March 15th, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent
“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts”
— Psalm 95

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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

Each of us has experienced thirst. If we think of a hot summer day, we always seek water. We can’t go without it. Physically, we can only live a few days without water. I remember one time I was sick and couldn’t eat or drink anything without getting sick. I was so dehydrated that I still drank water or juice, even though it made me sick. The desire is instinctive.

In the same way we can become spiritually dehydrated, when we don’t see God working in the midst of our lives, when we allow our daily lives to overwhelm us, when we don’t hear God’s word in our lives. Thirst can be seen as a metaphor for our searching for meaning, our searching for God; we are made as spiritual beings and when we don’t seek to quench that thirst, we become dehydrated. Like water, without God in our lives, we cannot truly live. St. Augustine once said, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in you.” This restlessness, this thirst for God leads us forward. We cannot have peace, we cannot quench the thirst, that restlessness, without turning to God. Jesus said in the Gospel, “Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst again.” This water is poured out to us in Christ to ease our thirst, our searching, our restlessness and our questions.

The Samaritan Woman is a model of faith for us. She was not perfect and was an outsider in her own community, which was why she was going to the well in the middle of the day, when no one else would be there. She was an outsider to Jesus’ culture and tradition; yet Jesus comes to her and engages her. He is not judgmental but calls her to a deeper faith and understanding of God. In the same way, Jesus comes to each of us - no matter what our problems are, not matter what our sins are, no matter who we are or what we do - calling us to a deeper faith and understanding.

And in the end, she leaves her water jug at the well. Just as Peter and Andrew left their nets to follow Jesus, just as Matthew left his tax table to follow Jesus, she too leaves her daily concerns and life to proclaim Jesus to the people in her town. She was able to hear God’s word in the midst of her daily life, she was transformed and then she shared that Good News with others.

We too are called to meet God at the wells of our lives. God Incarnate in Jesus is found in our daily lives and interactions with others. We are called to let the voice of God transform us and quench our thirst.

The great thing is that God gives this gift to us freely. It is not something we earn or deserve, but given as a gift because of God’s great love for us. There is nothing we can do or say that makes us be worthy of God’s grace. Many times we may think, “I’m not good enough, I’m not worthy enough, I have too many sins for God to listen to me, to come to me, to love me.” But that is not true. God does listen to each one of us. God does come to each one of us.

Let us be filled with this peace that comes from recognizing God’s love and presence in our daily lives. Let us seek to be filled with the living water that eases our restlessness. Let us have hope because as St Paul says, “Hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.”

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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.
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.

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

For years you have graciously supported the Vincentian priests and brothers who have served here. You have also generously supported our senior priests and brothers, many of whom you have never met. Your collections over the past years have helped our Vincentians in their retirement years when they are in need of special care. Your generosity has also greatly benefitted our Vincentian Mission in Kenya. Because of your financial contributions, we have been able to: dig wells for the poor, purchase liturgical supplies for our parishes, provide food, urgent medical assistance and school fees for those who come to our gates as well as educate and form future Vincentian priests and brothers. This year, your gift will help us build a Vincentian Community Residence at Our Lady of Assumption Parish in Indangalasia, Kenya which serves 6,000 parishioners.

Your love, prayers and financial support of our work in Kenya makes you a companion of Saint Vincent and more importantly a companion of the poor.

God bless you.

Very Reverend Raymond Van Dorpe, C.M.
Provincial Superior

Please Make Your Gift to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

Come, follow me… and heal our world

Thank you to the many people who have already made a pledge or donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus’ call to “Come, follow me... and heal our world.”

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. For example, Appeal funds support our ongoing maintenance initiatives and will help to fund restoration of the stained glass window framing. Once we reach our goal of $30,000, excess funds will be returned to the parish.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. You can still make a pledge through the envelopes in the pews or online at https://giving.archchicago.org/annual-catholic-appeal/donate/how-to-give

The Vincentians Thank You!

Thank you!
Young Adult Afternoon of Reflection

March 28, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Sr. Kara Davis on the Paschal Mystery and Holy Week

Young adults are invited for an afternoon of Lenten reflection and spirituality in the Parish Center. There is no cost, just bring yourselves and an open heart.

For questions, email stvincentdepaulent@gmail.com.
Today’s Gospel—the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well—is one of my biblical favorites. It’s filled with great dialogue from the get-go (“Give me a drink,” he says; “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” she says), and it just keeps getting better. Also, the passage is rife with the double-meaning stuff the evangelist John loves to employ [like the woman’s response when Jesus says she should be asking him for living water (“Sir, you do not even have a bucket…”)], and the disciples’ amazement when Jesus reports having food that they don’t know about after they’d gone all the way into town to buy something (“Could someone have brought him something to eat?”)]. But often the really short sentences in a long block of text grab my attention, and so it goes now as I consider this succinct narrative entry early in the passage: “It was about noon.”

Why does John feel it’s important to tell us this? I have no idea, just as I have no idea why— theories aside—he felt it was important to tell us that the disciples caught 153 fish when Jesus appeared unbeknownst to his friends one dawn after his resurrection and told them to cast their nets over the right side of the boat. I’m not losing any sleep over this—or over “It was about noon” in the Samaritan woman’s story—but I am intrigued by the timing that John puts forth. “Significant detail.” In one of the many books about the craft of writing on my bookshelf, the author stresses the importance of “significant detail” in story-telling. I cannot recall the book or the author, but I recall the words from years back, and they still speak to me. John the Baptist wore clothing “made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist.” Significant detail. “Now there were six stone water jars there…each holding twenty to thirty gallons.” Significant detail. “It was about noon.” Significant detail.

There are many references to the noon hour in Scripture (also referred to as “the sixth hour” in some translations). In Acts, Saul/Paul reports that he was blinded by the light around the noon hour on his way to Damascus. Also in Acts, Peter goes to a rooftop to pray around the noon hour, falling into a trance and having a crazy vision up there. In John’s Gospel, Pilate presents the scourged, purple-clad, and crowned—with—thorns Jesus to the Jews (“Behold, your king!”) at the noon hour. And of course, Matthew/Mark/Luke all report that it was at the noon hour when darkness covered the land as the crucified Christ hung on the tree. Were I a casual (but interested) observer that day, the noon-hour darkness may have gotten me to thinking like the Samaritan woman got to thinking after her noon-hour talk with Jesus at Jacob’s well: “Could be possibly be the Christ?” Per a Lovin’ Spoonful song “There’s something special ’bout six o’clock/ In the morning when it’s still too early to knock.” There’s something special ’bout the noon hour, too, it would seem.
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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• 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: Alyssa Beverly, Allen Carter Sr., Margaret Charles, Virginia Dillon, John Garrity, Mary Grecoina, Leticia Gross, Mary Hayes, Laura Linke, David Neesan, Ruth Ohrem, Terri Proietto, Natalia De Los Rios, James Schwake, 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. They will be listed in our bulletin for 4 weeks. Renewal of prayers for the sick is available by contacting Ginny at that time. 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.

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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: Cristina Rodriguez; Stephanie Raaf; Patrick Terry Brown; Megan, Kevin & Keeva Moran

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/pn447wl) 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/l57vch) provides a short biography of the saint for the current day.