holtzscheider Chair in Vincentian Studies
The Chicago Tribune published Mary Schmich’s 2020 “guiding word” column in early January. Off-and-on, I’ve been pondering my guiding word ever since. If I remember the set-up correctly from a few years back, Schmich—the paper’s Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist—began advocating an individual yearly guide word when a reader wrote in to promote the idea. Think New Year’s resolutions, but distilled down to their very essence. As Schmich wrote at the time, a guiding word can be “…like a flashlight beam on a dark, rocky trail.” Which is why I didn’t rush my word this year. I fear commitment, apparently. But we’re a month and some days into 2020, and now is the time. “Now” would be a good word (as in, do it now, whatever it happens to be at a given moment). Per Schmich in January, “Many people have written to tell me their choices, and every suggestion is a good one. Gratitude. Compassion. Focus. Give. Breathe. Believe. Do.” My first crack at this was in 2017 when I hit on “Fulfillment” (as I wrote at the time, “not as in, feeling complete, but as in, realizing expectations. Others’ certainly, but more so, my own”). I put the word to paper and affixed it to my work computer as a daily reminder for me to live such a life. Sometimes I think succeeded. Sometimes I know I failed. Sometimes—sadly, most times—I forgot about the word entirely. But that’s OK, because perhaps just claiming a word can guide us, even if we don’t always consciously embrace it. I kept the same word for three years because it served me well in the workplace. In truth, it partially informed my retirement decision last year, but having now left the job behind, a new word is due. Schmich’s word for 2020 is “slower,” which came to her when a roadside sign told her TOO FAST SLOW DOWN. Ah, yes… And me? Well, I’m now looking at the nine hand-written sticky notes I keep at my desk that speak—albeit in the words of others—to who I am. Or at least try to be. I told my wife years ago that should I die before her, I’d like her to frame my eulogy around these passages (Shakespeare’s “If music be the food of love, play on,” for one). And as I scan these notes now looking for the single word to guide me, I’ve landed on the Latin, Altius, which is part of the Olympic motto Citius Altius Fortius (Swifter Higher Stronger). I embrace the words from an athletic competition standpoint, yes, but more so, I embrace them as a reminder to do my best in all things. And here, Altius seems singularly apropos. You know. As in, to rise above my everyday self to my very best self. As in, to live higher. As in, to be better. And this seems especially fitting as I consider today’s readings. Per the Lord in Isaiah, “Share your bread with the hungry…” Altius. Per Paul to the Corinthians, “For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” Altius. And per Christ’s own direction, we are the light of the world, and our light “…must shine before others.” Altius, Altius, Altius. Choose your own word for 2020, of course, but no matter what it is, let’s all help each other to rise up in our discipleship. To live higher. To shine.
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 available for all weekend masses and weekday masses.

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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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., 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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Religious Ed ........................................... 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Church  
Al-Anon Meeting ........................................ 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room |
| **Monday, February 10th** | 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  
AA Meeting .................................................. 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room |
| **Tuesday, February 11th** | 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, February 12th** | Daily Mass ...................................................................... 8:00 a.m. - Church  
Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel ...... 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center  
Pray the Rosary................................................. 6:00 p.m. - Church  
Vincentian Women Meeting ................................ 6:30 p.m. - Portail Room  
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, February 13th** | 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, February 14th** | Daily Mass ...................................................................... 8:00 a.m. - Church  
Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel ...... 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center |
| **Saturday, February 15th** | Legal Help Desk .......... 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Bro. Leo & Marillac Rooms  
Vigil Mass..................................................... 5:00 p.m. - Presider: Fr. Swanson - Church |
| **Sunday, February 16th** | Presiders: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Swanson; 10:00 a.m. Mass - Fr. Swanson; 5:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Swanson; 8:00 p.m. Mass - Fr. Borlik  
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:** Kelly Ryan; Charles Ruberg; Lavinia & Bradley Young; Joshua & Carly Bashium; Neal Bregus & Victoria Cisek; Kate Ondra; Valeria Diaz

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

DePaul University (http://tinyurl.com/mfkaue6) 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/l57vch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.

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