**St. Vincent de Paul Parish**

**August 28-29, 2021 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Opening Hymn: “As a Fire is Meant for Burning" (sung)**

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God’s name.

Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle loving actions, we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening spirit, we would live to God’s delight.

Opening Prayer and Greeting

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

(closing prayer by Presider)

Gloria: (sung)

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, glory to God in the highest, glory to God, glory to God, and on earth peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Fathers. (Refrain)

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. (Refrain)

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen (Refrain)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people:  
“Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees  
which I am teaching you to observe,  
that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land  
which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.   
In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God,  
which I enjoin upon you,  
you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it.   
Observe them carefully,  
for thus will you give evidence  
of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations,  
who will hear of all these statutes and say,  
‘This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.’  
For what great nation is there  
that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us  
whenever we call upon him?   
Or what great nation has statutes and decrees  
that are as just as this whole law  
which I am setting before you today?”

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Psalm Response: (sung) **"One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."**

Second Reading: Jas 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27

Dearest brothers and sisters:  
All good giving and every perfect gift is from above,  
coming down from the Father of lights,  
with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.   
He willed to give us birth by the word of truth  
that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you  
and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this:  
to care for orphans and widows in their affliction  
and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**Gospel Acclamation:** (sung) **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Gospel: Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem  
gathered around Jesus,  
they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals  
with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.   
—For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews,  
do not eat without carefully washing their hands,  
keeping the tradition of the elders.  
And on coming from the marketplace   
they do not eat without purifying themselves.   
And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed,  
the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. —  
So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him,  
“Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders  
but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?”   
He responded,  
“Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:  
    This people honors me with their lips,        but their hearts are far from me;    in vain do they worship me,        teaching as doctrines human precepts.  
You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.”

He summoned the crowd again and said to them,  
“Hear me, all of you, and understand.   
Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person;  
but the things that come out from within are what defile.

“From within people, from their hearts,  
come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder,  
adultery, greed, malice, deceit,  
licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly.  
All these evils come from within and they defile.”

Homily

Profession of Faith: (recited)

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,

*(bow)* 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 glorified, 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.

**Preparation Hymn "We Are the Light of the World"** (sung)

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, Theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; Bless us, O Lord, our God  
  
We are the light of the world;  
may our light shine before all,  
that they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.  
  
Blessed are they who are meek and humble, They will inherit the earth  
Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; Bless us, O Lord, our God  
  
We are the light of the world;

may our light shine before all,  
That they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.  
  
Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow, They will be comforted  
Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sorrow; Bless us, O Lord, our God  
  
We are the light of the world;

may our light shine before all,  
That they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.  
  
Bless those who hunger and thirst for justice, They will be satisfied  
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for justice; Bless us, O Lord, our God  
  
We are the light of the world;

may our light shine before all,  
That they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.  
  
Blessed are they who show others mercy, They will know mercy too  
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for mercy; Bless us, O Lord, our God  
  
We are the light of the world;

may our light shine before all,  
That they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Holy, Holy, Holy** (sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Memorial Acclamation** (sung)

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**Great Amen** (sung)

**Our Father** (recited)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ...

For the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours now and forever, Amen.

**Lamb of God** (sung)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; Grant us peace..

**Communion Hymn: "Song of the Body of Christ"** (sung)

**Refrain:**

We come to share our story. We come to break the bread. We come to know our rising from the dead.

**Verse 1**

We come as your people. We come as your own. United with each other, love finds a home.

**Refrain:**

We come to share our story. We come to break the bread. We come to know our rising from the dead.

**Verse** 2:

We are called to heal the broken, to be hope for the poor. We are called to feed the hungry at our door.

**Refrain:**

We come to share our story. We come to break the bread. We come to know our rising from the dead.

**Verse 3:**

Bread of life and cup of promise, In this meal we all are one. In our dying and our rising, may your kingdom come.

**Refrain**

We come to share our story. We come to break the bread. We come to know our rising from the dead

Prayer to St. Michael: (recited)

Saint 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, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

**Recessional Hymn:** “**We Are Called"** (sung)

**Verse: 1:**

Come! live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!  
**Refrain:**

We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.  
**Verse 2:**

Come! open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear

! we are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

**Refrain:**

We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.