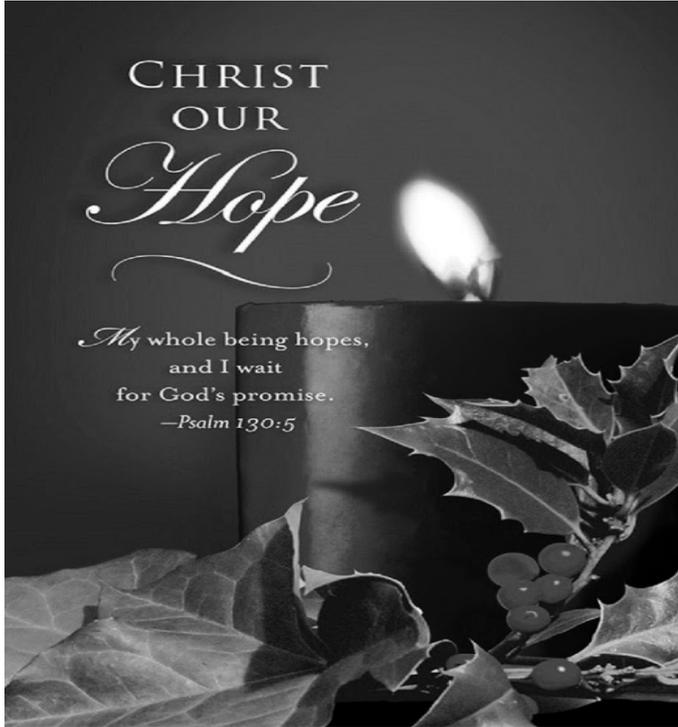


St. Vincent de Paul Parish



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REV. STANLEY KRZYSTON, Pastor
Rev. Rogatus Mpeka, Parochial Vicar
Johanna Kraemer, CRE
Alice Kaczorek, President, SVDP Society (571-0934)
Patricia Peck, Parish Administrator
Mariette Fernandes, Coordination Ministry
Michele Cuiule, Parish Secretary

DECEMBER 3, 2017 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES: Saturday Morning: 9:00 AM
Sunday Vigil: Saturday evening at 4:00 PM
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Eve of Holy Days: 7:00 PM
Holy Days: 12:00 noon and 7:00 PM
Weekdays: 8:30 AM except Wednesdays at 4:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & DELIVERANCE MINISTRY : Every First Friday evening in the Church from 6:00 to 9:00 PM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM
Sunday: 8:00 PM

DEVOTIONS: Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after the 9:00 AM Saturday Mass.
Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet in Rel. Ed. Building every Friday at 3:00 PM
During Lent - Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 PM.

BAPTISMS: Every third Sunday at 1:00 PM
Arrangements must be made in advance at the Rectory by the father or mother of the child.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance at the Rectory.

SICK CALLS: Arrangements can be made at the Rectory to have a priest call on the patient.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome new members to St. Vincent de Paul Parish and request you register as soon as possible. Sincere membership is determined by registration, faithful participation at Mass and sharing of one's time, talent and resources with this community of faith. The parish cannot issue certification of eligibility for sacramental sponsorship if a person is not an active parishioner. The celebration of Mass for funerals and weddings is also a privilege reserved for parishioners who participate at Mass faithfully.

"Let all things be done with charity." ~ St. Vincent de Paul

MASSes for the WEEK

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017
 8:30 AM **TONY SALINA**
 Req. Georgette Bodnar
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017
 8:30 AM **FELIPE DE LA ROSA SR.**
 Req. Amando & Aurora De La Rosa
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017
 4:00 PM **THOMAS PIPITONE**
 Req. Richard & Lisa Guardiolla
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017
 7:00 PM **JOHN VERES**
 Req. Shirley & Richard Newell
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017
 12:00 PM **DOLORES SHADOW**
 Req. Michele, Frank, Angela, David & Danielle
- 7:00 PM **CONCEPCION COVEY**
 Req. John & Nenita Covey
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017
 9:00 AM **SANDRA PRZECHA**
 Req. The Chiappetta Family
- 4:00 PM **WALTER TREVORS**
 Req. Wife
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017
 7:30 AM **STEPHEN KARDOS**
 Req. Mary Lou DiNola
- 9:00 AM **LUCY NOVEMBRE**
 Req. Daughter, Catherine & Family
- 11:00 AM **CARL & ANTONETTE SESINI**
 Req. Daughter, , Barbara Procell
- 7:00 PM **JOHN COVEY SR.**
 Req. John & Nenita Covey

 *The Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of Charles Balaza. Requested by The Balaza Family.*

A NOTE FROM FATHER STAN

Dear Parishioners,
 It was great to have Deacon Patrick Muca preach here for Thanksgiving. St. Vincent de Paul is his home parish. We are all proud of his perseverance. Please keep praying for him and for more men to have the courage to be completely counter-cultural and prayerful in this faithless age. Pray for the Church in this time of weakness and confusion. I miss the moral clarity and profound faith of St. Pope John Paul II, the Great. This Advent ask for his intercession to correct and guide us back to holy living. Holy living in God's presence is the only really necessary preparation for Christmas.

Speaking of holy living, the three religious sisters Father Rogatus invited to the rectory for a Thanksgiving meal were beautifully holy. We desperately need more women to become brides of Christ and sacrificial signs of heavenly hope.

"A religious hope does not only bear up the mind under her sufferings, but makes her rejoice in them."

Joseph Addison

Hope

Be patient until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil. He looks forward to it patiently while the soil receives the winter and the spring rains. You, too, must be patient. Steady your hearts, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, lest you be condemned. See! The judge stands at the gate. As your models in suffering hardships and in patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Those who have endured we call blessed. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and have seen what the Lord, who is compassionate and merciful, did in the end.

James 5: 7-11



The Immaculate Conception

To become the Mother of the Savior, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace." In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the

announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she would be wholly borne by God's grace.

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

The "splendor of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son." The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love."

Catechism of the Catholic Church



**"Our life is scarce the twinkle of a star.
 In God's eternal day."**

Bayard Taylor

Fire Up A Candle

*Fire up a candle for the Advent wreath.
The birth is weeks away.
Let the deer browse peacefully on their heath,
our rifles locked away.*

Tim Murphy

Jesus Speaks to Those Getting a Little Older

I AM YOUR LIVING GOD, far more abundantly alive than the most vivacious person you know. The human body is wonderfully crafted, but gravity and the inevitable effects of aging weigh it down. Even the most superb athlete cannot maintain his fitness over many decades. Lasting abundant life can be found in Me alone. Do not be anxious about the weakness of your body. Instead, view it as the prelude to My infusing energy into your being.

As you identify more and more fully with Me, My Life becomes increasingly intertwined with yours. Though the process of aging continues, inwardly you grow stronger with the passing years. Those who live close to Me develop and inner aliveness that makes them seem youthful in spite of their years. Let My Life shine through you as you *walk in the Light* with Me.

Sarah Young



Making friends with the Sexual Revolution???

The Catholic Church's retreat from anything resembling clarity about sexual morality does not surprise me. It's been a long time coming. Catholicism and other forms of establishment Christianity in the West tend to take the form of bourgeois religion. That term denotes the fusion of church culture with the moral consensus held by the good, respectable people who set the tone for society as a whole. In the aftermath of the sexual revolution, that consensus shifted. For a long time now it has been socially acceptable to divorce and contracept. Soon thereafter it was OK to cohabit, and then the good and responsible people who run things adopted an affirmative attitude toward gay sex. During all this, the same consensus became hostile to those who say otherwise. It became "cruel," "hateful," and "bigoted" to call something wrong that the bourgeois consensus now deems right. In this way, the good and responsible people did not just accommodate themselves to the sexual revolution; they took ownership of it.

R. R. Reno

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

(A good evangelical becomes a Catholic)

As the Mass moved on, however, something hit me. My Bible wasn't just beside me. It was before me—in *the words of the Mass!* One line was from Isaiah, another from the Psalms, another from Paul. The experience was overwhelming. I wanted to stop everything and shout, "Hey, can I explain what's happening from Scripture? This is great!" Still, I maintained my observer status. I remained on the sidelines until I heard the priest pronounce the words of consecration: "*This is My body . . . This is the cup of My blood.*"

Then I felt all my doubt drain away. As I saw the priest raise that white host, I felt a prayer surge from my heart in a whisper: "*My Lord and my God. That's really you!*"

I was what you might call a basket case from that point. I couldn't imagine a greater excitement than what those words had worked upon me. Yet the experience was intensified just a moment later, when I heard the congregation recite: "Lamb of God. . . Lamb of God. . . Lamb of God," and the priest responded, "*This is the Lamb of God. . .*" as he raised the host.

In less than a minute, the phrase "Lamb of God" had rung out four times. From long years of studying the Bible, I immediately knew where I was. I was in the Book of Revelation, where Jesus is called the Lamb no less than twenty-eight times in twenty-two chapters. I was at the marriage feast that John describes at the end of that very last book of the Bible. I was before the throne of heaven, where Jesus is hailed forever as the Lamb. I wasn't ready for this, though—I was at Mass!

Scott Hahn



Make A Good Advent Confession

We typically compare ourselves to others when it comes to morality. Stand yourself up next to Hitler, a terrorist, or some sex offender, and all of a sudden you're a saint by comparison. But when matched up beside God's pristine holiness and standards, you and I come up very short. In fact, throughout the Bible, God repeatedly declares the human heart is full of sin, even going so far as to say that it is "deceitful above all things," and "desperately wicked."

Jeff Kinley

You Gotta Laugh:

Q. Why was Santa's little helper so depressed?

A. Because he had low elf esteem!

Two beautiful woman of peace

Despite ugly criticism from home, Iraq's contestant in the Miss Universe beauty contest is defending a selfie she took with her Israeli counterpart, calling it a desire for peace. Though Sarah Idan, who now lives in the United States, stressed that the photo "does not signal support for the government of Israel," she refused to remove it from her Instagram account, where it has over 2,000 likes. She and Miss Israel Adar Gandelsman captioned the joint photo: "Practicing bringing world peace."

N.Y. Post

Wisdom of the Saints

In Advent Pray for all Humanity

"While outside in carnival's frantic tumult people get drunk and delirious, while political battles separate them and great need depresses them so much that many forget to look to heaven, at such still places of prayer hearts are opened to the Lord...they offer him their warm love.... By their steadfast supplications, they draw down God's grace and mercy on a humanity submerged in sin and need."

St. Edith Stein



In Advent Please Work on the Corporal Works of Mercy

1. To feed the hungry.
2. To give drink to the thirsty.
3. To clothe the naked.
4. To shelter the homeless.
5. To visit the sick.
6. To visit the imprisoned.
7. To bury the dead.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is this Friday, December 8th. The Mass schedule is Thursday, Dec. 7th, at 7:00 P.M. and Friday Dec. 8th, at 12:00 noon & 7:00 P.M.

Sick Relatives & Friends

Dale Apel, Daniel Applegate, Joseph Caruso, Nenita Covey, Jessie Davis, Luke Deidloff, Kathy Drew, Doris Ferriolo, Marge Geerders, Amelia Joyce, William Kleppe, Jennifer Koren, Marc Zona, Sharon Zona