

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

Welcome Visitors & New Parish Members!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a new parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on the table in the foyer! As well, if any parishioners have changed information regarding their address, phone number, etc., please let the parish office know!



December 29/30, 2018 – Feast of the Holy Family

Trusting the truths we don't understand

"Joy mixed with drama marks the fifth [joyful] mystery," wrote Saint John Paul II in his encyclical on the Rosary, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (paragraph #20), as he reflected on today's Gospel story about Mary and Joseph losing the boy Jesus and finding him in the Temple. "Here he appears in his divine wisdom as he listens and raises questions, already in effect one who 'teaches'."

This scripture, he pointed out, reveals that Jesus was already wholly dedicated to his Father's affairs. That's the first part of the mystery: How early did he feel inspired to serve as the Son of God?

The second part of the mystery, John Paul II explained, is "the radical nature of the Gospel, in which even the closest of human relationships are challenged by the absolute demands of the Kingdom." Which relationships? Family relationships! In this scripture, Mary and Joseph faced the challenge that every parent experiences. They were "fearful and anxious," because they did not understand what was happening to their child.

Today, we are like Mary and Joseph in their moment of failing to understand the words of Jesus. His teachings challenge us to accept a more difficult life, a life of doing good to our enemies, taking a stand against injustices, standing up for Christian values, getting persecuted for it, turning the cheek and going the extra mile, a life of courageously adhering to the ways of God.

Our preference, when it's inconvenient or unpleasant to be so holy, is to rationalize and make excuses for any behavior that the world says is good and right but which contradicts the Church's scripture-based teachings. However, if we are sincere about following Christ, we are willing to do what is difficult. And it's usually in the doing that we begin to understand the benefits of becoming more like Christ.

Without this understanding, however, we have to trust that the words of Jesus are truth. Like Mary and Joseph, we need to ponder in our hearts what we do not understand and at the same time move forward in holy living. Then we discover the joy that comes from a life that's lived wholly in Christ.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us pray that Mary and Joseph will help us hear Jesus whenever our troubles or temptations get so distracting that we lose sight of him. Let us learn to recognize that Jesus is always present with us in his Holy Spirit, helping us, guiding us, and mercifully loving us, especially in the challenges we face.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What teaching of the Church have you rationalized away so that you don't have to obey it? Or what teaching of Christ do you excuse yourself from? Assume that your disobedience is due to not understanding what is really being taught. What will you do to seek and gain a better understanding?

We are a Scent-Free building.

Our many chemically sensitive parishioners appreciate your thoughtfulness by not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products, essential oils and/or scented products.



The Fourth Cup: Unveiling the Mystery of the Last Supper and the Cross by Dr. Scott Hahn

One of the greatest Catholic scholars of our time undertakes a Biblical detective case. Part memoir and part investigation, Dr. Scott Hahn searches for the connection between the Last Supper, the Cross, the Jewish Passover meal and the Mass. His insights will bring the Mass and your Faith alive in new and exciting ways. Now available at the Parish Library.

We want to thank our volunteers. Whether you volunteer for ministries during Mass, one of our church committees, McKenna Hall events, or any of the other



countless things that get done by the people of this parish, we are so grateful for all that you do.

As a token of our appreciation, please join us for our **Volunteer Appreciation Supper** on **Thursday, January 17th at McKenna Hall.** Social starts at 5pm, and supper will be at 6pm. There will also be a toonie bar available. **Please make sure to RSVP to the parish office by no later than January 11th.**

Do you still need to book your appointment for the directory pictures? They are booking up fast! We were able to open up even more dates for the new year! The new dates are January 16-19, so make sure to book your appointment right away! If you are unable to make it to a photo appointment, you can always submit a photo with a small fee, and still get a directory! **We would like to have as many families as possible be a part of this, to make our new directory as complete as we can!**

To book, please go to www.stvincentdepaul.ca or call the parish office.

All picture sessions will be held at the church.

The weekly Bible Study will not be happening this week, due to the Christmas holidays. Please feel free to join us when it starts up again on January 8th!



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

Upcoming Eucharistic Celebrations

Mon.	Dec. 31	5 PM (7 PM)	Mary, the Holy Mother of God @ St. Mary's, Tribune
Tues.	Jan. 1	10 AM	Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Wed.	Jan. 2	9 AM	Ida Hoffart +
Thurs.	Jan. 3	9 AM	Ken Milatz +
Fri.	Jan. 4	12:10 PM 12:45 PM 5 PM	Harvey Seitz + Adoration Benediction
Sat.	Jan. 5	10 AM 5 PM 7 PM (St. Mary's)	@ Tatagwa Lynn Butler Fran Uhrich +
Sun	Jan. 6	9 AM 11 AM	Arsenio Pacleb & Mark Charles Obradas +

Readings – January 5 & 6:

Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.2-3a,5-6 Matthew 2.1-12



YOUTH MINISTRY

Grade 7-12 Club will meet weekly on Wednesdays, from **6:30pm – 8pm** in the Youth Room.

Grade 5-6 Club will meet weekly on Thursdays, from **6:30pm – 8pm** in the Youth Room.

We are in need of volunteers for our Art and Décor Committee, who will lead in updating the Church decorations to match the seasons as they change. If interested, please call the parish office.

Donations envelopes for 2019 are now ready to be picked up in the church foyer, so make sure to get yours! **Please also be careful to not use your 2019 envelopes until January 1, 2019.**

We will need volunteers for each of the different ministries at the extra New Year's Masses. **If you are willing to help out, please sign up on the sheets in the foyer of the church.** All help is extremely appreciated!

Most of you are familiar with the ongoing roof repair and renovations starting in July and August of this year. **This was a cost of around \$50,000.**

We are asking the St. Vincent de Paul parish family to share in the cost of these repairs by donating what you can to the Building Maintenance Fund. We are so grateful for all who have and will donate to this.

We are all aware that our homes need continuous repair and maintenance to keep our houses in good shape. Our Parish home is no different, and we must all contribute what we can to see that our church home is kept up to date on the repairs that need doing and that we have funds in place to do this.

Donations can be put in a marked envelope and into the collection basket or left at the parish office. Please make cheques payable to "St. Vincent de Paul Building Fund".

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

New Year's Eve (Monday, Dec. 31) – 5pm

New Year's Day (Tuesday, Jan. 1) – 10am

St. Mary's (Tribune)

New Year's Eve (Monday, Dec. 31) – 7pm

No Mass for New Year's Day

There are only a couple days left for our Archbishop's Appeal . Our goal is \$49,571 and to date we only have \$39,224. Make sure to get your donations in so that we can reach our goal! Thank you for your involvement!

A Prayer for the New Year:

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts, and cause our spirits to be born again. Thank You for this new year and for all the potential it holds. Thank you for guiding me through the challenges and struggles that this year may hold, and for the ways that I will grow through them. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame, so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God, and will live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen.



St. Vincent de Paul Parish Trivia

The answer is: D

When our parish held a children's Christmas Party in December of 1972, we had around 400 children join us!

Make sure to watch the projector screens before mass to see next week's question!

Music Ministry is a huge part of the Mass, and is also a lot of fun! Perhaps you and your family would like to try something new as you go into the New Year. **Please consider joining one of our choirs!** Any of our church choirs would be very welcoming to new members, and are always looking for new voices (or instruments) to join! If this is something that you would be interested in, please give us a call at the parish office.

We had 400 copies of Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody by Allen R. Hunt generously donated for parishioners to take as a Christmas gift. We still have a couple copies left, so please don't hesitate to take a book!

The Knights of Columbus – 5th Sunday Rosary is on this **Sunday, December 30th at 2:30pm**. Make sure to stop by the church and join us in this beautiful prayer!

There will be Adoration on **Friday, January 4th**, following the 12:10 Mass. Benediction will take place at 5pm. As St. Teresa of Calcutta said: *“When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”*

Thank you to all that supported our CWL Christmas raffle! After expenses, we were able to present Father with a cheque for \$2,500.00 to go towards the roof repairs. The winners of the raffle prizes were:

- \$200.00 Gift Card** (donated by Prairie Sky Co-op)
 - Laurice Sidloski
- \$100.00 Gift Card** (donated by Maurer's Meats)
 - Loretha Bowerin
- Miniature Horse Drawn Wagon** (donated by Jim Jaworski)
 - Joe Goski
- Gift Basket** (donated by Peavey Mart)
 - Wendy Sidloski
- Christmas Decor Basket** (donated by RCWC)
 - Pat Wolensky
- Occasional Stool** (donated by Mel Van De Sype)
 - Carol Storey
- \$50.00 Gift Basket** (donated by Subi Kosby)
 - Helen Fossenier

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the CWL to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas! It is my wish that each of you recognize God's gifts in your life, in the people around you, and in all the gifts that you have been given. –Fran Messer (CWL President)

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” -1 John 3:1
During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

If you would like to watch Bishop Don's Christmas video message, it can be found at the following link:
<https://youtu.be/QGLu8U--KkQ>
This video was filmed at the Marian Centre by Fr. Barry Anwend. A written message from Bishop Don can also be found in this week's bulletin insert.

Stewardship of Time & Talent - December 29 / 30

	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM
Readers	Ingri Roman	Peter Broccolo Jean Woodard	Ron Wormsbecker Ingri Roman
Eucharistic Ministers First 3 serve bread Last 4 serve cup	Joanne Miller Chris Masniuk Mary Janeczko Camille Goski Lynne Gerner Betty VanStaveren VACANT	Theresa Istace Audrey Rydzik Helen Fossenier Pat Wolensky	VACANT Gordon Rутten Aime Isabey Dorothy Rist
Acolytes	VACANT	Don Bohn Frank Porte	Bonnie Sidloski Camille Goski
Children's Liturgy	Soles Family	Christie McKenzie	Mia Vilcu
Power Point	Fingler Family	Carole Milo	Jennifer Woodard
Hospitality	Bruno and Margaret Tuchscherer Yvonne Dzuba Denis Tremblay Jim Wanner Delois Sunde	Jerry and Janie Jordens Ken and Susan Kot	Norm Mondor Al Pitre Joe Glab Roberto Roman Sheldon LeBlanc
Counters	Randy and Janet Schiller, Vic Plante, Jean Reich		

Stewardship of Time & Talent - January 5 / 6

	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM
Readers	VACANT	Carol Reeve Pat Wolensky	Leko Family Marilyn Schuck
Eucharistic Ministers	Wendy Sidloski Dorothy Lawrenz VACANT Alaina Flaaten Alice Schneider Stella Hoffart VACANT	Susan Kot John Tuchscherer Diane Borys Hilarion Pohl	Gary Sidloski Shirley Mondor Sheldon Leblanc Daryl Fleck
Acolytes	VACANT	Bruno Tuchscherer Richard Wick	Mel Van Betuw Ken LeBlanc
Children's Liturgy	Joan Marcotte-Davies	Ingri Roman	Danielle Branvold Janene Hoffmann
Power Point	Randy Schiller	Barry Britz	Roberto Roman
Hospitality	Brian Winter Jean Reich Rhonda Baudria Dorothy Gaab	Lorne & Colette Horack Willie & Adele Nimegeers Dick Michel	Judy & Mel Van Betuw Gordon Rутten Danette & Calvin Tracey
Counters:	Sherry Dreis, Kerry Dolter, Richard Wick		

Parish Council Members: Pat Wolensky, Sarah Ayeri, Joseph Ball, Brenda Kosior, John Tuchscherer, Val Wing, Vic Messer, Jim Wanner **Parish Finance Chairperson** – Dave Creurer

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Sacraments: Baptism and Reconciliation – Contact the parish office

Matrimony – Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior

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