

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH



## Lord's Day Eucharist:

**Saturday 5 pm  
Sunday 5 pm**



**St. Mary's Masses Cancelled  
Until February 15**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
January 25 & 26, 2025  
Presentation of the Lord, February 1 & 2, 2025*

## **New Day Dawns: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The meaning of today's liturgy is subtle and many-layered.

We need background to understand what's happening in today's First Reading.

Babylon having been defeated, King Cyrus of Persia decreed that the exiled Jews could return home to Jerusalem. They rebuilt their ruined temple (see Ezra 6:15–17) and under Nehemiah finished rebuilding the city walls (see Nehemiah 6:15).

The stage was set for the renewal of the covenant and the re-establishment of the Law of Moses as the people's rule of life. That's what's going on in today's First Reading, as Ezra reads and interprets (see Nehemiah 8:8) the Law and the people respond with a great "Amen!"

Israel, as we sing in today's Psalm, is rededicating itself to God and His Law. The scene seems like the Isaiah prophecy that Jesus reads from in today's Gospel.

Read all of Isaiah 61. The "glad tidings" Isaiah brings include these promises: the liberation of prisoners (61:1); the rebuilding of Jerusalem, or Zion (61:3–4; see also Isaiah 60:10); the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests (61:6; Exodus 19:6); and the forging of an everlasting covenant (61:8; Isaiah 55:3). It sounds a lot like the First Reading.

Jesus, in turn, declares that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him. The Gospel scene, too, recalls the First Reading. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it (compare Luke 4:16–17, 21 and Nehemiah 8:2–6, 8–10).

We witness in today's Liturgy the creation of a new people of God. Ezra started reading at dawn of the first day of the Jewish new year (see Leviticus 23:24). Jesus also proclaims a "sabbath," a great year of Jubilee, a deliverance from slavery to sin, a release from the debts we owe to God (see Leviticus 25:10).

The people greeted Ezra "as one man." And, as today's Epistle teaches, in the Spirit the new people of God—the Church—is made "one body" with Him.

## Upcoming Celebrations

\*\*\*\*\*

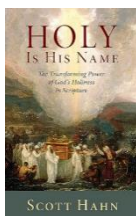
<b>Sat.</b>	Jan. 25	10 Tatagwa 5 PM Mass	Lay Service Anthony Mathews + +
<b>Sun.</b>	Jan. 26	5 PM Mass	Clara Kane +
<b>Mon.</b>	Jan.27	No Mass	
<b>Tues.</b>	Jan. 28	No Mass	
<b>Wed.</b>	Jan. 29	9 AM	Lay Service
<b>Thur.</b>	Jan. 30	9 AM	Lay Service
<b>Fri.</b>	Jan. 31	12:10 PM	Lay Service
<b>Sat.</b>	Feb. 01	10 Tatagwa 5 PM Mass	Lay Service Mary Sinclair Int.
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb. 02	5 PM Mass	Holy Family School Div.
<b>Mon.</b>	Feb. 03	No Mass	
<b>Tues.</b>	Feb. 04	No Mass	
<b>Wed.</b>	Feb. 05	9 AM Bison	Lay Service Lay Service
<b>Thurs</b>	Feb. 06	9 AM	Lay Service
<b>Fri.</b>	Feb.07	9:30 AM WSCH 12:10 1 PM Adoration	Lay Service Bernie & Alice Kot Int. With Fr. Okafor
<b>Sat.</b>	Feb. 08	10 AM Tatagwa 5 PM Mass	Lay Service Patrick McVeigh Int.
<b>Sun.</b>	Feb. 09	5 PM Mass	Sheldon & Heather LeBlanc & Family Int.

**Practice for the Youth Choir** will be on Thursday, **January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**, at **4:30 pm**.

**The next classes for Sacramental Prep** will be held **January 26 & 27** at **6:30pm**.

### James' Pick of the Week

**Holy is His name: the transforming power of God's holiness in Scripture** by **Dr. Scott Hahn** - Catholics are taught to prize *holiness*—to admire it in others and to strive for it in their own lives. But we're never quite told what holiness is. In *Holy Is His Name: The Transforming Power of God's Holiness in Scripture*, Scott Hahn seeks to define the term in order to help us better understand our relationship with holiness. Tracing the meaning of holiness first through the Old Testament and then the New, Hahn masterfully reveals how God gradually transmits his holiness to his people—through creation, right worship, and more—and ultimately transforms them through the sharing of His divine life. It is now available in the Parish Library. *Pro Libris!*

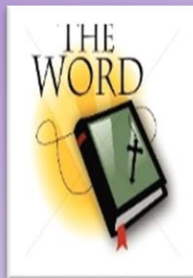


In *Holy Is His Name: The Transforming Power of God's Holiness in Scripture*, Scott Hahn seeks to define the term in order to help us better understand our relationship with holiness. Tracing the meaning of holiness first through the Old Testament and then the New, Hahn masterfully reveals how God gradually transmits his holiness to his people—through creation, right worship, and more—and ultimately transforms them through the sharing of His divine life. It is now available in the Parish Library. *Pro Libris!*

**St. Vincent de Paul Archbishop's Appeal:**

Goal was \$44,534.00. Collected to date = \$45,500 102%. Congratulations and huge thanks to all our parishioners for going over and beyond for the goal of the 2024 Archbishop's Appeal Donation.

**St. Mary's Tribune:** There would be no mass at St. Mary's in Tribune from **Jan. 11** till **Feb. 8** while Fr Valentine is on holiday.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

Nehemiah 8: 2-4A, 5-6, 8-10;  
Psalm 19: 8-10, 15;  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

**Presentation of the Lord:**

Malachi 3:1-4  
Psalm 24:7-10  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40



**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: **Mary Jarvis, Morley Seitz, Sylvia Zazula** and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Mary Pingert and Mindy Doud**, daughter to Yvette Riviere and sister to Deanna Schwindt. The thoughts and prayers of your church family are with you.

**Returning Last Year's Palms** – Parishioners with palms from last year's Palm Sunday who wish to have them returned, can do so after any mass in the parish or at the parish office during office hours on or before February 28, 2025. Thank you.

**Community Hot Meal Program:** A huge thank you to everyone who provided the food for January's hot meal. It was very appreciated! Our next hot meal will be on **Sunday, February 9** at Knox Hall. This time we need 6 pots of soup and one worker. Buns have already been offered. Please call or text Wendy Sidloski at 306-897-7764 if you can help. God Bless our efforts!



**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** The World Council of Churches **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025** takes place from **Jan. 18 - 25**. With more than 100 years of history this annual ecumenical observance involves Christian communities throughout the world. Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17:21). The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 is based on John's Gospel, "Do you believe this?" ( John 11:26). The prayers and reflections have been prepared by the brothers and sisters of the monastic community of Bose in north Italy. Please, join the members of the Weyburn Christian Churches for the annual prayer service at:

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 2 PM.**

## 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: January 26, 2025

**3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time** “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” - Nehemiah 8:10

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here is the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

### February 2, 2025

**The Presentation of the Lord** “Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.” – Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.






**K of C Notice of Motion:** The following “notice of motion” has been brought forth and will be voted upon at our next council meeting, Tues., Jan. 28, 2025: ...that our Knights of



Columbus Council 1731, Weyburn, contribute up to \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of the new altar serving garments for the St. Vincent de Paul Junior acolytes. All Brother Knights are urged to attend this meeting and others. Meetings are held each second and fourth Tuesdays of each month excluding July and August.

### THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

This week on FORMED, we have:

- 1. St. Thomas Aquinas | Catholic Saints - St. Thomas Aquinas** was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy. 
- 2. Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth** - Don Bosco is the inspiring true story of a brave and holy priest. Blessed with tremendous gifts, a creative imagination, and a great sense of humor, Bosco had a winning way with youth and was a brilliant educator. 
- 3. Ongoing Formation** - When it comes to formation, it’s easy to be passive consumers. Instead, let’s show up, get excited and be proactive about our own faith formation. The focus of this episode is turning down the noise and forming our minds. 

Next week on FORMED, we have:

- 1. The Presentation** - The Presentation is already foreshadowing the Cross. The offering Mary makes at the Presentation in the Temple becomes manifested and reaches its fulfillment at Calvary. 
- 2. Bakhita: From Slave to Saint** - Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint. 

**Compassionate Healers Mass** - A Compassionate Healers Mass will be celebrated at **5pm on Sunday, Feb. 9th, 2025**, at our church, St Vincent de Paul. This celebration brings attention to the 2025 Jubilee Year by blessing and praying for Catholics who provide healthcare in its many forms - supporting ailing loved ones in their own home, volunteering in our care facilities, serving as nurses, doctors, spiritual care, care aids and many other ways. All are welcome.

**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 Hauptstein, **CWL Rep.** – Velma Hoffman, **K of C Rep.**- Aime Isabay/Richard Wick, **SAFF**- Camille Goski, **Stewardship**- Elaine Nielsen, **Social Justice**- Wendy Sidloski, **Building & Grounds** - Mel Van Betuw

**K of C Weyburn Council #1731: Grand Knight** Richard Wick (306)891-9370 or richard.wick@sasktel.net

**K of C Bishop Klein Assembly #1526: Faithful Navigator** Ron Klein – (306)861-3134 or ron.klein@sasktel.net

**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

### Stewardship Time & Talent- January 25 & 26, 2025

	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 5 PM
<b>Readers</b>	Merle St. Onge	Peter Broccolo, Jean Woodard
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Dorothy Lawrenz Derek Redman	Pat Wolensky Theresa Istage
<b>Acolytes</b>	Bruno Tuchscherer Frankie & Charlie Ernst	Mel VanBetuw, Dave Alcalde Austin Davies
<b>Power Point</b>		
<b>Hospitality</b>	Yvonne Dzuba Danielle Smith	Judy & Mel VanBetuw Calvin & DanetteTracey , Gordon Rutten
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Jessica Dixon
<b>Counters</b>	Dave Creurer, Chad Klein, Darren Woodard	

### Stewardship of Time & Talent - February 1 & 2, 2025

	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 5:00 PM
<b>Readers</b>	Cecile Sellinger	Ingri Roman, Marga Cugnet
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Lloyd Zyla, Dave Creurer Brian Winter, Steve Zackrisson	Shirley Mondor, Gary Sidloski Connie Regier
<b>Acolytes</b>	Stella Hoffart Kurt & Ken Beroy	Alexander Recto Chris Dayaan
<b>Power Point</b>		
<b>Hospitality</b>	Brian Winter, Dorothy Gaab Dave Creurer	Frank & Eveline Porte Harry Jensen, Jim Parsons Ron & Josie Klein
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Callie Benko
<b>Counters</b>	Don Kraft, Bev Tourand, Nhar & Demmy Pinon	

### Stewardship of Time & Talent - February 8 & 9, 2025

	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 5:00 PM
<b>Readers</b>	Patricia Redman Derek Redman	Wendy Pitre Val Wing
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mary Ann Piwarski	Susan Kot Jean Woodard
<b>Acolytes</b>	Armand Delanoy, Elin Min Peter Richards, Zeus Hinlayagan	Stella Hoffart, Gab Reynosa Mark Cristobal, Haroun Mathews
<b>Power Point</b>		
<b>Hospitality</b>	Bernice Driscoll, Diane Borys Heather Marshall, Marilyn Isabey	Ron Wormsbecker, Aime Isabey Ethan Scrups, Loretta Benning
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Randi Anderson
<b>Counters</b>	Pat Wolensky, Kerry Dolter, Richard Wick	

**Office Hours:** Tuesday – Friday - 8:30-4:30    **Phone:** 306-842-2129    **Fax:** 306-842-7818

**Website:** [www.stvincentdepaul.ca](http://www.stvincentdepaul.ca)

314 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE • Weyburn, SK • S4H 0W7

**Sacraments: Baptism and Reconciliation** – Contact the parish office

**Matrimony** – Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior.

**Pastor:** Rev. Valentine Amobi • 306-842-2055 • [amobivalenc@yahoo.com](mailto:amobivalenc@yahoo.com)

**Bookkeeper:** Taylor Hoffman • [secretary@stvincentdepaul.ca](mailto:secretary@stvincentdepaul.ca)

**Office Administrator/Receptionist:** Val Wing & Bernard Omem • [stvincent314@gmail.com](mailto:stvincent314@gmail.com)

**Hall Convener:** Angelo Fresnido • 306-842-4481 • [mckennawayburn@gmail.com](mailto:mckennawayburn@gmail.com); [www.mckennahall.ca](http://www.mckennahall.ca)