

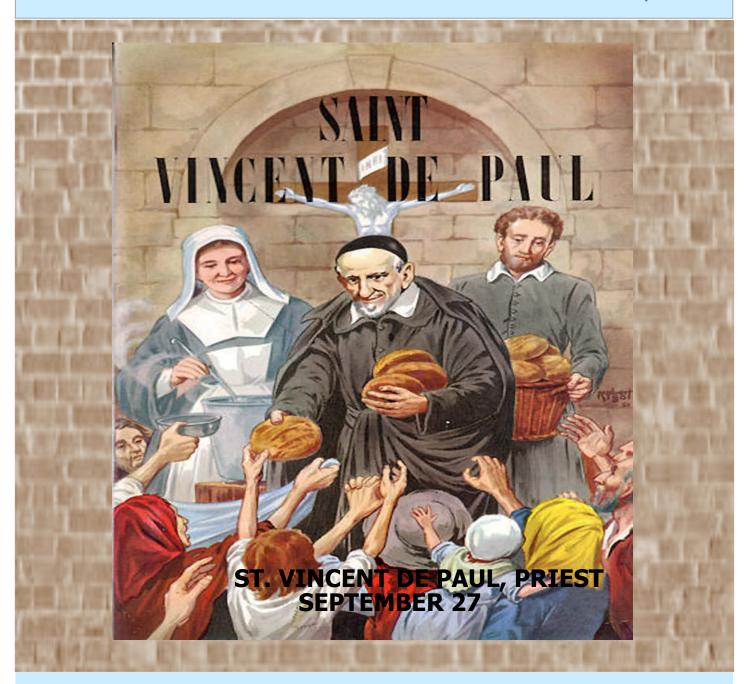
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial

 $oldsymbol{W}$ ith Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions. Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



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The Pastor's Page/Página del Pastor

Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

The gift of the Spirit is given freely, not according to human expectations, but according to the generosity of God. Joshua wants Moses to stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying in the camp, when they were not with the others as the spirit was bestowed on them. Moses, so close to God's mind in the matter, wishes everyone could

possess the spirit of God and proclaim it to the nations. Psalm 19 celebrates the perfection of God's law, and how it brings joy and delight. It is better than the finest gold or the sweetest honey. Moreover, God gives the wisdom of the prophets to everyone, especially the simple and lowly ones, even to children. It is the "little

ones" who proclaim the wonder of God to all.

In just 12 days we will be having our 4th Marian Conference on Saturday, October 9. What a special way to honor Mary our blessed Mother than a Conference devoted to her. We will have an opening anointing Mass of the Sick at 8:00AM with Bishop Larry Silva. The closing mass will be at 5:00PM with our Bishop Michael Barber, SJ and followed by a candlelight rosary procession. If you have not already registered go to our web page and get your registration done.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

El don del Espíritu se da libremente, y no de acuerdo con expectativas humanas, sino de acuerdo a la generosidad de Dios. Josué quiere que Moisés ponga un alto a Eldad y Medad que estaban profetizando en el campamento, porque no estuvieron con los demás cuando el espíritu descendió sobre ellos. Moisés, tan cerca de la mente de Dios en este asunto, quiere que todo el mundo pueda poseer el espíritu de Dios y proclamarlo a las naciones. El Salmo 18 celebra la perfección de la ley de Dios y la forma en

que trae alegría y deleite. Es mejor que el óro más fino o la más dulce miel. Además, Dios nos da la sabiduría de los profetas a todos, especialmente los sencillos y humildes, incluso a los niños. Son los

'pequeños" que proclaman las maravillas de Dios a todos.

En sólo 12 días, tendremos nuestra cuarta Conferencia Mariana el sábado 9 de octubre. Qué manera más especial de honrar a María, nuestra Santísima Madre, que una conferencia dedicada a ella. Tendremos una misa de apertura de unción de enfermos a las 8:00am con el Obispo Larry Silva y la misa de clausura será a las 5:00pm con nuestro Obispo Michal Barber, SJ y seguida por una procesión de rosario a la luz de las velas. Si aún no se ha inscrito, vaya a nuestra página web y haga su inscripción. Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quanq

Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:0AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

<u>Saturday Vigil Mass</u> 5:00PM (English)

Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30am (English) 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) -2:00PM (Spanish) 5:00PM -Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK **INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA**

Sat. Sept. 25th

8:00 am † Mariana Peña 5:00 pm † Nellie Farias

Sun. Sept. 26th

Dio Almazan - Health 7:30 am

9:00 am † Joseph Dong

10:45 am † Jesus Oseguera 12:30 pm † Zeferino, Maria and Rafael Mendoza 2:00 pm † Ramiro Cortez

IHM Parishioners 5:00 pm

Mon. Sept. 27th

8:00 am Damiana Gutierrez - Birthday

Tues. Sept. 28th

8:00 am ⁻ † Virginia Abrue & Olga Barrera

Wed. Sept. 29th

Honore Family - Special Intention 8:00 am

Thurs, Sept. 30th

8:00 am Sebastian Ochoa-Aragon - Birthday

Frid. Oct. 1st

8:00am † Doreen Maria Teresa

of the Holy Trinity OCD's

Please join us the first Saturday of each month at Holy Cross cemetery for a Mass at 11:00am.

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Vengan el primer sabado del mes al Cementerio de Holy Cross a la

Misa de las 11:00am.



Attention:

Face masks are mandated when entering church.

Atención:

Es mandatorio que usen la mascarilla cuando entren a la Iglesia.

Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Ryan McCloud, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Lyndsey Burrow, Chris Heuer, Meghan Heuer, Jan Cooper, Louise Delia, Art Silvergleid, Dcn. Ron Horan, Gina Lilly, Giselle Honore, Kay Aviani *****

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: 455: Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:2, 16-23

LK 9:46-50

Tuesday: 456: Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1-7

Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: 647: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-5

Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: 458: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

Lk 10:1-12 Ps 19:8-11

Friday: 459: Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: 460: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-37

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sunday: 140: Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-6

Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16

WANTED! Ushers needed at all English masses and, equally important, we need men and women to assist the Ushers with Collections and Communion Guides. Please volunteer and check in with your Head Usher upon arrival at the mass time you attend to let them know that you are available. **WE NEED YOUR** HELP!

Lectura

Primera lectura

Nm 11, 25-29

En aquellos días, el Señor descendió de la nube y habló con Moisés. Tomó del espíritu que reposaba sobre Moisés y se lo dio a los setenta ancianos. Cuando el espíritu se posó sobre ellos, se pusieron a profetizar.

Se habían quedado en el campamento dos hombres: uno llamado Eldad y otro, Medad. También sobre ellos se posó el espíritu, pues aunque no habían ido a la reunión, eran de los elegidos y ambos comenzaron a profetizar en el campamento.

Un muchacho corrió a contarle a Moisés que Eldad y Medad estaban profetizando en el campamento. Entonces Josué, hijo de Nun, que desde muy joven era ayudante de Moisés, le dijo: "Señor mío, prohíbeselo". Pero Moisés le respondió: "¿Crees que voy a ponerme celoso? Ojalá que todo el pueblo de Dios fuera profeta y descendiera sobre todos ellos el espíritu del Señor".

Salmo Responsorial

Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

Los mandatos del Señor alegran el corazón.

Segunda Lectura

Sant 5, 1-6

Lloren y laméntense, ustedes, los ricos, por las desgracias que les esperan. Sus riquezas se han corrompido; la polilla se ha comido sus vestidos; enmohecidos están su oro y su plata, y ese moho será una prueba contra ustedes y consumirá sus carnes, como el fuego. Con esto ustedes han atesorado un castigo para los últimos días.

El salario que ustedes han defraudado a los trabajadores que segaron sus campos está clamando contra ustedes; sus gritos han llegado hasta el oído del Señor de los ejércitos. Han vivido ustedes en este mundo entregados al lujo y al placer, engordando como reses para el día de la matanza. Han condenado a los inocentes y los han matado, porque no podían defenderse.

Evangelio

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

En aquel tiempo, Juan le dijo a Jesús: "Hemos visto a uno que expulsaba a los demonios en tu nombre, y como no es de los nuestros, se lo prohibimos". Pero Jesús le respondió: "No se lo prohíban, porque no hay ninguno que haga milagros en mi nombre, que luego sea capaz de hablar mal de mí. Todo aquel que no está contra nosotros, está a nuestro favor.

Todo aquel que les dé a beber un vaso de agua por el hecho de que son de Cristo, les aseguro que no se quedará sin recompensa.

Al que sea ocasión de pecado para esta gente sencilla que cree en mí, más le valdría que le pusieran al cuello una de esas enormes piedras de molino y lo arrojaran al mar.

Si tu mano te es ocasión de pecado, córtatela; pues más te vale entrar manco en la vida eterna, que ir con tus dos manos al lugar de castigo, al fuego que no se apaga. Y si tu pie te es ocasión de pecado, córtatelo; pues más te vale entrar cojo en la vida eterna, que con tus dos pies ser arrojado al lugar de castigo. Y si tu ojo te es ocasión de pecado, sácatelo; pues más te vale entrar tuerto en el Reino de Dios, que ser arrojado con tus dos ojos al lugar de castigo, donde el gusano no muere y el fuego no se apaga".

Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no credo, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y para nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, *y por obra del Espíritu Santo se* encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre; y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padecío al tercer día, segun las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecho del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria. Para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y Gloria, y que hablo por los profetas.

Creo en una iglesia, que es santa, católica y apóstolica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida futura del mundo. Amen.



Readings

First Reading

Nm 11:25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses.

Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad,

were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp.

They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent;

yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp.

So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp, " Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said,

"Moses, my lord, stop them."

But Moses answered him,

"Are you jealous for my sake?

Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!

Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

Reponsorial Psalm

Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

The precepts of the Lord give joy, joy to the heart.

Second Reading

Jas 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries.

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten,

your gold and silver have corroded,

and that corrosion will be a testimony against you;

it will devour your flesh like a fire.

You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters

have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter.

You have condemned;

you have murdered the righteous one;

he offers you no resistance.

Gospel

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus,

"Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name,

and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him.

There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak

ill of me.

For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, Amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin,

it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire.

And if your foot causes you to sin, cut if off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched."

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God. the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried. and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and alorified.

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29 | Jas 5:1-6 | Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's graphic Gospel passage always sounds a bit jarring: "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." Upon first reading that passage, our response might be, "What?" But upon further reflection, it strikes me that Jesus is challenging us to attend to what causes us to sin: the vices we have acquired, the temptations we do not ignore, the sinful thoughts and behaviors we entertain or in which we engage. It is also important to identify where we might be culpable in leading others astray. In all of this, Jesus is asking us to be honest with ourselves and to take the necessary steps to "cut" out of our lives the things that lead us away from the Lord, allowing us to move toward him. Lest we get discouraged, we need only remember that we are not alone: We belong to Christ whose word is truth, whose precepts "give joy to the heart," and who tells us "whoever is not against us is for us." Like Moses in the first reading, we can ask that the Spirit descend upon us and give us strength.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Amazing feats we see on TV or read in the news can't help but capture our imagination. Our rich Catholic faith can be a little like that: just take a look at the lives of the saints. That's why I find the other passage in today's Gospel so encouraging. Jesus reminds us that even the smallest things we do matter — actions to help others grow in their faith: "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." As the Lord's spirit moves us to be a prophet to others – that is, to perform deeds in his name (mighty or not-so-mighty) – we have the ability to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ in very real and concrete ways. As St. Teresa of Avila said: "Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul."

ACTIONS Prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation by asking Jesus to help you identify what causes you to sin or drives a wedge between you and others or between you and God. Then participate in this beautiful sacrament and pray for the grace to make changes.

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San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.
Sé nuestro amparo contra la
perversidad y asechanzas del
demonio. Reprímale Dios,
pedimos suplicantes,
y tú Príncipe de la
Milicia Celestial,
con el divino poder de Dios,
arroja al infierno a Satanás
y a todos los espíritus
malignos que andan dispersos
por el mundo
para la perdición de las almas.
Amén.



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. 6 Amen

Information/Información

St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of October 3, please bring canned milk. THANK YOU!

Para el fin de semana del 3 de octubre, por favor traigan leche enlatada. GRACIAS!!!

On **October 4** after the 8:00am Mass, we will have blessings of the animals in the Plaza.



SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 3, 2021 - Facility Improvement October 17, 2021 - Maintenance fund

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

3 de octubre, 2021 - Fondo del Mejoramiento de las Instalaciones 17 de octubre, 2021 - Fondo del Mantenimiento



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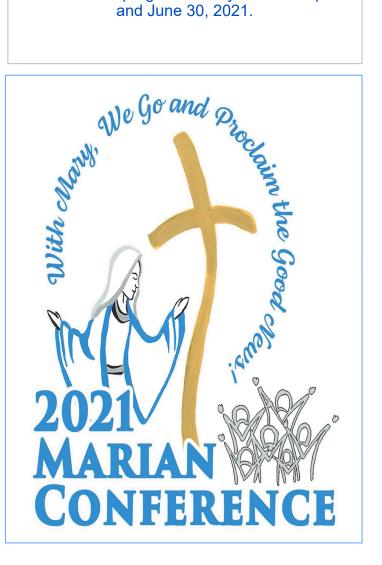
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| 8:00 AM | Mass with Anointing of the Sick |
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| 9:00 AM | Opening Program |
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| 10:30 AM | Spanish Presentation |
| 12:00 PM | Open Time for Lunch |
| | Enrollment in the Brown Scapular |
| | Stations of the Cross |
| | Confessions (until 3PM) |
| 1:00 PM | Praise and Worship |
| 2:00 PM | Holy Hour 2021 |
| 3:00 PM | Divine Mercy Chaplet MARIAN |
| 3:30 PM | English Presentation CONFERENCE |
| 5:00 PM | Closing Mass |
| | Bishop Michael Barber, SJ (Diocese of Oakland) |
| 6:30 PM | Candlelight Rosary Procession |

A mininum donation of \$15 per person is suggested to help defray the cost of organzing the Conference.

Donations can also be made via Eventbrite, FaithDirect, or Text-to-Give to (925) 433-9325.

There will be no full meals available for sale on site; only pre-packed snacks and bottled items will be sold.

Most events for the day are planned for indoors and will be implemented following safety and health protocols in place at the time.





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If you are an individual who loves the Lord and kids.....we are looking for additional teachers and teachers aides for our Faith Formation program!. For more information on the faith-enriching opportunity, please email Linda Kortuem at Ikortuem@ihmbrentwood.com or call (925) 634-4154 x 117

God Bless You! Linda Kortuem

Scripture study:

Are you interested in deepening your understanding of, and engagement in the Mass and drawing closer to



Jesus? Come join us for a scripture study to delve into the coming weekly readings from our Priests and Deacons. We will discuss the historical context, in both Jewish and Catholic faith traditions, and then explore together practical applications of the readings. This will make us all more alert and receptive to Homilies at Mass, a modest investment that reaps major blessings! Each week we will cover the reading from the Old and New Testament in our Sunday/Holy Day Mass readings.

Fridays, beginning October 1, from 3:30PM to 4:45pm our scripture study will be in the library. Our facilitator, Dr. Allan Steinhardt, will go over background on text and Catholic understanding of the readings, and then we will break into groups to discuss applications.

Dr. Steinhardt has been teaching Bible studies for Adult RE, and RCIA, for over thirty years. He is a Jewish convert, and has corresponded with various Bishops and Cardinals on Jewish Catholic relations, including Cardinal Dulles, and Bishop Gregory, as well as the late Father John Neuhaus. Contact: Dr. Allan Steinhardt; Cell: 925-200-0115, or email: asteinhardt@aeye.ai. Masks required.

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING/BIBLE STUDY

Women's Faith Sharing Bible Study, will resume Thursday, Oct. 7 and meet for 12 Thursdays, till Dec. 30, 2021. (except Nov. 25, Thanksgiving.) Gatherings to be held in the Library, 10:00-11:30am. Masks required as usual.

We will be using a DVD series from the St. Paul Center, Scott Hahn, "Genesis to Jesus." Available from this sight, is the participant workbook for \$25.00. This workbook is useful, but totally optional, and not necessary to attend the program.

For further information, please call Ethel Reber at (925)513-7359.

Are you new to Immaculate Heart of Mary? We Welcome you!

We are a very vibrant an active parish in Brentwood whose mission is, "with Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions." We do this in a variety of ways through our several sacramental programs, social outreach, as well as our active ministries, Bible studies, and energetic youth program.

We also LOVE new parishioners and hold quarterly "Welcoming Gathering" specifically those new to IHM. See our bulletin for details on the date for the next upcoming gathering. If you are not registered, please call the parish office at 925-624-4154 and ask for Ana. She will be happy to mail you a registration form.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

Widow and widower grief support group from IHM Church meets every Thursday from 5-6:15 at IHM Church, 500 Fairview, Brentwood, CA. Open to all. We meet in the library. Masks required.

Come and learn how to find a new normal as you walk the grief trail with others experiencing the same loss. Also monthly potlucks held for group. Contact Mary Ann Smith at 925 240-1706 or Sandy Heinisch at 925 513. 3412 for more information.

Hours of Adoration are on Thursdays from 8:30am to 5:00pm with Holy Hour from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. On Fridays, 24 hour Adoration begins at 8:30am and continues until Saturday morning at 7:30am.

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Horas de Adoración son los jueves de 8:30am a 5:00pm con la Hora Santa de 5:00 - 6:00pm. Los Viernes, 24 horas de Adoracion empieza a las 8:30 am y continua hasta las 7:30am el sabado en la manaña.

Ministry Meetings/Reuniones de Ministerios

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Tuesday/Martes: 6:00 - 7:00PM Saturday/Sabado: 3:30 - 4:30PM

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Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario

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Wednesday/Miércoles 8:30AM

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Novena Madre del Perpetuo Socorro

> Friday/Viernes 8:30AM

Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia

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Contact a priest / llame a un sacerdote

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Saint Vincent de Paul's Story

The deathbed confession of a dying servant opened Vincent de Paul's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This seems to have been a crucial moment in the life of the man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life.

The Countess de Gondi—whose servant he had helped—persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of able and zealous missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers and country people in general. Vincent was too humble to accept leadership at first, but after working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the leader of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

Later, Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity, "whose convent is the sickroom, whose chapel is the parish church, whose cloister is the streets of the city." He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

Most remarkably, Vincent was by temperament a very irascible person—even his friends admitted it. He said that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross." But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others.

Pope Leo XIII made him the patron of all charitable societies. Outstanding among these, of course, is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by his admirer Blessed Frédéric Ozanam.

Reflection

The Church is for all God's children, rich and poor, peasants and scholars, the sophisticated and the simple. But obviously the greatest concern of the Church must be for those who need the most help—those made helpless by sickness, poverty, ignorance, or cruelty. Vincent de Paul is a particularly appropriate patron for all Christians today, when hunger has become starvation, and the high living of the rich stands in more and more glaring contrast to the physical and moral degradation in which many of God's children are forced to live.

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