# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH





## Lord's Day Eucharist: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am



Mission: St. Mary's, Tribune – Saturday 7:00pm Reconciliation, SVDP: Saturday 4:30 – 5:00pm



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent December 21 & 22, 2024



### A Mother's Greeting: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Advent

On this last Sunday before Christmas, the Church's Liturgy reveals the true identity of our Redeemer:

He is, as today's First Reading says, the "ruler . . . whose origin is from . . . ancient times." He will come from Bethlehem, where David was born of Jesse the Ephrathite and anointed king (see Ruth 4:11–17; 1 Samuel 16:1–13; 17:1; Matthew 2:6).

God promised that an heir of David would reign on his throne forever (see 2 Samuel 7:12–13; Psalm 89; Psalm 132:11–12).

Jesus is that heir, the One the prophets promised would restore the scattered tribes of Israel into a new kingdom (see Isaiah 9:5–6; Ezekiel 34:23–25, 30; 37:35). He is "the shepherd of Israel" sung of in today's Psalm. From His throne in heaven, He has "come to save us."

Today's Epistle tells us that He is both the Son of David and the only "begotten" Son of God, come "in the flesh" (see also Psalm 2:7). He is also our "high priest," from the mold of the mysterious Melchizedek, "priest of God Most High," who blessed Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see Psalm 110:4; Genesis 14:18—20).

All this is recognized by John when he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. Elizabeth, too, is filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. She recognizes that in Mary "the mother of my Lord" has come to her. We hear in her words another echo of the Psalm quoted in today's Epistle (see Psalm 2:7). Elizabeth blesses Mary for her faith that God's Word would be fulfilled in her.

Mary marks the fulfillment not only of the angel's promise to her, but of all God's promises down through history. Mary is the one they await in today's First Reading—"she who is to give birth." She will give birth this week, at Christmas. And the fruit of her womb should bring us joy—she is the mother of our Lord.

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Upcoming Celebrations ************************************					
Sat	Dec 21	10AM Tatagwa	Cliff & Adeline		
		5PM Mass	Corbett +		
		Christmas Novena	Kirk Martin +		
		7PM St Mary's	Anthony Matthews+		
Sun	Dec 22	9AM Mass	Brenda Kosior Int.		
		11AM Mass	Karyn Schutz +		
		6:30PM Mass	Hilda McGowan		
		Christmas Novena	Int.		
Mon	Dec 23	6:30PM Mass	Sr. Rita Beaulieu		
		Christmas Novena	Int.		
Tues	Dec 24	5PM Kid's Mass	James & Leslie		
			Richards & Family		
		9PM Christmas	Theresa Istace Int.		
		Vigil Mass			
Wed	Dec 25	9AM Christmas	Diane Vilcu Int.		
		Mass (Tribune)			
		11AM Christmas	Noah & Ezster		
		Mass	Lamy&Family		
Thu	Dec 26	9AM Mass	Bev Locken +		
		10AM Midtown	AnthonyMatthews+		
Fri	Dec 27	12:10PM Mass	Blake Kot Int.		
Sat	Dec 28	10AM Tatagwa	John Sidloski Int.		
		5PM Mass	Joseph & Florence		
			Ball +		
		7PM St Mary's	Phyllis Borys Int.		
Sun	Dec 29	9AM Mass	Emily Bender Int.		
		11AM Mass	Bernie & Alice Kot		
			Int.		

<u>Practice for the Youth Choir</u> will be on Thursday, **January 16,** at **4:30 pm**.

<u>Parish Ministries:</u> You are encouraged to share your talent by joining one or more of our many ministries here at our parish. Also, help is needed in many areas in the parish. Please, prayerfully consider where you can be of service. Call the office to sign up.

 $\begin{array}{c} \underline{\textbf{Junior Acolyte \& Family Christmas Party}} \text{ will be held} \\ \text{on } \underline{\textbf{Sunday Dec 22}^{nd}} \text{ at } \underline{\textbf{12:15pm}} \text{ in the Church Basement.} \\ \text{There will be Pizza, Pop and Games for everyone} \\ \text{attending.} \end{array}$ 

<u>Youth Ministry Workshop</u> – On Saturday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm, at the diocesan center, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is having a workshop for the training, support and collaboration of those who work in ministering to young people, with lunch provided. To confirm attendance or ask questions, please send email to: oyyam@archregina.sk.ca.

**Poinsettias**: The Decorating committee welcomes donations of poinsettias. They can be dropped off at the church during office hours. Thank you!





## Readings for the 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1–4
Psalm 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19
Hebrews 10:5–10
Luke 1:39–45

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Heavenly Father, direct your 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: Janice Vilcu, Mary Jarvis, Morley Seitz, Shirley Mondor, Mara Vinck and all those facing illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to the families and friends of Bev Locken, Sister to Doug Cugnet & Marga and all the dearly departed. The thoughts and prayers of your church family are with you.

<u>Community Hot Meal Program</u> - Our next commitment for the Community Hot Meal Program is Sunday **January 12**<sup>th.</sup> We are still in need of 5 tossed salads (without salad



dressing) and 4 or 5 dozen cookies for this event. Please call or text Wendy Sidloski at 306-897-7764 if you can help. God bless our efforts!

<u>Volunteers' Information</u> - If you have been contacted by the Protocol group for update in information, please get back to us before the end of the year. There will be an audit by the Archdiocese in January. If you no longer wish to be in the ministry, please let the office know.

<u>Laptop Donated</u> – We thank the donor of the laptop which was received during the week. May God bless you.

Ministries During the Christmas and New Year

<u>Masses</u> – Please, sign-up for the various ministries for Masses for Christmas and New Year. Sign-up sheets are available at the church foyer. We currently have lots of vacant slots.

Nativity Scene at River Park - The Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee encourages everyone to check out the St. Vincent de Paul Parish "Keep Christ in Christmas" nativity scene at River Park. This is our fifth year being present in the park to remind all Weyburn residents of the true meaning of Christmas. The scene will be on display until Jan 4th. The SAFF Committee wishes everyone a blessed Advent and Christmas season!

#### 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 address, phone number etc., please inform the office.

Stewardship Bulletin Bit: 4th Sunday of Advent "For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44) When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

## James' Pick of the Week

The Marian Option: God's solution to a civilization in crisis by Carrie Gress - Dr. Carrie Gress provides a thoroughly researched account of the significant cultural and military events where Mary interceded on behalf of us, her children. For example, our Mother was instrumental in freeing Spain from Muslim occupation, igniting the largest mass conversion to Catholicism, stomping our heresies in the Church, and assisting St. John Paull II bring down the Soviet empire. If we want to protect our children and our faith—if we want to restore civilization to Christ—Mary is the key. Not only is she keenly interested in assisting Christians, she has the ability to do so, even in the face of the gravest odds. We just have to ask. Now available in the Parish Library. Pro Libris!

CWL fees of \$45 are now due for 2025. Please put fees in an envelope clearly labelled "CWL FEES" and palce them in the collection basket at Church or drop them off at the Church office. Etransfer is also an option. Please send etransfers to camille.goski@sasktel.net

**CWL** Newsletters can be picked up in the Church Foyer. discover more!



### THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

This week on FORMED, we have:

1. The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas **Special** - In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his

friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother



Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater..

2.O Holy Night - Christmas with the Annie Moses **Band** - Experience the beauty of the Christmas season with the Annie Moses

Band as the acclaimed classical crossover ensemble performs stunning arrangements of holiday favorites.

3.Mary's Labor: What Does Catholic Tradition Have to Say? Join Dr. Scott Hefelfinger and Dr. Michael Barber as they explain the Catholic Church's understanding of Mary's labor and the birth of Jesus Christ.



A Christmas Prayer for Love: Holy Father, Thank you so much that you gave your only Son to die for our sins that we may find love. Teach us to love and as your disciples be the light of the world that shines Your love. Amen

## St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Novena Mass Times

Saturday, December 21st – 5:00 PM Sunday, December 22nd – 6:30 PM Monday, December 23rd – 6:30 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Christmas and New Year's

Christmas Eve (Tuesday, Dec. 24) 5pm Kid's Mass 9pm Christmas Vigil Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec. 25) – 11am New Year's Eve (Tuesday, Dec. 31) – 5pm New Year's Day (Wednesday, Jan. 1) – 10am

St. Mary's (Tribune)

Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec. 25) – 9am New Year's Day (Wednesday, Jan. 1) – 12pm

Stewardship of Time & Talent – December 21 & 22, 2024					
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM		
Readers	Merle St. Onge	Pat Wolensky, Terry Biss	Jerome Sidloski		
			Karen Sidloski		
Eucharistic	Mary Ann Piwarski	Susan Kot, Jean Woodard	Shirley Mondor, Gary		
Ministers			Sidloski, Connie Regier		
Acolytes	Stella Hoffart,	Alexander Recto,	Gordon Rutten, Chimdalu		
	Ken & Kurt Beroy	Chris Dayaan	Ejiofor, Kamsi Ejiofor		
Power Point		Gerry Langlois	Val Wing		
Hospitality	Bernice Driscoll, Heather	Frank & Eveline Porte,	Ron Wormsbecker,		
	Fellner, Marilyn Isabey	Harry Jensen, Jim Parsons,	Aime Isabey, Ethan		
	Diane Borys	Ron & Josie Klien	Scrupps, Loretta Benning		
Children's Liturgy			Jessica Dixon		
Counters	Don Kraft, Bev Tourand, Demmy Pinon, Nhar Pinon				
Choir	5pm Choir	9am Choir	11am Choir		
Stewardship of Time & Talent – December 28 & 29, 2024					
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM		
Readers	Cecile Sellinger	Wendy Pitre, Danielle Smith	Val Wing, Jennifer Woodard		
Eucharistic	Cecile Sellinger, Dolores	Marcel Bauche, Doreen	Elaine Nielsen, Jeannine		
Ministers	Herring	Verbeurgt, Yvonne Kerr	Chapman, Yvette Bauche		
Acolytes	Armand Delanoy, Peter	Aime Isabey, Ron Klein	Stella Hoffart, Gab		
	Richards, Emma Min, Zeus		Reynosa, Mark Cristobal,		
	Hinlayagan		Haroun Mathews		
<b>Power Point</b>		Gerry Langlois	Val Wing		
Hospitality	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten,	Yvonne Kerr,	Charlene Keen,		
	Bonnie & Frank Kaip	Omer & Chris Marcotte,	Pat Wolensky, Greg Brown		
		Richard & Celine Wawro			
Children's Liturgy			Randi Johnston		
Counters	Pat Wolensky, Kerry Dolter, Richard Wick				
Choir	5pm Choir	9am Choir	Youth Choir		

Parish Council Members: Chair - Marga Cugnet, Wendy Sidloski, Bernice Driscoll, Nhar Pinon, Ron Wormsbecker, Jason Vinck, Deanery Rep. - Pat Wolensky, Secretary – Val Wing/Bernard Omem, Parish Finance Chairperson – Pamela Haupstein, CWL Rep. – Velma Hoffman, K of C Rep. - Aime Isabey/Richard Wick, SAFF- Camille Goski, Stewardship- Elaine Nielsen, Social Justice- Wendy Sidloski, Building & Grounds - Mel Van Betuw

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

**CWL President**: Wendy Pitre (861-3473) CWL Meetings: (Sept. – June) **Exec Mtg.** – 2nd **Tuesday** of month Gen Mtg. – 3rd **Tuesday** of month

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<u>Sacraments:</u> Baptism and Reconciliation – Contact the parish office Matrimony – Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior.

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