



WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

January-February-March 2019

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.**

JANUARY 2019

January 1: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We also celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2019 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 6: 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 13: 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.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased".

January 20: Second Sunday in Ordinary time

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

January 27: Third Sunday in Ordinary time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

In the month of January, 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!

FEBRUARY 2019

February 3: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

In the Gospel today, Jesus show us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

Is God is calling you to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

February 10: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time

In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that "whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me."

Your gift to the poor can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

February 17: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe.

Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.

February 24: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: "Love your enemies... Give to everyone who asks of you...Do to others as you would have them do to you...Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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MARCH 2019

March 3: Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: “Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother’s eye when you miss the plank in your own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit...”

It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart.

March 10: First Sunday of Lent

In today’s Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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 17: Second Sunday of Lent

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something 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 24: Third Sunday of Lent

In today’s Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: “bear fruit or be cut down.” This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St.Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

March 31: Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today’s Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

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