

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

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The Rectory Office is open Tuesday through Friday
from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Closed on Mondays.

REV. STANLEY KRZYSTON, Pastor
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Michele Cuiule, Parish Secretary

*Thank you to all our volunteer office staff
for your sacrifice and service!*



JANUARY 7, 2018 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

MASSSES for the WEEK

- MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018
 8:30 AM **JOHN VERES**
 Req. Claire & Jim Bruno
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018
 8:30 AM **NICHOLAS PRATICO**
 Req. The Legion of Mary
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018
 4:00 PM **BENIGNO & MARGARITA SALES**
 Req. Maryilou Sales Lin & Family
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018
 8:30 AM **BENIGNO SALES JR.**
 Req. Marilou Sales Lin & Family
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018
 8:30 AM **MARGARET MAE REEDY**
 Req. Kathleen Clugsten
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018
 9:00 AM **KYLE GERARDI**
 Req. Ed & Joan Nyzio
- 4:00 PM **JOHN VERES**
 Req. Ellen Donnelly
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018
 7:30 AM **THERESITA MEDRANO**
 Req. Joanne Garafalo
- 9:00 AM **THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF
 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**
- 11:00 AM **SARA CORDERO**
 Req. Betty McRoberts
- 7:00 PM **JOAN SMITH**
 Req. Christine Belardo & Family



The Sanctuary Candle burns for Danwah Jokhan.
 Requested by Charlie, Katie and Linszie.

A NOTE FROM FATHER STAN

Dear Parishioners,

The modern world has for the most part shut the door on the living God. Our task is to open the door again to Him. We can do this by word and example. Speak out, be faithful to Sunday Mass, read your Bible, say your Rosary, join a service group, go to Confession and admit your sins. Never give up on yourself and never give up on Jesus!

***“I am the resurrection and the life;
 whoever believes in me,
 though he should die, will come to life;
 and whoever is alive and believes in me
 will never die.”***

John 11: 6

***“Whoever puts faith in me
 believes not so much in me
 as in him who sent me;
 and whoever looks on me
 is seeing him who sent me.
 I have come to the world as its light,
 to keep anyone who believes in me
 from remaining in the dark.”***

John 12: 44-46

Fairness and Virtue

***False scales are an abomination to the Lord,
 but a full weight is his delight.
 When pride comes, disgrace comes;
 but with the humble is wisdom.***

***The honesty of the upright guides them;
 the faithless are ruined by their duplicity.***

***Wealth is useless on the day of wrath,
 but virtue saves from death.***

***The honest man’s virtue makes his way straight,
 but by his wickedness the wicked man falls.***

***The virtue of the upright saves them,
 but the faithless are caught in their own intrigue.***

***When a wicked man dies his hope perishes,
 and what is expected from strength comes to nought.***

***The just man escapes trouble,
 and the wicked man falls into it in his stead.***

***With his mouth the impious man would ruin his
 neighbor,***

but through their knowledge the just make their escape.

When the just prosper, the city rejoices;

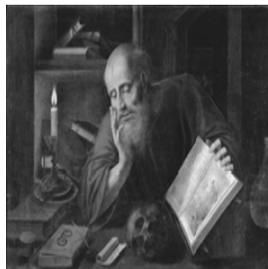
and when the wicked perish, there is jubilation....

Proverbs 11:1-10

Lives of the Saints

St. Jerome

Jerome’s declining years were darkened by the terrible series of events that betokened the end of the Roman Empire. On all sides, hordes of barbarians broke through the defenses and spread havoc with fire and sword. Picts,



Scots, and Saxons overran Britain; Franks, Burgundians, Alemanni, Huns, Visigoths, and Vandals ravaged Gaul; Suevi, Vandals, and Visigoths, Spain; Vandals, Africa; Ostrogoths, Italy. Then Alaric and his Ostrogoths took the capital itself and pillaged Rome for three days.

Jerome was numb with horror at the news: “The lamp of the world is extinguished, and it is the whole world which has perished in the ruins of this one city.”

Violence struck at Bethlehem too. In 416 Jerome was forced to flee for his life when his own monastery was seized by a band of ruffians—perhaps fanatical devotees of Pelagius—and burned to the ground. But his greatest sorrow was the death of the two people who meant the most to him. In 404 his dearest friend and co-worker, Paula, died and left Jerome utterly prostrate with grief. And only a year before his own death in 420 Paula’s daughter Eustochium, whom Jerome also loved beyond measure, fell ill and died—a blow that completely shattered him. The circumstances of his own death a year later are unknown. We only know that he was buried close to the tombs of Paula and Eustochium in their beloved Church of the Nativity a few yards away from the spot held sacred to Christ’s birth.

Thomas Bokenkotter

The Good is the Meaningful

*If I can stop one Heart from breaking
I shall not live in vain
If I can ease one Life the Aching
Or cool one Pain
Or help one fainting Robin
Unto his Nest again
I shall not live in Vain.*

Emily Dickinson

**Sex and Christianity**

In the context of Scripture and Catholic Tradition, sexuality only finds its fullest expression in either the dedicated celibate lifestyle or sacramental marriage.

Scripture is quite clear that the Christian should not even entertain lustful thoughts in one's heart. Adultery was condemned as immoral by Jesus, even though He forgives those who repent of it. Sexuality is to be used to give life to children and to bind man and woman into a life-giving, permanent, faithful union. Thus, to engage in sexual actions for other purposes is to degrade human sexuality and compromise its integrity, alienating it from its destiny.

Chastity is imperative for stability in marital relationships as it promotes respect for the spouse. It also symbolizes one's dedication and moral integrity better than almost all other virtues.

Sexuality can readily become 'deified,' as the history of fertility cults shows, for sexual pleasure is the highest of natural pleasures. And because sexual pleasure is so intense, it can readily appear to be a panacea. It is not clear if this is as much a danger as human sexuality's being devalued to simple and straightforward recreation. This seems to be the greatest danger posed by the "sexual revolution," which turns sexual communication into a sport with no greater human meaning and value than athletic competitions. The development of contraceptive drugs and modern antibiotics has made promiscuous and recreational sex appear safe, but this is more than doubtful. For in recent years new forms of social diseases, such as penicillin-resistant gonorrhea and AIDS, have made promiscuous sex quite dangerous.

Our Sunday's Visitor Catholic Encyclopedia

Science & Religion

The origin of evolutionary dogmatism can be traced back to the introduction to the first edition of the *Origin of Species* and all five subsequent editions. There one will find Darwin's brazen proclamation that he does not

intend to consider any alternative explanations for his evolution evidence:

"For I am well aware that scarcely a single point is discussed in this volume on which facts cannot be adduced, often leading to conclusions directly opposite to those at which I have arrived. A fair result can be obtained only by fully stating and balancing the facts and arguments on both sides of each question; and this cannot possibly be here done."

What the quote tells the reader is that Darwin's basic investigative technique was to persistently and consistently indulge in biased observations of the environment, which, as the quote implies, makes a mockery of objective science. From that one statement one could conceivably make the case that the *Origin of Species* does not qualify as a valid science book. Why, in the name of defending professional standards, does the science establishment not condemn the *Origin of Species* for its admitted bigotry? One can only surmise that an influential number of scientists in each generation want for religious reasons, a materialistic explanation for origins to become widely accepted. Consequently, evolution enthusiasts within the science establishment persist in closing their eyes to Darwin's investigative shortcomings. . . .

Evolution is labeled a theory, but presented as an unquestionable doctrine. That is the great Deception perpetuated in the typical textbook evolution curriculum.

Darwin's investigative technique was to observe a little bit of environmental reality and then proceed to embellish that slim reality with his fertile imagination and wishful thinking.

Randall Hedtke

**Be faithful to the Ten Commandments of God**

1. *I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me.*
2. *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*
3. *Remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day.*
4. *Honor your father and mother.*
5. *You shall not kill.*
6. *You shall not commit adultery.*
7. *You shall not steal.*
8. *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*
9. *You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.*
10. *You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.*

You Gotta Laugh:

Why did the physics teacher break up with the biology teacher? There was no chemistry.



Love, Respect and Romance

“...I was at a party feeling very shy because there were a lot of celebrities around, and I was sitting in a corner alone and a very beautiful young man came up to me and offered me some salted peanuts and he said, “I wish they were emeralds” as he handed me the peanuts and that was the end of my heart. I never got it back.”

*Helen Hayes on first meeting her husband,
Charles MacArthur*

Science & Religion

Christianity gave rise to modern science. Science depends upon certain non-scientific suppositions regarding the nature of reality in the absence of which it never would have arisen.

That the world is real; that it is rational or orderly, governed by natural laws that render it *capable* of being explored and discovered; and that it is good, *deserving* of being studied—are assumptions that are thoroughly Christian in character.

It is not by accident that the first and greatest of scientists—Galileo, Roger Bacon, Copernicus, Kepler, Pascal, Newton, Boyle, and Mendel, to name but a few—were Bible-believing Christians. Rodney Stark, distinguished sociologist of religion, makes the relevant point: “Not only were science and religion compatible, they were inseparable—the rise of science was achieved by deeply religious Christian scholars.” *Jack Kerwick*

Will the modern mind do anything to exclude the Living God?

Professor D.M.S. Watson wrote: “Evolution itself is accepted by zoologists, not because it has been observed to occur or can be proved by logically coherent evidence to be true, but because the only alternative, special (divine) creation, is clearly incredible.” Has it come to that? Does the whole vast structure of modern naturalism depend not on positive evidence but simply on a metaphysical prejudice? Was it devised not to get to the facts but to keep out God? *C.S. Lewis*

Sick Relatives & Friends

Dale Apel, Daniel Applegate, Joseph Caruso, Nenita Covey, Jessie Davis, Luke Deidloff, Patrick Dillon, Kathy Drew, Doris Ferriolo, Marge Geeders, Amelia Joyce, William Kleppe, Jennifer Koren, Lois Watlinjtou, Marc Zona, Sharon Zona