March 1st, 2020

First Sunday of Lent
“Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned”
— Psalm 51

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 after the 8:00 a.m.
Mass
Sunday Scripture Reflection

The following is a reflection of Pope Francis from an Ash Wednesday service a few years ago. It still speaks to me today about what the purpose of Lent is, how we are called to return to God’s loving embrace. As we celebrate this First Sunday of Lent, let us pray that we can resolve to seek to do so during this time of grace.

“Return to me with all your heart… return to the Lord” (Jl 2:12, 13). The prophet Joel makes this plea to the people in the Lord’s name. No one should feel excluded.

We too want to take up this appeal; we want to return to the merciful heart of the Father. In this season of grace that begins today, we once again turn our eyes to his mercy. Lent is a path: it leads to the triumph of mercy over all that would crush us or reduce us to something unworthy of our dignity as God’s children. Lent is the road leading from slavery to freedom, from suffering to joy, from death to life. The mark of the ashes with which we set out reminds us of our origin: we were taken from the earth, we are made of dust. True, yet we are dust in the loving hands of God, who has breathed his spirit of life upon each one of us, and still wants to do so. He wants to keep giving us that breath of life that saves us from every other type of breath: the stifling asphyxia brought on by our selfishness, the stifling asphyxia generated by petty ambition and silent indifference – an asphyxia that smothers the spirit, narrows our horizons and slows the beating of our hearts. The breath of God’s life saves us from this asphyxia that dampens our faith, cools our charity and strangles every hope. To experience Lent is to yearn for this breath of life that our Father unceasingly offers us amid the mire of our history.

The breath of God’s life sets us free from the asphyxia that so often we fail to notice, or become so used to that it seems normal, even when its effects are felt. We think it is normal because we have grown so accustomed to breathing air in which hope has dissipated, the air of glumness and resignation, the stifling air of panic and hostility.

Lent is the time for saying no. No to the spiritual asphyxia born of the pollution caused by indifference, by thinking that other people’s lives are not my concern, and by every attempt to trivialize life, especially the lives of those whose flesh is burdened by so much superficiality. Lent means saying no to the toxic pollution of empty and meaningless words, of harsh and hasty criticism, of simplistic analyses that fail to grasp the complexity of problems, especially the problems of those who suffer the most. Lent is the time to say no to the asphyxia of a prayer that soothes our conscience, of an almsgiving that leaves us self-satisfied, of a fasting that makes us feel good. Lent is the time to say no to the asphyxia born of relationships that exclude, that try to find God while avoiding the wounds of Christ present in the wounds of his brothers and sisters: in a word, all those forms of spirituality that reduce the faith to a ghetto culture, a culture of exclusion.

Lent is a time for remembering. It is the time to reflect and ask ourselves what we would be if God had closed his doors to us. What would we be without his mercy that never tires of forgiving us and always gives us the chance to begin anew? Lent is the time to ask ourselves where we would be without the help of so many people who in a thousand quiet ways have stretched out their hands and in very concrete ways given us hope and enabled us to make a new beginning?

Lent is the time to start breathing again. It is the time to open our hearts to the breath of the One capable of turning our dust into humanity. It is not the time to rend our garments before the evil all around us, but instead to make room in our life for all the good we are able to do. It is a time to set aside everything that isolates us, encloses us and paralyzes us.
Pray : Serve : Share

#ENGAGELENT
A SOCIAL MEDIA-BASED, COMMUNITY INITIATIVE
ENGAGE STVINCENTDEPAULCHICAGO ON FACEBOOK
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
For more information visit us on Facebook, or online at www.stvdep.org, or call us at 773.325.8610.

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

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

Vincentian Women

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

Join us to Pray the Rosary every Wednesday in Lent at 6:00 pm. Church will open at 5:30 pm.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. All women are welcome to attend!

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

Fish Fry

Share in a Lenten gathering with friends!

Friday, March 13 | 5:30 - 7pm
St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Tickets are free for students! You can register and print out your ticket at go.depaul.edu/fishfry2020

For Questions, contact Amanda Thompson at athomp44@depaul.edu
Pray: Serve: Share

TAIZÉ PRAYER
Jan 7, 21
Feb 4, 18
Mar 3

Eucharistic Adoration
Jan 14, 28
Feb 11, 25
Mar 10

Tuesdays at 8pm
St. Louise de Marillac Chapel

Questions? Contact Matt Merkt:
773.325.1198
mmerkt@depaul.edu

DePaul University
Division of Mission and Ministry
Catholic Campus Ministry
I have to tell you this story because it’s just too good not to, and I think there’s a connection with today’s readings. So I was at my health club last Monday morning—the Monday morning after the long Valentine’s Day weekend—when I overheard a guy talking to his buddy. I never actually saw the guys as they were a row of lockers over, but here’s how the conversation went (and while this may not be verbatim, it’s pretty close). The guy tells his buddy that his wife was not happy with him all weekend long. He continues, “and she really let me know it” (I think that part is verbatim). The guy goes on to say that he finally asks his wife what’s wrong. The wife says, “You didn’t do anything for me for Valentine’s.” The guy says (self-righteously), “That’s because you said you didn’t want to do anything!” The wife says, “I expected at least a card.” Too funny. And informative…

In the context of today’s Adam and Eve story from Genesis, I’m looking at the blame game here. I’m sympathetic to the (clueless) guy at the health club, but see how, when tested, he immediately puts it on his wife? “You said…” In the Garden, the serpent represents temptation, and Eve starts strong, for when tested with “Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?” she confirms the directive: “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, ‘You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.’” Then she falters. Technically, God didn’t tell Adam that he wasn’t to even touch the tree, but I don’t know if this detail matters. What I do know is that when God confronts Adam after the fact, Adam puts it on Eve, who puts it on the temptation itself, represented again by the serpent (aka, the devil made me do it).

But contrast all of this to the other story of temptation the Church gives us today. Jesus doesn’t have to put anything on anybody out there in the desert, because unlike the two in the Garden, he resists temptation, and unlike the guy at the health club, Jesus knows exactly what to say when tested. “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread,” the tempter says. Nope. “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.” Nope. “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me.” Nope. When I give in to temptation—think, Seven Deadly Sins, broadly defined—I sometimes actually put it back on God (as in, “I’m sorry, but hey, I’m who you made me to be). True enough. I can do better, though, and I need to live my better-ness more. Perhaps we all do, respectively. Jesus is Valentine wife-esque in the sense that he doesn’t really ask anything of us for Lent, but let’s do something for him anyway. For God’s sake, let’s not be health-club-guy clueless here.
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.

Giving

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• Enter an amount to donate
• Send!
• Register as a parishioner so we have your contact information

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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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### 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/](http://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.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.

**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.

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (tinyurl.com/pn4a7wl) 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/l5yvch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.

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