

St. Vincent De Paul Church

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Mission Statement

St. Vincent de Paul is a faith community striving to live Jesus' gospel message of love, peace and justice for all peoples. In the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, our inclusive community welcomes, affirms and serves both the poorest of the poor and those who are alienated and most vulnerable among us. Our individual faith journeys join together in the celebration of the Eucharist. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to nurture the gifts of all our members. Our parish family will draw strength and unity from diversity. We will foster an atmosphere of warmth, hospitality and prayerfulness. We pray that our commitment to these efforts will further the mission of being one with our God and one with each other.

The DePaul Catholic School, An Independent Mission School
44 W. Logan Street ♦ Philadelphia, PA 19144 ♦ 215-842-1266 ♦ www.thedepaulcatholicschool.org

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Eucharistic Celebration ♦ Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9 & 11am
Sacrament of Reconciliation ♦ Please call for an appointment.

May 5, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SUN	05/05	Genevieve Williams	9:00 am
		Miraculous Medal	11:00 am
MON	05/06	NO MASS	
TUE	05/07	Kathleen Hines	7:00 am
	05/08	Anila Meinberg	7:00 am
WED	05/09	Violet Novich	7:00 am
THU			
FRI	05/10	Isabelle O'Boyle	7:00 am
SAT	05/11	Mary Alice Wilk	8:00am
		Miraculous Medal	4:00pm

SUN **Third Sunday of Easter**
SAT **Sacrament of Penance 3-3:30 pm**

FOR THIS WE PRAY

Parishioners

Patricia Banmiller, Bernadette Barry, William Drinker, Judith Di Battista, Donna Jean Cocchia, Leo Johnson, Patricia Judge, Pat Burton, Thomas Baumann, Dick Taylor, Ginny Witte, Edna Poole, Nan Wade, Vince Morgan, Kay Harty, Mary Lynn Kraft, Arlene Myers, Betty Barnett, Annie Serious, Joey Gavin, Barbara Adams, Bertha Allen, Fran Rigler, Evangelina Aberin, Marie Coln, Helen Green, Ronald Rigler, Sr. Rosemarie Jefferson, Shirley Smith, Ida Bass, Stanley Callahan, Teresa Cipriano, Dorothy Ivey, Jarrett Queen Davis.

Friends of St. Vincent's

Caitlyn Graham, Sister Michael Anthony Mugan, Claire Wesolowski, Wanda Johnson, Robert Myers, Carol Holloway, Lillian Elliott, Jeanette Ingersoll, Minerva Ortiz, Dara Hefton, Christopher Mills, Johanna Moreno, Richard Piedra, Titilope Oluwo, Theresa Kelley, Sandra Friday, Joe Gnadt, Mattie Robinson, NaJearah Smith, Tom Stevens, baby Nicholas Esposito, Louis Malizia, Alice Penderghast, John Michalski, Kenneth Chandler, Rayan Bousso, Sharon Williams, Barbara Kelley, Jim Moran, Agnes Thomas, Virginia R., Michael Hlywski, Patricia Jordan Winston, Mary Malizia, Nancy Dole, Tony Gaddis, Our Sister Parish, Las Anonas de Santa Cruz, El Salvador.

PASTORAL CARE

We bring the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass regularly due to sickness or infirmity. Please call the Rectory.

Please pray for Shyamirr Wallace, a 12 year old sixth grade student at DePaul Catholic, who has Stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Last Week's Collection	2,260.00
Electronic	3,250.00.
Total	5,510.00
Tithe	275.50

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Psalm: Psalm 30
Second Reading: Revelations 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19

Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52
Psalm: Psalm 100
Second Reading: Revelations 7:9, 14b-17
Gospel: John 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

BAPTISM OF OUR CHILDREN

Call Fr. Sy Peterka, Pastor, at 215-438-2925, ext. 218, for available dates and additional information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is the process through which adults become members of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in exploring whether the Catholic Church is where you want to begin or continue your Christian faith journey, please contact the Rectory at 215-438-2925.

THOSE IN NEED OF THE SACRAMENTS

Please contact Fr. Sy Peterka, at 215-438-2925 ext.218.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in becoming involved in one or more of our Parish ministries, call the Church office, at 215-438-2925.

PARISH OUTREACH

Non-perishable food donations may be made Monday, Tuesday and Friday between 9am and Noon. To make an appointment for any other time, please call Liz Bergen at 215-438-1514.

RESERVATIONS FOR MEETINGS/EVENTS

Please call the Church office, 215-438-2925.

RACIAL HEALING STATEMENT

To foster a community in which people of all races and cultures are treated as equals and fully participate in the life of the church. We hope to achieve this by... Deepening Cross-Racial/Cross-Cultural relationships; Developing each person's gifts for Leadership & Ministry, (Including each group's Art & Culture) and by... Supporting actions for justice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - May 5-11, 2019

CONGRATULATIONS FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

We celebrate our thirteen children receiving their First Communion.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR PARISH RETREAT

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EASTER COLLECTIONS

Regular: \$8,108.64. Special Easter: \$4,380. Holy Places: \$630. Relief for Mozambique: \$2,141.76.

LECTORS WANTED!

All are Welcome! If interested in this ministry, please contact Vi Shenkman (215-635-0278).

CLOW - CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please have your children join us during the 9 and 11am Masses.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CIRCLE

After each Mass, those wishing to pray for something specific or for those with special needs can join our prayer circle which lasts 5 to 10 minutes. It will be led by our Lay Leaders of Prayer.

BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays at 7pm, in the Rectory.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

Gather with us third Tuesdays of the month, 1:30 2:30 in the Chapel.

CALLING ALL SENIORS

The Senior Ministry is meeting on Wednesdays. For more information or questions, call Jerry Smith 215-508-0427.

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FR. SY'S AFRICAN APPEAL FOR HOPE

Please consider giving generously to help our African sisters and brothers live a better life.

CONCERT TO BENEFIT MY PLACE GERMANTOWN

Come hear popular singer-songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine in concert on **Friday, May 10 at 7:30** at St. Vincent's to benefit My Place Germantown, a non-profit organization providing permanent supportive housing for disabled, formerly homeless males. Tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at door (children 12 & under \$5). **TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MASS MAY 4-5.** Contact Jack DiFeo at 215-287-5682 or by email at onbridle@hotmail.com

POWER

Invitation to Harrisburg to help our Children!

On **Wed June 12**, you are invited join a bus-load of parishioners as we participate in the annual "POWER caravan" to Harrisburg. Our purpose: Tell our law-makers that NOW is the time to fully and fairly fund public schools for our children across the state! Enough of "education apartheid," where PA has the biggest gap in the US between over-funded and under-funded schools. Not surprisingly, that means districts with more children of color consistently receive less than their fair share. We see progress over the last year, as this becomes more of a bipartisan issue. You and your family can be part of tipping the scales! Free round-trip bus service (from about 8am to about 6pm) and free lunch/snacks. Watch for sign-ups in church.

BOXTOPS: HELP CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Please help Catholic education by clipping boxtops from some of your favorite products. A list is posted at the back of the church as is a container for the box tops.

SUPPORT FOR MOZAMBIQUE

A cyclone and flood hit Mozambique and has taken over 750 lives and countless homes. Cholera is spreading and food is in very short supply. The families of parishioners Eusebio and Teresa Coelho have been severely affected. Support relief for the people of Mozambique at GoFundMe site set up by the Coelhos: dm2.gofund.me/help-to-rebuild-after-cyclone-idai-in-mozambique or give to Catholic Relief Services at crs.org or by mail (earmarked "Mozambique") CRS, 228 W Lexington St, Baltimore, MD 21201.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Catholic Social Services (CSS) needs foster families to provide short term care to children from 5-12 years old from Central America. Training will be provided. While with CSS, children will receive case management, educational, medical coverage and therapeutic services. Foster parents will receive a monthly stipend. If you would like further information, please contact Iris Reyes-Bugg, at 267-975-9241.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We are always in need of: Peanut butter, jelly, shelf stable juices, and milk, ready to eat cereal, cooking oil. Thank you!

SISTER ROSEMARIE JEFFERSON

Sister Rosemary has just had surgery and will be unable to speak for a couple of months. Please keep her in your prayers.

ART BY JOY WUENSCHERL

Here at St. Vincent's, we like to make all spaces beautiful. You can view beautiful art by Joy in our restrooms. How fortunate we are!

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish
Registration Form

Thanks for being here! If you would like to become an ACTIVE member of St. Vincent De Paul Parish (full-time or part-time), we invite you to **complete the Parish Registration form below.**

Date _____ Envelope number _____

Name _____

last

first

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Home Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Full name and relationship of all resident family members

_____ DOB _____ Relationship _____

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Have you received the Sacraments?

() Baptism () Confirmation () First Communion

Are you interested in

() Liturgical Ministry () Service Ministry

(Can you sing, lector, teach....)

**Please place completed form in the Offeratory basket
or send to the Parish Office and we will contact you.**

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**Bulletin Deadline: Mondays by noon. Email to
secretary@saint-vincent-church.org**

St. Vincent de Paul Church
Electronic Donation Authorization ES6255

Thank you for considering donations to St. Vincent de Paul electronically via your bank account. Please complete this form so that we can set things up for you. If you have questions, contact JoAnn at business@saint-vincent-church.org.

Date _____ Envelope Number _____

Electronic Type: New _____ Change _____

Name _____ last _____ first _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone # _____

Cell # _____

Email _____

Date of 1st Donation _____

Amount of Donation _____

Frequency:

Monthly on the **1st** _____

Monthly on the **15th** _____

Weekly (**every Monday**) _____

Weekly (**every other Monday**) _____

Bank Routing Number _____

Account Number _____

Please debit my checking account per **attached voided check**. (If you wish to debit your savings account, please contact your bank for routing and account number.) **I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my bank account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.**
Authorized signature and Date:

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 4TH AND 5TH, 2019

UPCOMING MEETING: Liturgy Council meets Monday, May 6th, at 7 pm.

MONTH OF MAY AND ROSARY: Rosary will be prayed thirty minutes before each Mass this month (Saturday at 3:30 pm, Sunday, at 8:30 am and 10:30 am).

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT: Saturday, after 8 am Mass, for one hour.

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GERMANTOWN HIGH AND FULTON ELEMENTARY: Please come out for an update of the former school buildings. The new property owner will be in attendance and will discuss the development project. Bring your questions. The meeting is this Monday, May 6th, from 6 pm until 8 pm, at James Memorial United Methodist Church, between Baynton Street and Germantown Avenue.

BOBBY JO VALENTINE CONCERT: Friday, May 10th, at 7:30 pm, here at St. Vincent's. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door (children, 12 and under, are \$5). Tickets will be sold after Mass, on May 4th and 5th.

CONFIRMANDI AND THEIR PARENTS: On Saturday, May 11th, at 10 am, the Confirmandi and their parents are asked to meet at the Miraculous Medal Shrine, to learn about Mary, who is so important and misunderstood in the Catholic faith and to visit the Infirmary for Sick Priests and Brothers.

MOTHER'S DAY: Sunday, May 12th is Mother's Day. Don't forget your mother figures.

SERVICE PROJECT AT THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE: On Saturday, May 18th, at 9:30 am, they are having an Aid for Friends Service Project. Join our community as we assemble breakfast bags. These bags will be given to Aid for Friends to deliver to shut-ins. You can register at <https://cammonline.org/prayer-ministry/youngadult/>.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: Sunday, May 26th, at 2 pm, we will host a three choir concert; St. Martin De Porres from Buffalo, St. Cecilia from Baltimore and St. Vincent's combined choirs. Please come and enjoy.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2019: Join over 1300 Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women's Conference. The 2019 theme is "Unique and Unrepeatable: Your Mission as a Catholic Woman," in which we explore the amazing truth that God has given each one of us a personal and unique mission, a share in His plan to save the world. Saturday, October 26, from 9 am until 4:30 pm, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Talks will be offered in English and Spanish. Register at <http://www.catholicwomensconference.org/>. Flyers are in the back of the church.

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HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY: If you are interested in pre-arranging your burial, Trent Tolbert, from Holy Sepulchre, will be here on May 18th and 19th, for all the Masses.

YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED: Congratulations to Delia, who graduates and will be moving to Toronto for grad school. So if you are interested, please submit your resume to the parish office as soon as possible.

PRAY FOR FR. SY: He will be away preaching two retreats from Monday, May 13th until Friday, May 24th.

Please pray for Shyamirr Wallace, a 12 year old sixth grade student at DePaul Catholic, who has Stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma and was diagnosed with several cancerous tumors on his lungs.

General Intercessions

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2019 ~ 4:00 Mass

Let us pray for those who serve the Church as catechists, preachers, and religious educators. May all who teach in the name of Jesus be faithful to His mission and His word.

Sung Refrain . . .

Let us pray for the mothers and fathers, grandparents and guardians who share their faith with the children in their care. May they follow Jesus closely as they feed and tend His lambs.

Let us pray for Hayley Anne Zeidler, baptized today, and for the twelve children who will receive their first Communion tomorrow. May the Sacraments take root deep in their souls, and help them to respond in love to all God's invitations.

Let us pray for all who struggle to recognize God's presence in their lives. As the disciples knew the risen Jesus through the miraculous catch of fish, may those who yearn to know God's love experience signs and wonders in the midst of their ordinary lives.

Let us pray for all who have died, especially those who have been targeted because of their faith. May their martyrdom sow the seeds of interfaith dialogue and bring us closer to peace among all religious traditions.

We pray as well for all those touched by the shooting at UNC Charlotte this week, including the gunman and his family. May we see an end to such senseless gun violence in our lifetime.

- 1. For people all over the world, That they have peace and joy in their lives. We pray to the Lord (Heaven)**
- 2. For our city, neighborhood, and homes, That love and forgiveness lives in our hearts. We pray to the Lord (Heaven)**
- 3. For everyone suffering from war and violence everywhere, That peace and justice be shared with them. We pray to the Lord (Gabriel)**
- 4. For all those in a position of power, That they make decisions that positively influence us and our community. We pray to the Lord (Gabriel)**
- 5. For those receiving First Holy Communion, We pray that Walter, Gabriel, Jacob, Reica, Fa'Sya, Heaven, Christian, Kyree, Kamaya, Kamsi, Osi, and Adaeze will receive God's blessings and carry them throughout their lives. We pray to the Lord (Ms. Suzanne)**

Germantown High School + Fulton Elementary School Building News

MEETING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Hosted by Germantown Fulton Campus Coalition

HEAR FROM THE NEW
PROPERTY OWNER
ASK QUESTIONS
GET ANSWERS
TALK NEXT STEPS
FOR THE COMMUNITY

MEETING



Monday, May 6th 2019, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: 47 E Haines Street, Germantown, Philadelphia, PA 19144
at Janes Memorial United Methodist Church
between Baynton St & Germantown Ave

Join the Germantown and Fulton Campus Coalition for an update on the future of the former Germantown High School and Fulton Elementary School buildings. **The property owner Jack Azran is CONFIRMED to be in attendance and will present about the redevelopment project.** Attend the meeting to get accurate information, learn how you can participate, and have a say in what happens here. ****We, the Coalition, recognize this is very short notice but were not given much choice. Please spread the word.****

Meeting Agenda:

1. Hear from the owner of the school buildings, Jack Azran.
2. **Get to know Jack's development team.**
3. Ask questions. **Get answers.** Clear the air.
4. Hear from representatives of the Germantown and Fulton Campus Coalition and learn about the next steps for the community.

Hosted by **Germantown and Fulton Campus Coalition**

A coalition with representatives from 25+ faith-based, community, and civic organizations

DELIA ROSE LANDERS
BRYN MAWR COLLEGE
AB, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND
FINE ARTS

**Join us for a gathering
to celebrate Delia's
graduation**



MAY 19, 2:00 PM
ST. VINCENT'S CHURCH
109 E .PRICE ST., PHILA, PA 19144
RSVP, CALL OR TEXT: 215-354-7287



Prayer

O God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit we profess our belief in this mystery. We thank you for it and consecrate to you, through the Immaculate Virgin Mother of our Savior, ourselves and all the works and all the possessions of the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity. We reaffirm our hope and prayer that this Immaculate Mother may be the Queen of the Cenacle. We place ourselves and our affairs in a particular way under her kindly care this year. O Immaculate Mother of God, we ask your blessing and prayer and beg of you, through your Immaculate Conception, to pray to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit for us. We ask you also, O Immaculate Mother, that the children of the Cenacle may have the grace of purity in thought, word and deed; and also purity of intention and that ever among us may be purity of doctrine. An Act of Consecration by Father Thomas A. Judge

Thank you, Sr. Barbara McIntyre, MSBT

Prayer for Sr. Rosemarie Jefferson

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CELEBRATING
THE EASTER
SEASON
AT HOME

APRIL 21–JUNE 9, 2019

EASTER BLESSINGS & PRAYERS

Easter Daily Devotion

Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad!

Let the joy of your resurrection
fill me today and every day, O Lord.

Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad!

Let the Spirit's grace and power
bless me and guide my way today, O Lord.

Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad!

Strengthen me to be a sign of your life,
a herald of your love each day, O Lord.

Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad!

Regina Caeli, Laetare. Alleluia! (An Easter Prayer for the Month of May)

Rejoice, O Queen of heaven. Alleluia!

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, you lead the rejoicing
of all the saved.*

You were chosen to be Christ's mother. Alleluia!
*Holy Mary, Mother of God, help us remain faithful
children of light.*

Christ has risen as he said. Alleluia!
*Holy Mary, Mother of God, let us follow your
example.*

Pray for us to God. Alleluia!
*Holy Mary, Mother of God, with all the saints
you intercede for us at the throne of grace.*

Rejoice and be glad: the Lord is truly risen.
Alleluia!

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, may our joy
bring us one day
to join you and the hosts of heaven,
singing praises in glory for all eternity.
Alleluia!*

Table Prayer for the Season of Easter

This is the day the Lord has made!

Today is the Day of days:
We are filled with Easter joy,
nourished by the bounty of the earth.

Today is the Day of days:
May we know Christ present
when we break bread with those we love.

Today is the Day of days:
Let us show Christ to the poor and hungry,
so our service to them is a sign of his glory.

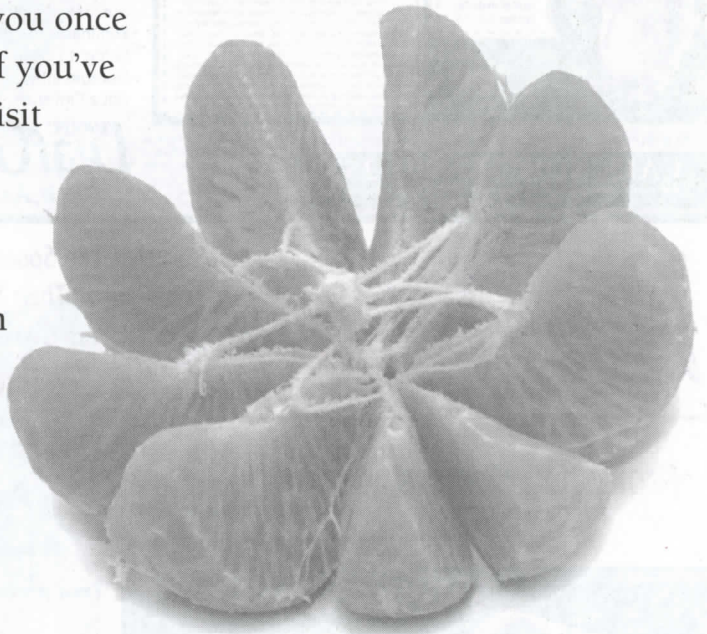
This is the day the Lord has made!
Let all the earth cry out with joy,
today is the Day of days!
Bless this meal, O Lord, and
grant everyone a place at
the feast of heaven. Amen.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IN REAL LIFE

Chances are, as a former Catholic school child you once had to be able to list all the fruits of the Spirit. If you've forgotten them, Pentecost offers a chance to revisit them in a new way.

In fact, in Galatians 5, Paul speaks of a single fruit of the Spirit, manifesting through nine facets—much like segments of an orange. When our life in the Spirit is fruitful, all the facets are visible, and indeed, they overlap again and again.

Take a few minutes to reflect on the working of the Holy Spirit in your life. Are all the “segments” of the fruit present?



Love:

To love is to desire good for others. Whom do I love?
To whom do I wish evil, and how can I change that?

Joy and Peace:

Is my spirit at peace? Am I joy-filled, or am I often angry, anxious, or at odds with others and the world?
Do I take time to be still in the presence of God, the source of all joy and peace?

Patience:

Do I persist in the tasks to which I am called, even in the face of resistance? Do I fly off the handle when others try my patience?

Kindness:

Am I focused outward, ready to lend a sympathetic ear? Do I listen with an open heart to those whose experiences are different from my own?

Generosity:

Do I give people the benefit of the doubt, or do I default to negative judgment? Do I make tithing and charity a priority, or do I allow my own wants to swallow my income?

Faithfulness:

Do I talk behind other people's backs? Do I criticize friends or family in my heart without sharing my concerns? Am I faithful to God? Do I let derogatory or hurtful comments to or about other children of God go unchallenged, out of fear of conflict or judgment?

Gentleness:

When the inevitable irritations of the day arise, do I roll with the punches? Do I approach conflict in a way that seeks the best interests of everyone involved? When I discipline those under my authority, do I take a punitive approach, or one that helps us all grow into holier, healthier individuals?

Self-control:

Self-discipline touches so many areas of life: expressing anger, word choices in online interactions, scheduling, food consumption, spending habits, screen time, the use of physical powers, time management. Am I intentionally under control in the way I navigate the world?

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