

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH



Lord's Day Eucharist:

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 10 am



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

**Reconciliation: Friday 11:30-12 pm
Saturday. 4:30-5 pm**

21st and 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 26 & 27 and September 2 & 3, 2023

Good News Reflection, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Breaking through demonic strongholds

When Jesus ordained Peter to become the rock upon which he would build his Church, he made a promise. The gates of hell, he said, speaking of the netherworld that belongs to the principalities and powers of darkness (see Ephesians 6), "shall never prevail against it."

Jesus did not say that hell would never win battles against the Church. He said that the gates of hell would not win. Of course they won't: Gates don't attack! Gates protect. Gates hold inside their boundaries whatever has been enclosed by a fence or wall. Do you know anyone who's been imprisoned by their sins? Or by hellish circumstances?

Christians are not called to take a defensive posture against attacks and encroachments from evil-doers. Christians are called to take the offensive – we are called to attack the very gates of hell, knock them down, and conquer the devils that are trying to drag people into their kingdom of misery and eternal death.

What Jesus did 2000 years ago to free people from evil he still does today through you and me. For the sinners who want to escape from evil before it's too late, Jesus gave gate keys to Peter when he ordained him as the first shepherd (priest and pope) of Christianity. These keys have been passed from generation to generation through the unbroken line of Catholic priests.

What are the keys? The gates of hell are unlocked by Sacraments; they open the way to eternal life. When a priest "looses" (releases) the grace and forgiveness of God upon a repentant sinner during the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or when a priest "binds" a man and woman together in the Sacrament of Marriage, it's Jesus who's doing it through him.

The supernatural power of the Sacraments conquers evil every time we take them seriously and rely on the graces they provide.

Questions for Personal Reflection: Where is there a locked gate in your life, which needs to get blown open so that Jesus can rescue you from some sort of darkness? What will you do this week to utilize the Sacraments more deeply, more profoundly?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing: Who do you say Jesus really is, and how do you encounter this Jesus in the Sacraments? Which Sacrament (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Marriage, Ordination, or the Anointing of the Sick) is most powerful for you personally? Why?

Good News Reflection, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: You duped me, Lord!

This Sunday's first reading is one of my personal favorites. I have often felt the way Jeremiah does here. I have yelled at God, "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped!" And I allow it again and again. "You knew this would happen, Lord! Why did you lead me into this trial?" Have you ever felt that way?


Why do we let him do this to us? Why do we trust God even though he leads us into difficult situations? Why do we follow Jesus into giving our help and love to others even though it's going to feel very uncomfortable if not downright painful?

Walking with God and serving his kingdom is an adventure. We can expect the unexpected, and unfortunately in this world that includes suffering -- denying ourselves the opportunity to pursue self-centered agendas, taking up crosses, and following Jesus all the way to Calvary (but then of course, all the way to resurrection, too, as explained in the Gospel reading).

Because we love God, we are willing to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, like the second reading asks us to do. This is the highest form of worship; it's a spiritual communion that we experience outside of the Eucharistic liturgy of Mass. In union with Jesus, we are the Eucharist.

As Jeremiah's complaint shows us, we can safely complain to God. We can tell him, without getting punished, that we do not like working for him. Complaining to others, however, is a sin because it causes gossip and prejudices and makes God look bad. Asking for prayer support during our trials is important, and we must keep doing this, but complaining to others shows how little we trust God. Eventually, we will see the good that comes from our sacrifices, and this is what we should communicate to others.

Questions for Personal Reflection: How do you feel when you do a good deed and it later works against you? Have you said "no" to allowing it to happen again? What brings the healing love of Jesus to you to help you recover?

 **Are you considering becoming Catholic? Are you a Catholic interested in being confirmed? Are you a Confirmed Catholic who's ready to explore your faith anew?** Join us in an extraordinary process of learning more about the Catholic faith in an adult learning environment. Join us and discover if you're being called to become part of this Catholic family. Join us and rediscover the rituals and traditions of the faith you learned as a child. Join us for RCIA! Please call the office for more information or to sign up!

A Warm Welcome to Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church who will be celebrating Sunday Masses at St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday afternoons at 3:00pm twice a month. Let's make them feel welcome! Feel free to attend their services with Father Warren Dungen officiating. Their next service is Sunday September 10, at 3pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Fall Supper, Sunday Sept. 24, 2023 at McKenna Hall, 4:00PM-7:00 PM;



Adults=\$20, Ages 6-10=\$10, 5 & under Free.

There will be turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, cabbage rolls, turnips, vegetables, salads, buns and all the trimmings. There will also be a great selection of pies! If you are unable to get to McKenna Hall for the Fall Supper, you can always ask a friend to bring you a delicious Take Out! Please note there will be no deliveries made by McKenna Hall catering on this day! There are sign-up sheets for donations and kitchen workers at the back of the church.



This event relies on all our parishioners working together. Monetary donations for turkey will be gratefully accepted.



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Women's League, will be attending a mass at 5:00 PM on September 12 followed by a Pot Luck Supper and a General Meeting. Please plan to bring a friend!

THANKYOU!

A Huge "Thank You" from St. Vincent de Paul, McKenna Catering and Angelo, to the many, many volunteers it took to organize, prep, cook, deliver and serve the five weddings that we catered to in the last two weeks. We needed every one of you!! If anyone is interested in joining in the McKenna Catering family, please call Angelo at 306-891-9455 or leave a message at the church.



Join us in celebrating Mary's Birthday on Friday, September 8. We will begin by saying the rosary at 6:00pm, Mass at 6:30pm, followed by cake and juice. Everyone is welcome! Sponsored by the Spiritual Adult Faith Formation Committee.

Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a New Parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on a table in the foyer!

As well, if any parishioner has changed their

Upcoming Eucharist Celebrations

Sat.	Aug 26	10 Tatagwa 5 PM Mass 7 PM St Marys	Florence Benning + Amy Zyla Int. Joe & Florence Benning +
Sun.	Aug 27	10 AM Mass	Keith Thompson +
Mon.	Aug 28	No Mass	
Tues.	Aug 29	6:30 PM Mass	Lawrence De Laet +
Wed.	Aug 30	9 AM Mass	Ray Stepp +
Thur.	Aug 31	9 AM Mass	Lucien Isabey +
Fri.	Sept 01	12:10 Mass	James Bowerin +
Sat.	Sept 02	10 Tatagwa 5 PM Mass 7 PM St Marys	Lydia Hewitt Int Mary Janezcko + Bill Shorthouse +
Sun.	Sept 03	10 AM Mass	John Rubin +
Mon.	Sept 04	No Mass	
Tues.	Sept 05	6:30 PM Mass	Dick Michel +
Wed.	Sept 06	9 AM Mass	Reggie Goski +
Thur.	Sept 07	9 AM Mass	Jean Procknow +
Fri.	Sept 08	9:30 WCSH 6:30 PM Mass	Richard Bauche + Valda Goski +
Sat.	Sept 09	10 Tatagwa 5 PM Mass 7 PM St Marys	Anthony Matthews + Jerome Stepp + Linda Bohn +
Sun.	Sept 10	10 AM Mass	Pam Haupstein & Family

Aug 26th & 27th, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

Sept. 2nd & 3rd, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27



Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the blessings in our lives; for the very world in which we live and for the health and strength you have bestowed upon us.



The suffering Christ endured provided healing and power over illness. Lord, direct that healing toward our loved ones who suffer and who believe that you can and will restore them to full health.

We call them by name: **Christine Masniuk, Margie Woodard, Linda Kot, Pat Benning, John Tuchscherer, Jeanette Johner**, and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Benedict Vinck, Roberto Roman and Frank Loos**. The thoughts and prayers of your church family are with you.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

A Special Anniversary Celebration will be held on October 1 at the 11AM Mass with a brunch for the honoured couples to follow at McKenna Hall. Please call the office to register. We will need photographs of you for the screen presentation and all of your anniversary information. **Any family members or friends are welcome to attend the brunch. Tickets for you will be available at the Church office.**



Sacramental Preparation Registration

for Confirmation and First Eucharist is now available in the parish office. This is typically for students in Grade 2. If you are wanting to register your child for Confirmation, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, etc., please stop by the office and pick up a form or email stvincent314@gmail.com. If you're interested in being part of the leaders team please call the office at 306-842-2129.

Stewardship Bulletin Bits:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time "Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"-Romans 11:35 St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"-Matthew 16:26 St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

Stewardship of Time & Talent - August 26 & 27

	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 10 AM	
Readers	Patricia & Derek Redman	Stafford Nimegeers Dolores Herring	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Eucharist Ministers</u></p> <p>Those serving the Blood of Christ please stand on the outside two spaces when going up to the altar and wear your crosses please.</p> <p>Leave the cups on the altar after communion for Father to clean.</p> <p>Those serving the Body of Christ stand in the centre when you go up to the altar, with the acolytes. This way Father knows who gets which one.</p>
Eucharistic Ministers	Rose Loos Mary Ann Piwarski Kim Hauptstein	Pat Wolensky Theresa Istace Vacant Vacant	
Acolytes	Stella Hoffart Ken & Kurt Beroy	Aime Isabey Ron Klein	
Power Point	Vacant	Gerry Langlois	
Hospitality	Bernice Driscoll Ev Corbin Heather Fellner Ruby Gandionco	Yvonne Kerr Omer & Chris Marcotte Richard & Celine Wawro	
Counters	Harry Plemel Nick Coroluick Terry Biss		

Stewardship of Time & Talent - September 2 & 3

	Sat. 5 PM	Sunday 10 AM	
Readers	Lloyd Zyla	Zayne & Andrea Ball	<p>There will be a training at the end of August for all Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes. If anyone wants to start now Father will do a special training for you. We need the volunteers!</p>
Eucharistic Ministers	Betty Van Staveren Rhonda Renz Roberto Roman	Shirley Mondor Gary Sidloski Connie Regier Sheldon LeBlanc	
Acolytes	Armand Delanoy Peter & Maggie Richards	Chris Dayaan Richard Wick	
Power Point	Lloyd Zyla	Gerry Langlois	
Hospitality	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten Frank & Bonnie Kaip	Roberto Roman Joe Glab Norm Mondor	
Counters	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten, Frank & Bonnie Kaip		

Stewardship of Time & Talent - September 9 & 10

	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11AM
Readers	Wendy Sidloski Ingri Roman	Peter Broccolo Jean Woodard	Val Wing Jennifer Woodard
Eucharistic Ministers	Wendy Sidloski Derek Redman Dorothy Lawrenz Vacant Carol Anderson	Marcel Bauche Yvonne Kerr Doreen Verbeurgt	Elaine Nielsen Janeen Chapman Yvette Bauche Vacant
Acolytes	Bruno Tuchscherer Zeus Hinlayagan Charlie Ernst	Aime Isabey Ron Klein	Ken LeBlanc Chimdaluj Ejiiofor Kamsi Ejiiofor
Power Point	Roberto Roman	Gerry Langlois	Jacob LeBlanc
Hospitality	Yvonne Dzuba Jim Wanner Margaret & Bruno Tuchscherer	Roseanne Mantei Betty Herlick Willie & Adele Nimegeers Audrey Michel	Judy & Mel VanBetuw Gordon Rutten Danette & Calvin Tracey
Counters	Dave Creurer, Rob Labbie, Darren Woodard		

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Matrimony – Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior

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