



# OUR MISSION

St. Vincent de Paul Parish is a welcoming faith community inspired by God's love to serve others, share our gifts, and nurture souls.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Spirit-filled community of welcoming believers, helping each other spiritually, financially and practically. We show compassion, gratitude and appreciation toward God and one another as we dream big, spread joy, and share our tears and laughter.*

*To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need hope; to all who are homeless and need sheltering love; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will, the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul opens wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

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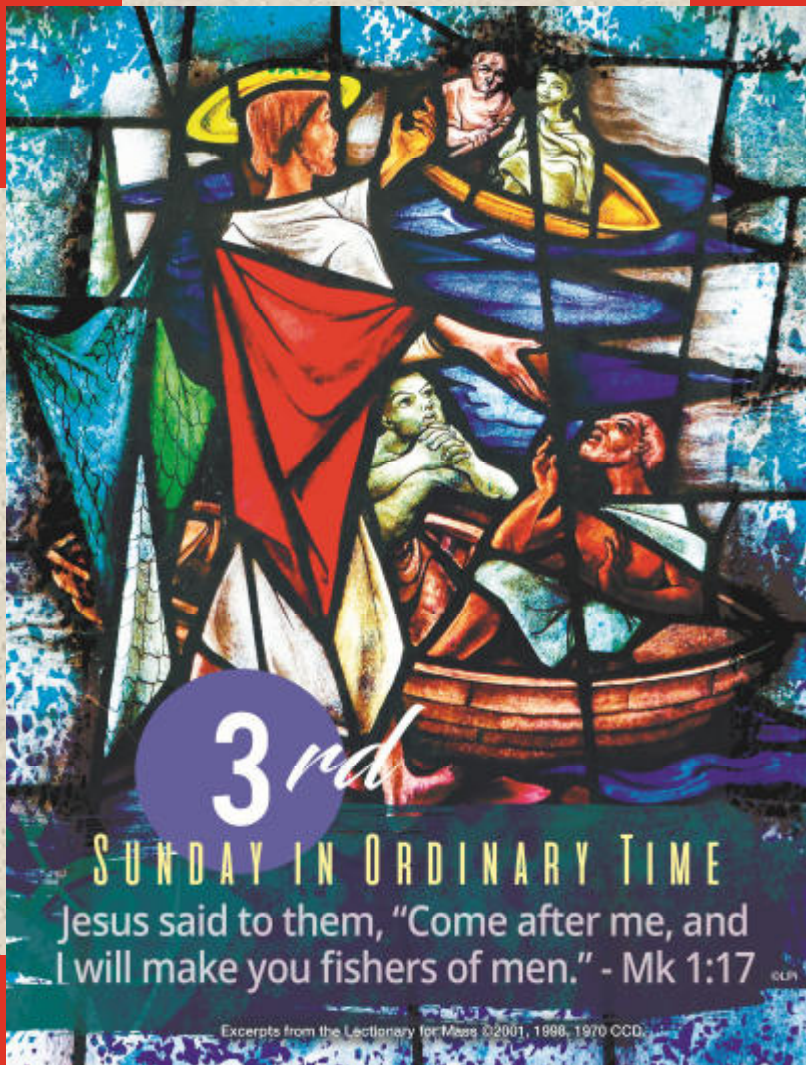
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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

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**JANUARY 24, 2021**

**COULD ANYONE IN OUR TIME HAVE ENOUGH FAITH IN JESUS TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING AND FOLLOW HIM WITHOUT QUESTION?**

**MARK: 1:14-20**

# THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, January 24, 2021  
8:30 a.m. - **FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

11:15 a.m. - **CARLOS MACIAS**  
The Macias Family

MONDAY, January 25, 2021  
9:00 a.m. - **NO MASS**

TUESDAY, January 26, 2021  
9:00 a.m. - **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY, January 27, 2021  
9:00a.m. - **NO MASS**

THURSDAY, January 28, 2021  
**NO MASS**

FRIDAY, January 29, 2021  
9:00a.m. - **NO MASS**

SATURDAY, January 30, 2021  
4:00 p.m. **JOAN HANEY**  
George Haney

SUNDAY, January 31, 2021  
8:30 a.m. - **FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

11:15 a.m. **RICHARD PURCARO**  
Patricia Purcaro

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time  
January 24, 2021

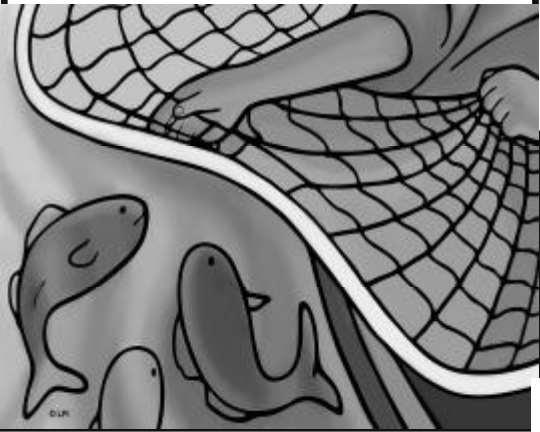
I want to express my appreciation to everyone who has expressed get well wishes and promises of prayers for my recovery. I was in the process of making plans for a pre-Lent "get away". However, the Lord had other plans. As of today (1-18-2021), I am sidelined until at least Thursday, January 28. I will meet with my cardiologist then and will hear what recommendations he has for me. What exactly did I have? The cardiologist characterized it as a "widow maker." I argued that term doesn't apply to me - since I don't have a wife....he laughed! I had some stints put in and hopefully they will help keep me healthy. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

**Food For Thought: So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord's bidding.**

Jonah 3:3

I found myself chuckling when I read the first reading for today. If this passage is all that one knew about Jonah, it would be easy to think that responding to God's call is a quick "yes." We don't hear the part of Jonah fleeing in the opposite direction from God's intention nor do we hear how angry Jonah becomes (after completing the task God has given him to do) because God forgives Nineveh for its transgressions and spares its destruction. When you hear the full story, Jonah becomes really human!

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| <p><b>SUN</b><br/><b>1/24</b></p> <p>Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/</p>   | <p><b>MON</b><br/><b>1/25</b></p> <p>Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/</p>   | <p><b>TUES</b><br/><b>1/26</b></p> <p>2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/</p>       | <p><b>WED</b><br/><b>1/27</b></p> <p>Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20</p>                |
| <p><b>THURS</b><br/><b>1/28</b></p> <p>Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25</p> | <p><b>FRI</b><br/><b>1/29</b></p> <p>Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26</p> | <p><b>SAT</b><br/><b>1/30</b></p> <p>Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41</p> | <p><b>SUN</b><br/><b>1/24</b></p> <p>Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28</p> |

# PASTOR'S CORNER -Continued

January 24, 2021

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let me post it to you in another way. You have made the decision to become a disciple of Jesus. After all, Jesus was a good person, kind and loving. However, Jesus was also not indifferent to injustice, he was not selfish, and he didn't pursue unworthy aims. Here is where our humanness comes in to play. Working to change societal injustice is hard; not wanting to put yourself first is hard; taking a road less-traveled is hard and a much narrower path. Why would anyone make this choice to act for and with God and make it so completely their way of life? I think that for Jonah, there is no other choice. "But you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord, my God" (Jonah 2:7). How could Jonah not love the God who saved his life? How can we not love and serve the God who gives us life?

This is where the process of discernment and formation is so foundational to the continual process of Christian life. Your journey begins by asking life's great questions: "Who am I?" "Who am I for?" "Who is God?" "Why am I here?" "What am I to do with my life?"

January is Poverty Awareness Month and it is not too late to really look at this unjust issue and decide what you can do out of love of God. The USCCB Office of Justice, Peace, and Human Development writes, "Poverty is not a catch-phrase - it is a serious reality that many are living. Over 34 million people live below the poverty line in the United States. Our faith challenges us to respond to the needs of those who are most vulnerable." Learn more about poverty here:

<https://povertyusa.org/facts> and discern God's call for you to help. God Bless!

*Father John*



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# LITURGICAL LIFE & STEWARDSHIP LIFE

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## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### Mass Schedule - Reservations Required

**Saturday: 4:00pm**

**Sunday: 8:30am & 11:15am**

**Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri  
9:00am in Chapel**

### Parish Office Hours:

**Monday & Tuesday 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday & Friday 9:00a.m. - 12:00 noon**

**Emergency situations will be handled on an  
"as needed basis"**

### Sacramental Information:

#### Reconciliation

**Mondays—7:00 p.m. Held in Chapel  
each week with parishioners to wait  
outside Parish Office door until it is your  
turn. Masks are required.**

#### Sacrament of Baptism

**Parents/legal guardians are to call  
Parish Office to schedule preparation.  
Baptism preparatory classes are held in  
the Resource Center the second  
Thursday of each month. Baptisms will  
be private ceremonies and need to be  
scheduled.**

#### Sacrament of Marriage

**If you are thinking about marriage in  
the next 6 months, it is time to contact  
the Parish Office. After speaking with  
the Office, you need to register for a  
Diocesan Pre-Cana session. Visit the  
diocesan website to find more details:  
[https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/  
parish-life/community/marriage/  
marriage-preparation](https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/marriage-preparation)**

#### Anointing of the Sick

**As an aid to comfort and strengthen the  
sick, the sacrament is administered to  
those advanced in years, those  
preparing for surgery, and those in  
danger of death. Contact the Parish  
Office to make arrangements.**



Knights of Columbus #9832 have COAL SWEEPSTAKE tickets available for purchase. Only a limited amount are being sold and the drawing is April 30, 2021. 16 Cash prizes will be awarded ranging from \$15,000. to \$1000. Tickets can be purchased from Fred Seidler at 973- 975-9432 for \$5.00 each.

**FAITH FORMATION:** We received notice that Father John will be conducting our Confirmation service which will be held on the Feast of Pentecost. More details will be available as soon as we solidify them. The dates for First Penance and First Holy Communion are also being decided upon and we will inform you as quickly as those are secured.

**Online Liturgy of the Word for Children -** each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. - a Zoom video conference. Sign up on website to receive the meeting invite. Please check website for more information.

**MASS AT HOME:** You can watch our weekend Mass from the comforts of your home. See our Webpage on Saturday evenings to click on link for our videotaped Mass. Reminds are also sent out with the link.

**VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR -** Reconnect with Fellow Parishioners - St. Vincent's is offering a weekly virtual coffee hour on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Learn more on our web site:

[Www.stvdepaulchurch.org](http://www.stvdepaulchurch.org)

**LOAVES and FISHES GIFT CARDS -** available in the Parish Office. Please call office to relay your requests so we can have them ready for you. Updated list is on our website of cards available.



# MEDITATIONS AND INSPIRATIONS

## **Gospel Meditation - Encouraging deeper understanding of scripture**

### **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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**Are you looking for some TLC for your marriage?** Join us in celebrating National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day, February 7 through 14, 2021. Get ideas for celebrating this event together, and register for a virtual marriage enrichment event with Chris and Linda Padgett (English) or Joel and Nora de Loera (Spanish). For details, call Jen Housel at 570-207-2213 x 1104 or visit: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/enrichment/national-world-marriage-week-february-7-14-2021/>

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# GROW, GO & PRAY

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**GROW:** On first hearing, Jonah's warning to the city of Nineveh seems a bit extreme for my modern ears: Get your act together in 40 days or your city will be destroyed! Yet, rather than panic or rail against him, the people believed and turned away from evil. We hear a similar theme in Mark's Gospel: "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Listening to the readings today, I hear these words not as a threat but as an invitation to get our lives back on track. We may not don sackcloth like the people of Nineveh, but we may need to fast from the distractions and skewed priorities that prevent us from loving God and one another. With the psalmist, we pray, "Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior."

**GO:** I never understood why the middle-school track coach had my son, the shortest kid on the team, run hurdles. I'd shut my eyes and cringe a bit when he'd approach each one, occasionally catching his toe but fearlessly pressing forward. Sometimes the Christian life can feel that way - while I've never tried hurdles, I'm known to trip on the slightest crack in a sidewalk. Likewise, I often trip up on the path to becoming a better person - blurting out unkind words, spending more time online shopping than praying ... well, I won't make *you* cringe by oversharing my "sin list." In today's readings, the Lord invites us to repent - to turn away from bad habits and choices. By turning to the Lord, we can overcome the obstacles that hold us back from living our Gospel values and sharing them with others through the witness of our lives.

**INVITE:** Through the sacrament of reconciliation, the Church offers us a standing invitation to experience God's unconditional love and mercy. Whether you go regularly or it's been awhile, consider participating in the sacrament and inviting others to do the same.

## Daily Mass Schedule During Inclement Weather:

For the safety and consideration of all involved we will observe the following during inclement winter weather: *If the Delaware Valley School System cancels school due to snow or ice or other weather issues, Daily Mass will be cancelled. These masses will be re-scheduled at a future date.*

If DVSD delays the opening of school due to snow, ice or other weather related issues the time the time of the Daily Mass will be delayed as well. *Therefore, if DVSD issues a 2 hour delay, Mass will be delayed 2 hours - hence Mass would begin at 11:00a.m.*

If DVSD schools dismiss **EARLY** due to inclement weather, there will be **NO AFTERNOON OR EVENING ACTIVITIES AT ST. VINCENT'S.**

**This Inclement Weather Mass Schedule does not apply to Saturday and Sunday Masses.**

I hope that everyone would consider their safety and safety of others when inclement weather occurs on Saturday or Sunday! The Lord does not want you to kill yourself or others by driving when the roads are treacherous. If He desires you in heaven, he will call you His way! **It is important to check with the radio, TV or computer announcements for delays or cancellations due to inclement weather.**

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**An important request as we enter cold and flu season....if you are experiencing any type of communicable illness, please stay safe and stay home.**



## BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, Jan. 29

1pm - 6pm

St. Vincent's Parish Hall;

Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: DINGMANS to schedule an appointment. Masks required

## BIRTHDAYS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to our parishioners born  
January 24 - January 30

**If you see these people, wish them a very Happy Birthday!**

Robert Jennings, Patrick Pabian,  
Katelyn Rizzo, Stephen Lopez,  
Christina Contreras, Michael Donohue,  
Theresa Tants, Nicholas Aspera,  
Daniel Rizzo, Scott Willson

# REFLECTION CORNER

## Communion Wafer

### Question:

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

### Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion “wafer” that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: “The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament” (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church’s tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the “matter” of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a “wafer” — which is properly called a “host” — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. “raised”) bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white “wafer” is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

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## Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24- Hour Child Abuse Hotline (Childline) at 1- 800- 932- 0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis)

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenet of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator MaryBeth Pacuska at (570 862-7551) or the Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570- 207-2269).

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