

APRIL 2016

Our Lady of Charity

Lancaster/Quartz Hill Conference

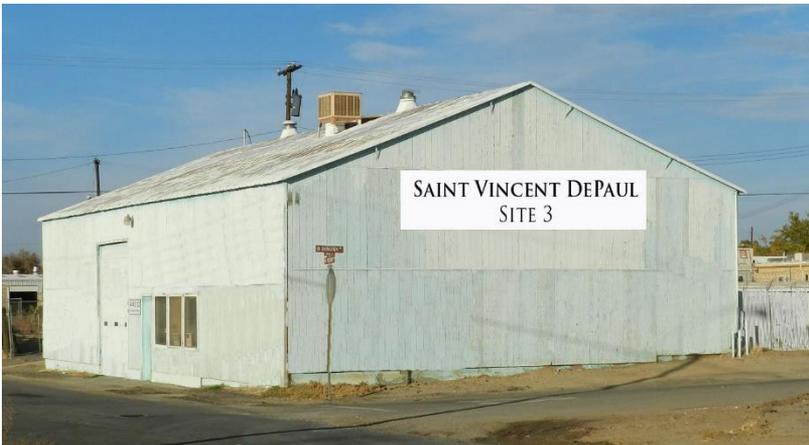
“THE VINCENTIAN TRUMPET”



45058 Trevor – Site 1, Suite B



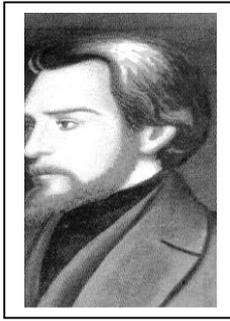
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WHO WE ARE

For those of you who do not know us, we are Vincentians. Our founder pictured here, is Blessed Frederic Ozanam. In the spring of 1833, Frederic found himself challenged by fellow students to



“**show us your good works today**”. Frederic was deeply troubled by this challenge because he realized that it was true, people always talk about doing good for others but rarely do anything about it. Frederic promptly set out with some friends to change the way things were. They located a simple charity run by Sister Rosalie and began their new mission by taking bread tickets to the poor. A local baker would redeem them for a loaf of bread. Later that same year, they started their own charity, naming it after St. Vincent de Paul.

Who are we? We are your neighbors, your friends, your fellow workers, your priests. We are Christians who love to aid the poor in many different ways. And, yes, we still do things the old-fashioned way, just as Frederic and his friends did it over 180 years ago. We still take food to the poor families in need. We also comfort and care for the poor homeless who gather at our door, serving them a hot meal and giving them clean underwear, coffee, and a shoulder to cry on. Before they eat, we start our day with a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord. If you'd like to help us in some way, come and join in. If you can't, you can still be a Vincentian at heart just by sending us a check so that we can continue to do our Lord's work. A few people have even given us their cars. Not one of us receives even a penny.

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Calendar and other St. Vincent de Paul Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Don M.
3	4 Soo	5	6 Women of Grace	7 Miriam Sister	8	9 Knights of Columbus 4 th Degree
10	11 Don W. Meeting: 6-8 p.m.	12	13 Janet	14 Pastor Jun	15	16 Latinos
17	18 Knights of Columbus 3 rd Degree	19	20 Jane/Acton	21 Fr. Serra	22	23 FAAAV
24	25 Knights of Columbus 3 rd Degree/ Meeting: 6-8 p.m.	26	27 Johnny/Nancy	28 Fr. Serra	29	30 Holy Cross

“Dear Lord, increase my strength and faith, my hope and charity, a thousand fold! Be thou forever praised, dearest Jesus, my Lord and my God! Behold, my life, my strength, my whole being, all that I have, all that I am, I devote to thy greater glory.

St. John Newmann

NOTE: If you have any questions or would like to prepare a meal for the homeless, please check the calendar for open days and call the Center at (661) 942-3222 on M-W-Th-Sat from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Our mailing address is PO BOX 412, Lancaster 93584.



From Our Pastor...

My sister Mary, who died at age 35 in 1997, was a huge John Denver fan. One of John Denver's songs was entitled, "*I Want to Live*," and the chorus went: "I want to live, I want to grow, I want to see, I want to know, I want to share what I can give, I want to be, I want to live."

Easter is about life -- and living life to the fullest. Jesus gave us the example to follow, and living to the fullest means growing and giving. Jesus gave himself completely to us and to his Father, we are called to follow his example.

One of the song's verses goes: "We are standing all together, face to face and arm in arm, we are standing on the threshold of a dream. No more hunger, no more killing, no more wasting life away, it is simply an idea and I know its time has come." We, the Church, and each of us as individuals, are on the threshold of a dream, standing together arm in arm. We are Christ's representatives and members of the household of God.

"I want to live, I want to grow, I want to see, I want to know, I want to share what I can give, I want to be, I want to live." I want to be an Easter person -- a true ambassador for Christ -- by living life to the fullest. Thanks to my sister Mary, a John Denver fan, our mother Mary who said "Yes" to God's call and to her Son Jesus, for his tremendous example of giving and living. May we live and give as He did -- completely.

Thank you who help serve the poor and needy at SVDP. You reflect well the song above and the Easter message of LIFE. Keep living and sharing His life. Thanks.

Fr. Tom

A Message from your Chairperson, Tisha of the Holiday Baskets

Thank you all for helping last Saturday with the Easter food giveaway. I know it has been a lot of work, everyone did a wonderful job and the program ran smoothly. It's only with the assistance of our volunteers such as yourself that we can rise to meet the challenge. We are blessed to be surrounded by people who want to help. It is only with cooperation from the committees that things go so smoothly.

Also, if you would be interested in helping with the yard sale, please call the Center at 942-3222.

Greatly appreciate your time and support.

A Word from Joyce

Now it is back to normal opening four days a week...serving meals those days along with the lunch program, Family program, and helping our clients with clothing and other necessities.

We always need volunteers to help sort clothing and other donations. We need people to make lunch bags for the homeless and help with the pantry.

If you find yourself with a few hours to donate please come into the office and talk to Margarita. Our address is 45058 Trevor Avenue, Suite B.

God bless,

Joyce

A Letter from Your President

Vincentians,

On March 29th we had a meeting with the city concerning moving Site 1 to Site3. About a year ago they gave us an affirmative nod to make this change. We had hoped to be able to give the poor a place to eat inside out of the extreme weather conditions. However, times have changed and their plans changed. At this time they want all the homeless moved on the Westside by 60th street. Our next option is to use our building as a Thrift store. We have lots to consider, and many meetings to decide which direction our Conference will take.

We have always wanted to have a thrift store. This was not our plan at this time; however, maybe it is God's will. We could create a few jobs, have a larger place to store our donations, and our staff could actually be better organized. I will keep you informed in the near future.

Dealing with the frustration of not being able to go forward with OUR plans, I found this poem helpful.

I thought you might enjoy it also.

Worthwhile

*It's easy enough to be pleasant,
when life flows by like a song,
but the man worthwhile
is the one who will smile,
when everything goes dead wrong.
For the test of the heart is trouble,
and it always comes with the years,
and the smile that is worth the praises of earth
is the smile that shines through tears.*

by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Yours in Christ, Don



Prayer Corner

Anyone who wishes to add names can contact SVDP at svdp@rpmwin.com. We would love to hear from you and hope that all our fellow Vincentians will lift these people in prayer: Lester Gilbert for dialysis and eye problems. Wayne Squire for special intentions, Jean Dexheimer for special intentions, Roberta and Walt Schmitt, and for all our clients, that God in his infinite mercy, will comfort them and send his angels to minister to them. **Praise God for all our success and ask him for healing for our people still in need of our prayers as well as all of our Vincentians who so generously give of their time and talents.**

GARAGE SALE NEWS

All,

The next garage sale will be Saturday, April 2, at 44352 Kirkland, Lancaster, CA, corner of Kirkland and East Avenue J. We will meet Friday, April 1, at Site 2 at 3:30pm to load the truck. Saturday, we will start unloading the truck at 7:30am. The sale will end at 12 o'clock.

Thanks to all of you for your continued help.

Tish

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EACH OF YOU
CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN THE
MONTH OF APRIL

REMINDER:

Keep the 2 & 4 oz. medicine bottles coming. We give away about 50 bottles a day filled with shampoo, conditioner or lotion that the homeless need. Don't forget to mark out your name and empty the bottles of medicine. We thank you for helping us help the poor.