



**WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**First 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.

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## 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.

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