

# WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

April—May—June 2017



The “Weekly Bulletin Announcements”, based on the Gospel of each Sunday, are suggested for your parish weekly bulletin. The action statement can easily be adapted to fit your local needs.

This is a very effective way for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to encourage all the members in the parish:

- To have ears to hear the “cries of the poor,”
- To have eyes to “seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived,” and
- To have hearts that “bring God’s love to the poor” through their generosity and donations.

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**April 2: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.**

**April 9: Palm Sunday**

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

**Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.**

**April 16: Easter Sunday**

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people!

**As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.**

**April 23: Second Sunday of Easter:**

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

**During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.**

**April 30: Third Sunday of Easter:**

In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting \_\_\_\_\_ families, providing \_\_\_\_\_ in food, \_\_\_\_\_ for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!**

**May 7: Fourth Sunday of Easter:**

Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us and hear his words, “I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly.”

**By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the “Good Shepherd” to your suffering brothers and sisters.**

**May 14: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

**Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.**

**May 21: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments...Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him.

**When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and through us into the hearts of those who are poor.**

**May 28: The Ascension of the Lord**

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ’s saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us.

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting \_\_\_\_\_ families, providing \_\_\_\_\_ in food, \_\_\_\_\_ for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!**

**June 4: Pentecost**

Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to his disciples: “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.**

**June 11: Most Holy Trinity**

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

**Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God’s love for them.**

**June 18: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry.**

**June 25: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say: “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.”

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to “acknowledge the goodness of the Father” by assisting \_\_\_\_\_ families, providing \_\_\_\_\_ in food, \_\_\_\_\_ in gifts, and \_\_\_\_\_ for utility and rent bills.**