

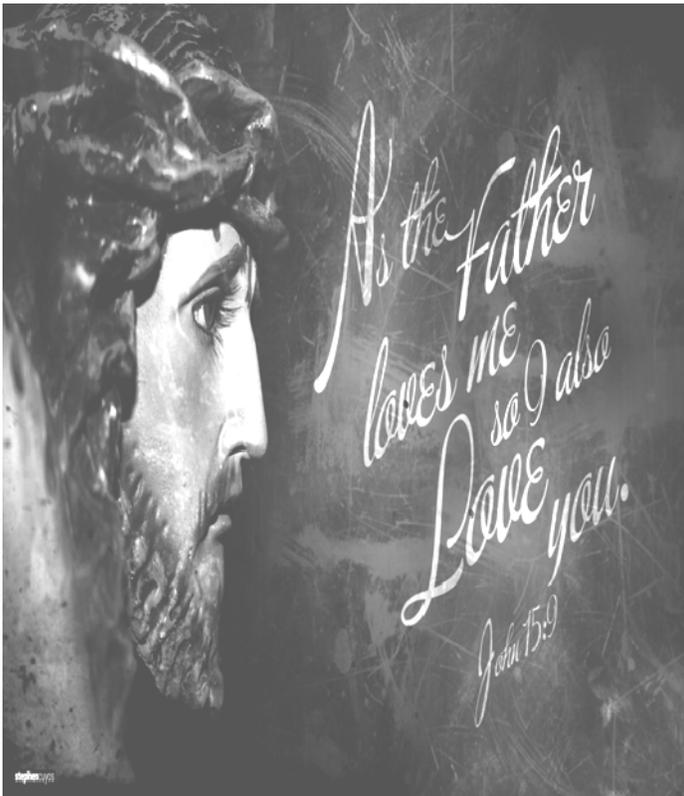
St. Vincent de Paul Parish

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ministry updates as well as changes due to
inclement weather.
The Rectory Office is open Tuesday through Friday
from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Closed on Mondays.

REV. STANLEY KRZYSTON, Pastor
Rev. Rogatus Mpeka, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Adam Midor, Priest in Residence
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Mariette Fernandes, Coordination Ministry
Michele Cuiuro, Parish Secretary
*Thank you to all our volunteer office staff
for your sacrifice and service!*



FEBRUARY 11, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

8:30 AM **MARIA CREO**

Req. Rita & Ted Formaroli

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

8:30 AM **MICHELANGELO SCOZZARI**

Req. Mary Ann

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

7:00 AM **FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY**

12:00 PM **PRAYER SERVICE - NO INTENTIONS**

4:00 PM **PRAYER SERVICE - NO INTENTIONS**

7:00 PM **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018

8:30 AM **NICHOLAS RICIGLIANI**

Req. Rita & Ted Formaroli

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018

8:30 AM **LORRAINE WOLF**

Req. Gene Spring

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

9:00 AM **WILMA BRILLANTINI**

Req. Angela Rossi

4:00 PM **JOHN VERES**

Req. Emma Dinardo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

7:30 AM **FOR THE MEMBERS OF
ST. VINCNT DE PAUL PARISH**

9:00 AM **MIKE & LOUISE RUBINO**

Req. Marie Young

11:00 AM **FRANK J. DOYLE**

Req. Frank & Edna Dempster

7:00 PM **FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH**



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Ben
Novembre Requested by daughter, Catherine &
Family.

A NOTE FROM FATHER STAN

Dear Parishioners,

False religions have been a problem throughout history. The story of Bel and the teaching of Marcion in the bulletin are just two examples. We have a false religion today that could be called "Catholicism lite" or what one bishop called 'cafeteria Catholicism.' This false religion adjusts itself conveniently to the latest fads, social trends and politically correct opinions. It could be summarized by the belief that "the world sets the agenda of the Church." We must sacrifice to allow the Holy Spirit reflected in the Saints, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, and supremely in the Word and Life of Jesus Christ, to set the agenda of the Church.

Fr. Stan

Catholicism Lite

The dumbing down of the faith has been a pastoral disaster, contributing to the mass exodus of two generations from the Church. A childish, intellectually shallow religion cannot stand in the face of the trials of life and the questions of a skeptical mind. One of the most deleterious

consequences of this anti-intellectualism was an almost total compromising of the apologetic art in the context of evangelization. My generation was indoctrinated to consider apologetics anti-Protestant, arrogant, hostile to the culture, defensive, rationalistic, and so on, and this indoctrination was accompanied by a naïve embrace of the wider culture, as though reading the signs of the times entailed accommodation. "The world sets the agenda for the Church" was the wrongheaded watchword of that time. When significant segments of the culture turned against the faith in the wake of the sex-abuse scandals and the events of September 11, we were left in most cases defenseless against our enemies. For evidence of this, witness the pathetic performance of the vast majority of Christian spokes-people against the sharpest of the New Atheists.

Bishop Robert Barron, *First Things*



St. Paul's Sermon to the Athenians

Then Paul stood up in the Areopagus and delivered this address: "Men of Athens, I note that in every respect you are scrupulously religious. As I walked around looking at your shrines, I even discovered an altar inscribed, "To a God Unknown." Now, what you are thus worshipping in ignorance I intend to make known to you. For the God who made the world and all that is in it, the Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands: nor does he receive man's service as if he were in need of it. Rather, it is he who gives to all life and breath and everything else. From one stock he made every nation of mankind to dwell on the face of the earth. It is he who set limit to their epochs and fixed the boundaries of their regions. They were to seek God, yes to grope for him and perhaps eventually to find him—though he is not really far from any one of us.

'In him we live and move and have our being,' as some of your own poet have put it, 'for we too are his offspring.' If we are in fact God's offspring, we ought not to think of divinity as something like a statue of gold or silver or stone, a product of man's genius and his art. God may well have overlooked bygone periods when men did not know him; but now he calls on all men everywhere to reform their lives. He has set the day on which he is going to 'judge the world with justice' through a man he has appointed—one whom he has endorsed in the sight of all by raising him from the dead."

Acts 17:22-31

The Lord's Way

*The Lord has a way
Of taking away pain,
He always sends sunshine
After the rain.*

*We live through periods
Of joy and pleasure,
Times we're happy
And moments we treasure.*

*But happiness isn't ours
To have everyday,
Storm clouds whirl in
And carry it away.*

*We've wept bitter tears
And had days of despair,
Times we felt alone
And thought nobody cared.*

*Then God in His goodness
Let the sun shine through,
The storm clouds disappeared
And so did my blues.*

*I look for the sunbeams
In the Heavens above,
A reminder of God
And His infinite love.*

Shirley Hile Powell

False Religion

Marcion's main work, as one early refutation put it, was to separate the law from the gospel; the God of justice and creation from the God of grace and redemption; the God of the Old Testament from the Father of Jesus Christ. This new God, revealed by Jesus, His eternal Son, offered release from the God of the Old Testament and his strict economy of law and justice. The grace of redemption meant that the God of the Old Testament, the Creator, and all his fleshly works, had simply been left behind, with the whole of the Old Testament, as irrelevant. The Old Testament, was not just "old," but "obsolete," with no scriptural status whatsoever for Marcion's Christian.

Marcion eventually let his religious opinions be known, to the horror of the Roman Church. He was summarily excommunicated and his donations returned—an act that certainly brought hardship upon the Church, which had recently begun its first building projects. Marcion was undeterred. He applied his entrepreneurial spirit to the promotion of his religion, investing shrewdly, and closely imitating his established competitor, the Catholic Church, in its rituals and structures. He poured his fortune into the dissemination of his ideas. Just ten years after Marcion's excommunication, Saint Justin Martyr observed that the Marcionite heresy had spread throughout the world.

Marcion may have been the first person to define a "canon" of New Testament texts. He published a much-trimmed version of Saint Luke's Gospel alongside ten of Saint Paul's Epistles, similarly scoured of any positive references to Israel, Judaism, or the Old Testament. He

preferred Luke's Gospel because of its very favorable portrayal of gentiles.

Scott Hahn

False Religion

After King Astyages was laid with his fathers, Cyrus the Persian succeeded to his kingdom. Daniel was the king's favorite and was held in higher esteem than any of the friends of the king. The Babylonians had an idol called Bel, and every day they provided for it six barrels of fine flour, forth sheep, and six measures of wine. The king worshipped it and went every day to adore it; but Daniel adored only his God. When the king asked him "Why do you not adore Bel?" Daniel replied, "Because I worship not idols made with hands, but only the living God who made heaven and earth and has dominion over all mankind." Then the king continued, "You do not think Bel is a living god? Do you not see how much he eats and drinks every day?" Daniel began to laugh. "Do not be deceived, O king," he said; "it is only clay inside and bronze outside; it have never taken any food of drink." Enraged, the king called his priests and said to them, "Unless you tell me who it is that consumes these provisions, you shall die. But if you can show that Bel consumes them, Daniel shall die for blaspheming Bel." Daniel said to the king, "Let it be as you say!" There were seventy priests of Bel, besides their wives and children.

When the king went with Daniel into the temple of Bel, the priests of Bel said, "See, we are going to leave. Do you, O king, set out the food and prepare the wine; then shut the door and seal it with your ring. If you do not find that Bel has eaten it all when you return in the morning, we are to die; otherwise Daniel shall die for his lies against us." They were not perturbed, because under the table they had made a secret entrance through which they always came in to consume the food. After they departed the king set the food before Bel, while Daniel ordered his servants to bring some ashes, which they scattered through the whole temple; the king alone was present. Then they went outside, sealed the closed door with the king's ring, and departed. The priests entered that night as usual, with their wives and children, and they ate and drank everything.

Early the next morning, the king came with Daniel. "Are the seals unbroken, Daniel?" he asked. And Daniel answered, "They are unbroken, O king." As soon as he opened the door, the king looked at the table and cried aloud, "Great you are, O Bel; there is no trickery in you." But Daniel laughed and kept the king from entering. "Look at the floor," he said; whose footprints are these?" "I see the footprints of men, women, and children!" said the king. The angry king arrested the priests, their wives and their children. They showed him the secret door by which they used to enter to consume what was on the table. He put them to death, and handed Bel over to Daniel, who destroyed it and its temple.

Daniel 14:1-22

You Gotta Laugh:

What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A gummy bear.



The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is having a Book Barrow, February 10th & 11th, before and after all the Masses. **FREE** religious articles, rosaries and literature. A new statue of the Fatima Pilgrim Virgin will be on display. Sign up and the Legion of Mary will bring

Her to visit your home.

Valentine's Day is Every Day

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 20-22, 2018.

Early registration is advisable as space is limited.

Phone **1-732-904-9636** for registration and information.

Visit us at: **www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org** for more information.

Apologetics

The theological discipline concerned with the defense of or proofs for the Faith. Apologetics attempts a cogent explanation of the Faith both to eliminate hostility against it and to elicit understanding and even acceptance in the listener. Paul's sermon on the Areopagus (Acts 17:22-31) is the model for the apologist, in that he attempts to find a common ground with his opponents, using ideas and vocabulary familiar to them. The apologist might use philosophical, historical, spiritual, moral, scientific, psychological or experimental arguments, but his or her goal is always the same: to demonstrate the reasonableness of the Faith. Today, apologetic is often called "Fundamental Theology." Although the ecumenical optimism after the Second Vatican council led some to de-emphasize apologetics, continued animosity to the Church by some elements of society, as well as by some biblical extremists, has brought about its renewal.

Our Sunday Visitor's Catholic Encyclopedia

Stop Worrying!

Jesus Speaks

COME TO ME, and rest in My loving Presence. You know that this day will bring difficulties, and you are trying to think your way through those trials. As you anticipate what is ahead of you, you forget that ***I am with you***—now and always. Rehearsing your troubles results in experiencing them many times, whereas you are meant to go through them only when they actually occur. Do not multiply your suffering in this way! Instead, come to Me, and relax in My Peace. I will strengthen you and prepare you for this day, transforming your fear into confident trust.

Sarah Young

Sick Relatives & Friends

Dale Apel, Daniel Applegate, Joseph Caruso, Nenita Covey, Jessica Davis, Dana Deidloff, Luke Deidloff, Patrick Dillon, Kathy Drew, Frank Enderlein, Doris Ferriolo, Sue Fleming, Marge Geeders, Amelia Joyce, William Kleppe, Jennifer Koren, Nancy Milacki, Theresa Minock, Lois Watlinjtou, Marc Zona, Sharon Zona