

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH



Lord's Day Eucharist:

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 9 am
11 am



Mission: St. Mary's – Tribune – Sat. 7 pm

Reconciliation: Fri. 11:30 – 12:00 Sat. 4:00 – 4:40

December 16 & 17, 2017
3rd Sunday of Advent



Good News Reflection – Testifying to the Light

This Sunday's Gospel reading tells us that John the Baptist came to "testify to the light." What does this mean?

We know that Jesus is the Light of Truth shining in the darkness to draw us to eternal life. And we know that his Spirit enlightens us in the truth so that we can be saved from the destructive forces of our sins and follow our Savior to heaven. But what was the testimony given by John? How did he testify to the light? And how does this affect our lives today?

John's testimony was: "I am not the Christ. I am a voice. A voice in the wilderness. A voice in the desert." And his testimony brings us to the Light of Christ by challenging us with: "Where is your life arid and dry? Listen! Christ is coming to meet you there! Make a bee-line to him! Stop wandering around! Repent, change, do whatever is necessary to look for Jesus so that you can find him. He is coming to you!"

We've all experienced times when Jesus seems distant, unavailable, not present to us when we need him. What has opened your eyes to his presence? Whose voice has turned you back to God? It's time to do the same for others, to bring glad tidings to the poor (as it says in the reading from Isaiah), to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to those who are held captive in their sins, and to announce how to be blessed by a close friendship with the Lord.

We all have the same testimony and the same calling as John had: We are all supposed to be voices crying out loud enough to be heard above the din of the world. Many souls are lost in the wilderness of confusion, hopelessness, pain, heartache, and despair, not to mention sinfulness. Can we rightfully ignore their needs? Is it loving to be so quiet that they cannot hear the truth? Certainly not! Someday we will have to explain to Jesus why we ignored our baptismal calling to be the voice that could have helped others find him.

What kind of a voice do you have? Because we have Christ within us, our very lives are the voice. How we handle trials, revealing our faith in Jesus, is a voice that's audible to those who are lost in the wilderness. The more peace we have and the more love that we give, the louder is our cry.

Even if our vocal chords do not utter a single word, the way we live in the light is how we speak the truth of the light. The better we live the truth, the louder and clearer is our message.

What people choose to do with our message is up to them, but it's up to us to speak it so that they're given that choice.

Questions for Personal Reflection: How has your life been changed by your faith in Jesus? What evil has been conquered, what darkness has been overcome? This is your testimony! Write a couple of pages about it to become more familiar with it. This will prepare you so that you can explain it to others when they ask you why you have faith.

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Eucharist Celebrations Dec. 18-24

Mon.	Dec. 18	9 AM	LAY SERVICE
Tues.	Dec. 19	9 AM	Wendy Pitre
Wed.	Dec. 20	9 AM	Ed Kuhn+
Thurs.	Dec. 21	9:30 AM	St. Mike's School Mass Special Intention
Fri.	Dec. 22	9:30 AM	WSCH Mass
		12:10 PM	Theresa Istace
Sat.	Dec. 23	10 AM	Tatagwa Mass
		5 PM	Dave St. Onge+
St. Mary	Dec. 23	7 PM	Brennan Zackrisson+
Sun.	Dec. 24	10 AM	Bernie & Alice Kot
Christmas	Eve	5 PM	
St. Mary's		7 PM	
Christmas	Eve	9 PM	

Readings for 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38



Please call the parish office if you have a family member in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit and/or would like to have them included in the prayers of the faithful read during Mass.

Our sympathy and prayers to Ella Neuberger and family on the passing of her husband **Bernie Neuberger**.



ST. MARY'S PARISH – TRIBUNE

St. Mary's Christmas Social – Saturday, December 16th following 7 p.m. Mass. Coffee and light lunch. Remember Father's Hamper.

Please get your Annual Appeal Donation in soon as we are only at 45% of our goal. Our archdiocese needs our financial support.

St. Mary's CWL Memberships are due -\$30. Please pay Bernice or Marie.



Change of Masses – for Dec. 24th and 31st there will be **ONE MORNING MASS** at 10 AM. All ministry groups scheduled for those days are combined so please let the office know where you can help.



Decorating for Christmas will be held on **Sunday, December 24th** after 10 am Mass. Many hands make light work!! If you are able to lend a hand on Dec. 20th at 6:30 pm to bring up the decorations from the basement that would be very much appreciated.



CWL Memberships (\$30.00) for 2018 are now due and can be dropped in the collection basket. Please mark envelope **CWL Dues**.

Funeral Lunch Groups: The following groups are next for upcoming funerals: G3 Marilyn & Ev, G2 Shirley & Theresa and G5 Fran.

Religious Art Calendars – are available on the back table for \$5.00 each.

Reading Materials - The Little Burgundy Book on Stewardship – 6 Minute Reflections. Daily reflections to be read for the 4 weeks of Advent. \$1/item

Christmas & New Year's Mass Times

St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, December 24 @ 5 PM & 9 PM
Monday, December 25 @ 10 AM
Sunday, December 31 @ 5 PM
Monday, January 1 @ 10 AM



St. Mary's

Sunday, December 24 @ 7:00 PM
Sunday, December 31 @ 7:00 PM



Help is needed over the Christmas Season with all ministries! Please see the sign-up sheets and help where you are able! Thank you!

Donation envelopes for 2018 are now ready for pick up on the back tables. Please do not use them until January 1st! Please note that the church also has the option of monthly preauthorized giving if you would prefer to support the church through this method. Forms can be found on the back table.



Donations for 2017 should be into the office no later than **Wednesday, December 27th**. Donations received by this date will be issued a tax receipt for 2017.

Keep Christ in Christmas Car Magnets: The Knights of Columbus are selling these magnets during the Advent season. Cost is a donation of \$5.00 or more. They can be found on the back table.



Special presentation:

"Why be Catholic?" and Catholicism DVD series

Parishioners Lloyd Zyla and James Richards are hosting a special presentation on **Thursday, January 11, 7-8pm** in the Church entitled "Why be Catholic?" Lloyd and James will be offering many compelling reasons outlining the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith. This presentation will be followed by a 10 week DVD study of Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism* series beginning on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30pm. Bishop Barron takes viewers on an intimate and uplifting journey around the world and deep into the Catholic Faith. All are welcome!

Become an Ambassador for Christ!! We are very blessed, by the many people that take part in our groups and ministries at St. Vincent de Paul. We invite those of you not yet actively involved to consider this: We became involved the day we were baptized. On that day we were initiated into a way of life in Christ. Being a baptized Christian means *we're in this* - the only question is HOW??!!

If you are merely seeing yourself as a volunteer in the parish, you are not seeing yourself as Christ sees you. Christ sees us as ambassadors, His representatives—chosen by Him, called by name, and sent to do the tasks He is asking us to do in His name. How can we say "no" to Christ, who has given so much?

Hospitality and Screen System Schedules will be finished at the end of December. Both Sunday 9 AM hospitality groups and Screen System groups need more people to join them. Call the office to see where you can share your talents. All those scheduled will remain on unless I hear from you by **December 20th**.

Anyone wishing to make a Christmas donation to our Lady of Seven Sorrows Parish in Sandy Bay can write a cheque out to St. Vincent de Paul Church and specify for whom it is intended. Father Joseph and his parishioners are always grateful for our support.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal: Give the Gift of Hope this Christmas; Hope for the sick, Hope for our youth and Hope for those in prison. These are just a few of the ministries supported by the Archbishop's Appeal. If you have not already donated to the 2017 Archbishop's Appeal, it is not too late! You may donate online at our website - archregina.sk.ca, give at your parish, or call our office at 306.352.1651 ext. 210. We are so grateful to those who have already given. Thank YOU! SVDP is now at **78%** of our goal of \$52,703.00 Collected to date - \$41,299.00 St. Mary's, Tribune Goal - \$1,662 Collected to date - \$775



**Stewardship Bulletin Bit
- Third Sunday of Advent**

Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16 -18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

Please see where you can assist with Christmas & New Year's Masses Ministries! Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. **We are most appreciative of you signing up, as it saves many phone calls!**

Welcome Visitors & New Parish Members!

New parishioners are asked to please be sure to fill out a new parishioner form - located on the table in the foyer!



Thank you for finding a sub when you cannot be here!!

Stewardship of Time & Talent - December 16 & 17			
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM
Readers	Mo Suberu	Shannon Tuchscherer Pat Wolensky	Tristen Crooks Ingri Roman
Eucharistic Ministers First 3 serve bread Last 4 serve cup	Joanne Miller Chris Masniuk Mary Janeczko Camille Goski Lynne Garner Betty VanStaveren Rhonda Renz	Bruno Tuchscherer Richard Wick Theresa Istace Audrey Rydzik Pat Wolensky	Mel VanBetuw Ken LeBlanc Marga Cugnet Gordon Rutten Aime Isabey Dorothy Rist
Acolytes		Bruno Tuchscherer Richard Wick	Mel VanBetuw Ken LeBlanc
Children's Liturgy	Joan Marcotte-Davies	Nataliya Mantei Rosanne Mantei	Mia Vilcu
Power Point	Lyric Youth	Barry Briltz	Crooks Family
Hospitality	Bruno & Margaret Tuchscherer, Yvonne Dzuba, Jim Wanner, Denis Tremblay, Delois Sunde	Jerry & Janie Jordens, Ken & Susan Kot, John & Shannon Tuchscherer	Norm Mondor, Al Pitre, Joe Glab, Sheldon LeBlanc, Roberto Roman

Counters : Sherry Dreis, Kerry Dolter, Richard Wick

Stewardship of Time & Talent - December 23 & 24		
	SAT 5 PM	SUN 10 AM
Readers	Glenda Zackrisson	Lynn Colquhoun Wendy Pitre
Eucharistic Ministers	Wendy Sidloski Dorothy Lawrenz Joyce Reiser Alaina Flaaten Alice Schneider Stella Hoffart Carol Anderson	Aime Isabey Stella Hoffart Susan Kot Gary Sidloski John Tuchscherer Shirley Mondor
Acolytes		Aime Isabey, Stella Hoffart
Children's Liturgy	Deanna Schwindt	Christie McKenzie
Power Point	Roberto Roman	Jennifer Woodard
Hospitality	Brian Winter, Jean Reich, Rhonda Baudria, Dorothy Gaab, Steve & Glenda Zackrisson	Willie & Adele Nimegeers, Lorne Horack, Dick Michel

Counters: Joanne Babiarz, Wendy Pitre, Dwayne Hoffman

Parish Council Co-Chairpersons – Lynn Colquhoun and Ken Kot **Parish Finance Chairperson** – Marcy Labbie

Parish Council Members: Pat Wolensky, Don Vatamaniuck, Sarah Ayeri, Joseph Ball, Brenda Kosior, Vic Plante, John Tuchscherer

Parish Council meets on the last Thursday of each month, excluding July.

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Weyburn K of C Meetings: (Sept.-June) Exec & Directors – 2nd Mon. of month, Gen Mtg. – 4th Mon. of month

CWL President: Fran Messer (842-6259) **CWL Meetings: (Sept. – June)** Exec Mtg. – 2nd Mon of month **Gen Mtg.** – 3rd Mon of month