



WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS 2020 - CYCLE A

The “Weekly Bulletin Announcements”, based on the Gospel of each Sunday, are suggested for your parish weekly bulletin.

The action statement can easily be adapted to fit your local needs.

This is a very effective way for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to encourage all the members in the parish:

- To have ears to hear the “cries of the poor,”
- To have eyes to “seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived,” and
- To have hearts that “bring God’s love to the poor” through their generosity and donations.

First Quarter 2020

January 1: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Today is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary may we always treasure the events in our life and reflect on them in our heart.

Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2017 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours!

January 5—Epiphany:

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

January 12—The Baptism of the Lord:

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

Have you considered joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that you can live your Baptism more fully?

January 19—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon him.”

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God’s Spirit of love to those who are suffering.

January 26—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we find that Jesus “... went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.”

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to the poor, by assisting _____ families, providing _____ in food, _____ in gifts, and _____ for utility and rent bills.

February 2—Presentation of the Lord

In the Gospel, we hear Simeon say to Mary: "... your own soul shall be pierced with a sword—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare."

Your generosity enables the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring hope to parents whose hearts are burden with worries and concerns.

Or:Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (in some dioceses):

In the Gospel today Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which embody a radically alternative vision of life and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proclaims the gospel of the kingdom and brings healing to the broken hearts of those who live in poverty.

February 9: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

February 16: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel Jesus says: "Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus.

February 23: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: "You must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist _____ families, providing _____ in food, _____ for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

March 1—First Sunday of Lent:

Lent is a call to “give alms for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

March 8—Second Sunday of Lent:

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him.”

Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.

March 15—Third Sunday of Lent:

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says: “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work.”

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

March 22—Fourth Sunday of Lent:

In today’s Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

March 29: Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist _____ families, providing _____ in food, _____ for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

April 5: Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

April 12: Easter Sunday

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people!

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

April 19: Second Sunday of Easter:

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

April 26: Third Sunday of Easter:

In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting _____ families, providing _____ in food, _____ for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

May 3: Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us and hear his words, “I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly.”

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the “Good Shepherd” to your suffering brothers and sisters.

May 10: Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.

May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments... Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and through us into the hearts of those who are poor.

May 24: The Ascension of the Lord

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ’s saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.

May 31: Pentecost

Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to his disciples: “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting _____ families, providing _____ in food, _____ for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

June 7: Most Holy Trinity

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

June 14: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry.

June 21: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say: "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

This week, know that you will bring hope to the poor by your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

June 28: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel hear Jesus tell us: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "acknowledge the goodness of the Father" by assisting _____ families, providing _____ in food, _____ in gifts, and _____ for utility and rent bills.

July 5—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace to those who are overwhelmed with life’s burdens.

July 12—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today’s Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that “some seed fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold.”

This week by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold.

July 19—Sixteen Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom.

This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

July 26—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God.

This month through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist _____ families, providing _____ in food, _____ for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

August 2—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel, Jesus says: “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves,” and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blest them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd.

Know that your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help those living in poverty touches many lives just like the loaves and fishes.

August 9—Nineteen Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!”

August 16—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

August 23—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Like Peter in today’s Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus’ presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

August 30—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus’ presence by assisting families, providing _____ in food, _____ for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

September 6—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says: “...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we help them to know that indeed “God is in the midst of them.”

September 13—Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!

September 20—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

On **September 27**, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

September 27—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The Gospel today is a great example of saying, "actions speak louder than words."

As you put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's poor box, know that you are putting your faith into action.

October 4—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.

October 11—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

October 18—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God.

October 25—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting ____ families, providing _____ in food, ____ for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

November 1—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us!

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.

November 8—Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually.

Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

November 15—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.

November 22—Christ the King:

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, this month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

was able to serve _____ families, providing _____ in food,
_____ for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

LITURGICAL YEAR CYCLE B

November 29—First Sunday of Advent:

As we begin Advent we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.

December 6—Second Sunday of Advent:

In today’s Gospel John the Baptist urges us to “Prepare the way of the Lord.”. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

December 13—Third Sunday of Advent:

In today’s Gospel John the Baptist says, “I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord.” Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

December 20—Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

December 27—Holy Family:

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families “grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them.”

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting _____ families, providing _____ in food, _____ in gifts, and _____ for utility and rent bills. Thanks!