

September 27, 2022

Good Morning All,

~ This coming week - No Weekday Masses, Confessions or Adoration – Tuesday, September 27th through Thursday, September 29th.

~ Faith and Reason class continues this evening at the Parish Hall.

1. Today's Readings: [Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Saint Vincent de Paul was born in Gascony in 1581. After completing his studies, he was ordained a priest and went to Paris where he served in a parish. He found the Congregation of the Mission to supervise the formation of priests and to give support to the poor. With the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, he also found the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity. He died in Paris in 1660.

(Liturgy of the Hours)

Attached is an excerpt of one of his writings.

3. Quotes of the Day: St. Vincent de Paul

~ "God is with the simple and humble; He assists them, blesses their work, blesses their undertakings."

~ "The more we see our own inadequacy, let us think that we have even more than we deserve."

~ "The practice of charity, such as assisting the suffering members of Our Lord, is to be preferred to all other exercises."

St. Vincent de Paul, Pray for Us!

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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From a writing by Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest



Serving the poor is to be our first preference

Even though the poor are often rough and unrefined, we must not judge them from external appearances nor from the mental gifts they seem to have received. On the contrary, if you consider the poor in the light of faith, then you will observe that they are taking the place of the Son of God who chose to be poor. Although in his passion he almost lost the appearance of a man and was considered a fool by the Gentiles and a stumbling block by the Jews, he showed them that his mission was to preach to the poor: He sent me to preach the good news to the poor. We also ought to have this same spirit and imitate Christ's actions, that is, we must take care of the poor, console them, help them, support their cause.

Since Christ willed to be born poor, he chose for himself disciples who were poor. He made himself the servant of the poor and shared their poverty. He went so far as to say that he would consider every deed which either helps or harms the poor as done for or against himself. Since God surely loves the poor, he also loves those who love the poor. For when one person holds another dear, he also includes in his affection anyone who loves or serves the one he loves. That is why we hope that God will love us for the sake of the poor. So when we visit the poor and needy, we try to be understanding where they are concerned. We sympathize with them so fully that we can echo Paul's words: I have become all things to all men. Therefore,

we must try to be stirred by our neighbors' worries and distress. We must beg God to pour into our hearts sentiments of pity and compassion and to fill them again and again with these dispositions.

It is our duty to prefer the service of the poor to everything else and to offer such service as quickly as possible. If a needy person requires medicine or other help during prayer time, do whatever has to be done with peace of mind. Offer the deed to God as your prayer. Do not become upset or feel guilty because you interrupted your prayer to serve the poor. God is not neglected if you leave him for such service. One of God's works is merely interrupted so that another can be carried out. So when you leave prayer to serve some poor person, remember that this very service is performed for God. Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity. Since she is a noble mistress, we must do whatever she commands. With renewed devotion, then, we must serve the poor, especially outcasts and beggars. They have been given to us as our masters and patrons.

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