



# **WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Fourth Quarter 2017**

### **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.

**October 1—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 8—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 15—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 22—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 29—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 5—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 12—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 19—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 26—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

### **December 3—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 10—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 17—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 24—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 31—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!**