February 23rd, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself”

— Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

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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
This is a reflection from Pope Francis on Jesus’ command to us today to love our enemies. To me, his words were very relevant—and challenging at the same time. Let us pray that we may receive this grace from God to truly love and reject “the virus of polarization.”

Love, do good, bless and pray. I think we can all agree on these, and see them as something reasonable. They are four things we can easily do for our friends and for those more or less close to us, people we like, people whose tastes and habits are similar to our own.

The problem comes when Jesus tells us for whom we have to do these things. Here he is very clear. He minces no words, he uses no euphemisms. He tells us: love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you.

These are not things we spontaneously do in dealing with people we consider our opponents or enemies. Our first instinctive reaction in such cases is to dismiss, discredit or curse them. Often we try to “demonize” them, so as to have a “sacred” justification for dismissing them. Jesus tells us to do exactly the opposite with our enemies, those who hate us, those who curse us or slander us. We are to love them, to do good to them, to bless them and to pray for them.

Here we find ourselves confronted with one of the very hallmarks of Jesus’ message, where its power and secret are concealed. Here too is the source of our joy, the power of our mission and our preaching of the Good News. My enemy is someone I must love. In God’s heart there are no enemies. God only has sons and daughters. We are the ones who raise walls, build barriers and label people. God has sons and daughters, precisely so that no one will be turned away. God’s love has the flavor of fidelity towards everyone, for it is a visceral love, a parental love that never abandons us, even when we go astray. Our Father does not wait for us to be good before he loves the world, he does not wait for us to be a little bit better or more perfect before he loves us; he loves us because he chose to love us, he loves us because he has made us his sons and daughters...

Ours is an age of grave global problems and issues. We live at a time in which polarization and exclusion are burgeoning and considered the only way to resolve conflicts. We see, for example, how quickly those among us with the status of a stranger, an immigrant, or a refugee, become a threat, take on the status of an enemy. An enemy because they come from a distant country or have different customs. An enemy because of the color of their skin, their language or their social class. An enemy because they think differently or even have a different faith. An enemy because... And, without our realizing it, this way of thinking becomes part of the way we live and act. Everything and everyone then begins to taste of animosity. Little by little, our differences turn into symptoms of hostility, threats and violence... The virus of polarization and animosity permeates our way of thinking, feeling and acting. We are not immune from this and we need to take care lest such attitudes find a place in our hearts, because this would be contrary to the richness and universality of the Church... Jesus continues to invite us to spend our lives sustaining our people in hope, so that they can be signs of reconciliation. As the Church, we are constantly being asked to open our eyes to see the wounds of so many of our brothers and sisters deprived of their dignity, deprived in their dignity.
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Join us in person and online by sharing your Lenten experiences.

**PRAY**

Daily Lenten devotions on FB (comment and share)
Alpha (meal, movie, conversation; Tuesdays at 7:00 pm)
Music, Stillness, Solidarity (Tuesdays at 6:00 pm)
Eucharistic Adoration (March 10 at 8:00 pm; Marillac Chapel)
Taizé Prayer (March 3 at 8:00 pm in Marillac Chapel;
and Fridays at 7:00 pm at St. Michael Old Town)
Rosary (Wednesdays at 6:00 pm)
Men’s Group (Wednesdays at 6:30 pm)
Stations of the Cross (Fridays at 7:00 pm)
Reconciliation (Saturdays at 4:15 pm)

**SERVE**

Become a Minister of Care (visit the sick and homebound).
Become a Liturgical Minister (lector, usher, Eucharistic Minister).
Become a SPRED Catechist (assist the developmentally disabled).
Become an Outreach Volunteer (work for our soup kitchen).
Volunteer for the parish Fish Fry (Friday, March 13).

**SHARE**

Increase your giving to St. Vincent by just $1.00/day.
Donate the money you would otherwise spend on items you are fasting from, i.e. meat, coffee, alcohol.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

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**GOD ON THE GO**
—with Fr. Jeremy
Saturday, March 7 at 6:00 pm
Sunday, March 8 at 9:00 am
Sunday, March 15 at 11:00 am
Sunday, March 15 at 6:00 pm

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE**
Monday, March 30
7:00 pm at St. Josephat

**LECTURE PRESENTATION**
Systemic Change:
Vincentian Style
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
February 27, 6:30 pm
DePaul Student Center Room 314B
Pray : Serve : Share

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal
Come, follow me… and heal our world

This weekend, our parish will be conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal in-pew Commitment Weekend. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, “Come, follow me… and heal our world,” was selected to remind us to continue to answer Jesus’ call to follow Him in thought, word and deed by providing the necessary contribution to fund ministries and services to share God’s love with many others in our parish and our archdiocese.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parishes communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools, and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Vincentian Women

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

Vincentian Women will lead the Stations of the Cross on February 28 at 7:00 pm.

Pray the Rosary will be held weekly during Lent, Wednesdays at 6:00 pm beginning March 4.

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

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 18\(^{th}\) – April 28\(^{th}\) in the parish center.

For more information contact Rebecca at rcarmic1@ depaul.edu

**FOOLISHNESS**

Sometimes the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you’re looking for real foolishness, you’ll find it in today’s readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, “Take no revenge and cherish no grudge” (Leviticus 19:18). We’ve heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called “practical realities of life.” Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better “become a fool,” because “the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God” (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

This “foolishness” continues in the Gospel: “Offer no resistance to one who is evil” (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you’ve been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. “So be perfect,” says Jesus, “just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (5:48).
We welcome into the church this weekend:

Jack Thomas Kress, child of William and Meghan Kress
Emilia Hanna, child of Ryan and Ally Hanna
Sloane Mallery Piposar, child of Jeffrey Piposar and Michelle Mallery
Anna Catherine Wilson, child of Austin Sarah Jo Wilson
Grace Lola Hensley, child of Grant and Olvia Hensley
Joseph Stephen Ballard, child of Brian and Brianna Ballard
St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Pray : Serve : Share

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

Jan 14, 28
Feb 11, 25
Mar 10

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**TAIZÉ PRAYER**

Jan 7, 21
Feb 4, 18
Mar 3

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**Tuesdays at 8pm**

St. Louise de Marillac Chapel

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020
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
“Ruse.” We don’t hear this word too often, but it’s one of my favorites, and I use it every chance I get. The trouble is, I don’t get many chances. As in, it’s only in play—in my mind anyway—during surprise party conversations. I’m sure my wife used it when planning my surprise retirement party last year as she told the invitees the details while misleading me as to why we were going out to dinner that night. I used it when I planned Gail’s last surprise birthday party as I explained to family and friends when Gail would be arriving home that night, and under what pretext she was away. And my first question when invited to a surprise party of any kind is always the same: “What’s the ruse?”

Per dictionary.com, Ruse is “a city in NE Bulgaria, on the River Danube: the chief river port and one of the largest industrial centers in Bulgaria.” Maybe I knew this once but today’s “ruse” claims the first definition: “an action intended to mislead, deceive, or trick; stratagem,” from a word of Old French origin meaning “trick, esp. to evade capture.” Interesting. And also interesting—to me, anyway—is that like you, I’ve been listening to these Sunday readings the Church gives us for as long as I can remember, but I cannot remember the word “ruse” showing up. Since it’s one of my favorites, seems I would have recalled it. And yet there’s “ruse,” halfway through today’s second reading…

Here, the Apostle Paul is writing to the Corinthians and his words are powerful. “Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God…” Paul goes on: “...for it is written: God catches the wise in their own ruses.” There it is! Ruse(s)! And, it seems Paul is quoting scripture, so I looked it up, and the reference in my bible took me all the way back to the Book of Job, and there it is again: “(God) catches the wise in their own ruses.” I don’t know if we get Job 5:13 in the readings-of-the-day sequence, but I’ve read the Book, and I missed it there, too.

So…what’s the ruse? I think Jesus hints at it in today’s Gospel, picking up where he left off last week in comparing the Old Law to his New Law of love. “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,’ But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well.” Huh? An eye for an eye sounds like something a wise man would subscribe to. You know. Proportionate retaliation. But turning my cheek to let my enemy hit me again? Gee, I don’t know. Jesus goes on: “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you…” Many of us have heard this dozens of times if we’ve heard it once, and every time, it’s difficult for me to take in. Secular wisdom in-and-of itself, then, would appear to be the ruse. It’s tough to resist. You know. All of us being so smart and all. Still. Let’s not fall for it. Because regarding the Big Picture, surely we’re all much smarter than that.
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 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 Cabaal, 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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Week at a Glance

Saturday, February 22nd
Vigil Mass................................. 5:00 p.m. - Presider: Fr. Dixon - Church

Sunday, February 23rd
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 - Fr. Halstead

* Annual Catholic Appeal at All Masses *
Religious Ed ...................................... 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Marillac Room
Baptisms ...................................................... 11:30 a.m. - Church
Al-Anon Meeting ......................... 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - St. Vincent Room

Monday, February 24th
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 25th
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
Alpha ...................................................... 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Ozanam Room
Knights of Columbus .................. 7:00 p.m. - Portail Room

Wednesday, February 26th
Ash Wednesday Masses ......................... 8:00 am (Fr. Robinson),
12 Noon (Fr. Borlik), 7:00 pm (Fr. Dixon), 9:30 pm (Fr. Borlik) - Church
Men's Prayer Group ..................... 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Ozanam Room

Thursday, February 27th
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 28th
Daily Mass .................................................. 8:00 a.m. - Church
Mass in St. Louise de Marillac Chapel .... 12 p.m. - DePaul Student Center
Stations of the Cross ...................... 7:00 p.m. - Church

Saturday, February 29th
Vigil Mass................................. 5:00 p.m. - Presider: Fr. Trail - Church

Sunday, March 1st
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 - Fr. Muller

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.
Visit www.stvdep.org/donate/ for more information.
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: Joelle DePietro; Reem Youkhana; Gazmend & Cathryn Sadiku; Matt Anderson; Laura Cronin; Dylan Rickrode

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.

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.shtml 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.

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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