



WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

April—May—June 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.**

APRIL 2019

April 7: Fifth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and mercy into our hearts and into the hearts of those suffering in poverty.

April 14: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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.

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 carry their cross of suffering and pain.

April 21: Easter Sunday

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the Disciples we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection.

As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you help those who are poor and hungry to "see and believe" in the Resurrection.

April 28: Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace.

In the month of April, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor celebrate the peace of Easter, by assisting ___ families, providing ___ in food, _____ in gifts, and _____ for utility and rent bills. Thank You!

MAY 2019

May 5: Third Sunday of Easter

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim "It is the Lord!"

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

May 12: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on the care and love of Jesus for us.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

May 19: Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another....This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you show that you have love for one another, especially those suffering and poor, and that indeed you are the disciple of Jesus.

May 26: Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

In the month of May, 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 2019

June 2: Ascension

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.

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

June 9: Pentecost Sunday

Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

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 16: Solemnity of the 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.

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 suffering.

June 23: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ we hear Jesus ask his disciples, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" And he shows them how by the multiplication of the five loaves and two fishes.

Today, as you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul know that the multiplication of the loaves and fishes will happen again and the hungry will be fed.

June 30: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we see how Jesus, on his way to Jerusalem, sent "messenger on ahead of Him." To be the messengers of God, we must know well what it is God wants to say and do through us, as he sends us out to bring his love to others.

In the month of June, you were the "messenger of God" in bringing hope to the poor. Your gifts enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist _____ families, provide _____ in food, _____ in gifts, and _____ for utility and rent bills.