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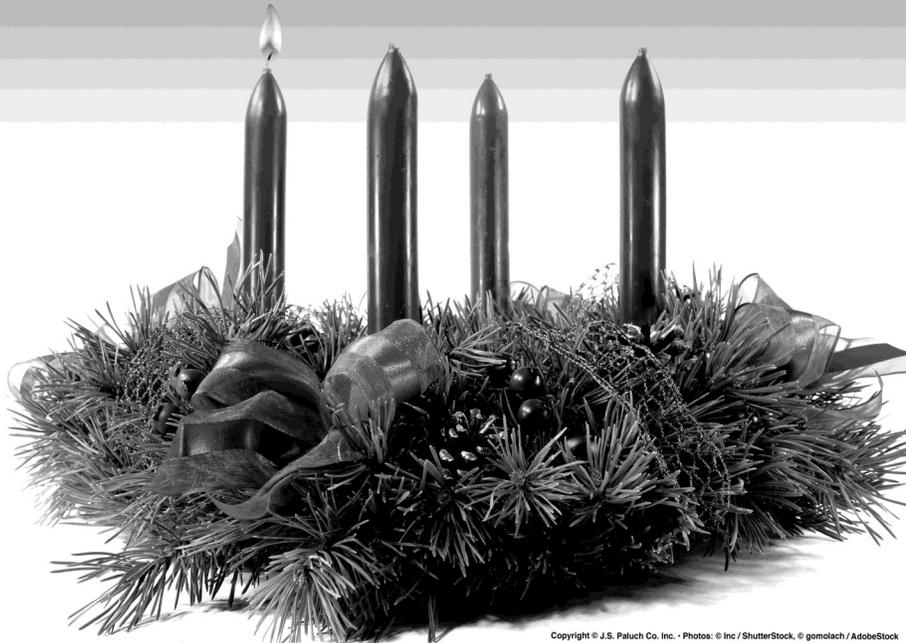
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FIRST Sunday OF *Advent*

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.
When these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28

Father Ed Murphy, C.M.
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Father Dan Thiess, C.M.
Food Pantry Manager

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Sister in Service

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Organizations / Activities

Vincent's Community Outreach (VCO)
Teresa Corby — After School Program

Paul Freeman — Liturgy Committee

Let's Start: 314-241-2324

We, the people of Saint Vincent DePaul Parish in the
Archdiocese of Saint Louis, Missouri, are committed to
following Jesus Christ, Evangelizer of the poor.
We do this through:

- ◆ Eucharistic centered worship and continued spiritual formation.
- ◆ Service to the poor and oppressed.
- ◆ Preaching the Gospel by word and action in an ecumenical spirit.



FIRST

Sunday

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"Be Vigilant"

(By Regina Siegfried, ASC)

"Be vigilant" and listen carefully for this phrase in the gospel passage from Luke, the writer featured in the Sundays of Advent for Cycle C. Today's rather apocalyptic Gospel reading immediately precedes the chapters that introduce the passion narrative, so the context could be jarring in the Advent season. Or not. Listen for the phrase, "your redemption is at hand." Those who heard (and who today hear) the message from Luke were encouraged to "be vigilant at all times." Advent is a time to prepare us for the birth of the Savior Jesus Christ whose life and death teach us how to live.

Advent, indeed a time of watching and waiting, encourages us to "stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Being vigilant requires that we're alert to the signs of the times, aware of those around us who need our care and compassion, and are willing to take time to reflect on the meaning of preparing for Christmas.

Being vigilant can also challenge us to look inside, to consider how we can lead better lives that stretch us beyond the lure of material things to find a place for a God who wants us "to do what is right and just in the land," as the prophet Jeremiah encourages us in the first reading. As we've come to worship here every Sunday it's hard not to be aware of the slowly growing stock of food items carefully arranged on the altar. We know they won't stay there; they're meant for a lot more than Advent decor. Advent at St. Vincent's beckons us beyond the generosity of our gifts of food to lead lives that bring justice and compassionate hearts to all who gather here.

Ponder:

- What can I be vigilant about during these four weeks of Advent that will deepen my relationship with God and others?
- What does our parish need to pay more attention to?
What will help me reflect on the amazing truth that our "redemption is at hand"?

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“All comes at the proper time to him who knows how to wait .”



— *St. Vincent De Paul*



For more information on our Outreach Services, please visit our non-profit, Vincent's Community Outreach (VCO):

VCO-STL.ORG

Mass Schedule:

Mon-Fri: 12:05pm
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am
Holidays: 9:00am

Masks are required before entering the Church
We will continue live-streaming of the 9:00a Mass available on our website for your convenience, should you choose to stay home:



WWW.STVSTL.ORG

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

8:30AM - 4:30PM
Monday - Friday, Sat (9a-4p)

WATCHFUL CONFIDENCE

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come, but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency, and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me if Christ returned this week?

GREATNESS

The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

**I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.**
— *Jeremiah 33:15*

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**PRAY FOR
THE SICK**



**We pray for all
who are sick and
their caregivers:**

Tom Murphy
Robert Flick
Sharon Ryan
Marian Junge
Dianna Wozniak
Bob Rauscher, Jr.
Charles Sims
Elisabeth Boone
Belinda Milton
Barb Thomas
Emily Klein
Deidre Cason
Dan Murphy
Dave Frei

Karen Howard
Beth Karp
Mary Horridge
Miguel Quesada
Pat Brennan
Pat Castro
Josie Carter
Nathaniel Harris
Parker Jackson & Family
John Edler
John Pearcy
Kathy Klinge
Chris Kerlick
Tom McCleery

****NEW GUIDELINES RE. PRAYER LIST:****

Pursuant to new guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese in accordance with HIPPA, we may only honor requests by parishioners or immediate family for the Bulletin Prayer List. Names will only appear for a 30 day period. Thank you.

**Please pray for the following residents
in nursing homes:**

Mary Leimkuehler & Patricia Dannenberger



MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, Nov 27

4:30p the Seniors we assist

Sunday, Nov 28

9:00a the Vincention Mission

11:00a Ed & Pat Croak

Monday, Nov 29

12:05p Frank Truesdale

Tuesday, Nov 30

12:05p Winald Family

Wednesday, Dec 01

12:05p Patricia Wright

Thursday, Dec 02

12:05p Frances Truesdale

Friday, Dec 03

12:05p Schmidtt Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov 27	Michael Piasecki
Nov 28	Larry Koenig
Nov 28	Gail Pues
Nov 29	Lance LeComb
Nov 30	Ginger Andrews
Dec 01	Nancy Lebbing
Dec 02	Kathleen Hanrahan
Dec 02	Raymond Martin Jr.
Dec 03	Sharon Bertram
Dec 03	Victoria Downs

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov 27	Patrick Brennan & Barb Zawier	12 yrs
Dec 02	Kevin & Robin James	32 yrs
Dec 03	Joe & Kathy Camillo	12 yrs



*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13."*

National Shrine of Our Lady of Snows

"Way of Lights" Volunteer Request

Friday, Nov 19 - Friday, Dec 31

Looking for a special way to share the Holiday Spirit? Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display or helping the Oblates Exhibit area at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows from November 19—December 31. This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours.

If interested, please email: programs@snows.org or call (618) 394-6281.

Website: www.snows.org/wol



What did Pope Francis Say? Vatican City

How can we rouse ourselves from the slumber of mediocrity? With the vigilance of prayer. When we pray, we light a candle in the darkness. Prayer rouses us from the tepidity of a purely horizontal existence and makes us lift our gaze to higher things; it makes us attuned to the Lord. Prayer allows God to be close to us; it frees us from our solitude and gives us hope.

Prayer is vital for life: just as we cannot live without breathing, so we cannot be Christians without praying. How much we need Christians who keep watch for those who are slumbering, worshipers who intercede day and night, bringing before Jesus, the light of the world, the darkness of history. How much we need worshipers. We have lost something of our sense of adoration, of standing in silent adoration before the Lord. This is mediocrity, lukewarmness.

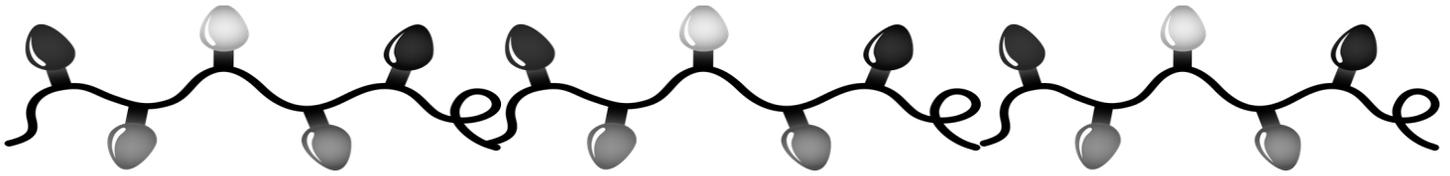
There is also another kind of interior slumber: the slumber of indifference. Those who are indifferent see everything the same, as if it were night; they are unconcerned about those all around them. When everything revolves around us and our needs, and we are indifferent to the needs of others, night descends in our hearts. Our hearts grow dark. We immediately begin to complain about everything and everyone; we start to feel victimized by everyone and end up brooding about everything. It is a vicious circle. Nowadays, that night seems to have fallen on so many people, who only demand things for themselves, and are blind to the needs of others.

How do we rouse ourselves from the slumber of indifference? With the watchfulness of charity. To awaken us from that slumber of mediocrity and lukewarmness, there is the watchfulness of prayer. To rouse us from that slumber of indifference, there is the watchfulness of charity. Charity is the beating heart of the Christian: just as one cannot live without a heartbeat, so one cannot be a Christian without charity. Some people seem to think that being compassionate, helping and serving others is for losers. Yet these are the only things that win us the victory, since they are already aiming towards the future, the day of the Lord, when all else will pass away and love alone will remain. It is by works of mercy that we draw close to the Lord. This is what we asked for in today's opening prayer: "Grant [us]... the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming". The resolve to run forth to meet Christ with good works. Jesus is coming, and the road to meet him is clearly marked: it passes through works of charity.

VINCENTIAN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
FOOD COLLECTION—WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Week 1	NOV 7	Cooking Oil
Week 2	NOV 14	Spaghetti Sauce
Week 3	NOV 21	Laundry Detergent
Week 4	NOV 28	Canned Meat / Pasta
Week 5	DEC 05	Canned Fruit
Week 6	DEC 12	Peanut Butter & Jelly

*All food donations can be dropped off at Mass or at the Parish office during the week.
We thank you in advance for your generosity.



HOLIDAY EVENTS AROUND TOWN:

Christmas Country Church Tour Announcement

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Saint Mary's of the Barrens Church) in Perryville, Missouri, will again be participating in the Christmas Country Church Tour along with 30 other churches and chapels. The tour will take place December 16 and 17, from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. All of the participating churches welcome visitors to view their Christmas decorations and to spend a few moments in silent prayer during the Advent season. Here at the Shrine, a tree will be decorated with prayer petitions from local students. There will be live music both nights. Light refreshments will be served in the Visitor Center, where unique Nativity sets will be on display. If you have any questions, please call the Association of the Miraculous Medal at 1-800-264-6279, or visit our website at www.amm.org. We hope you will plan to visit.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul—Young Adults

The St. Louis young adult conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are kicking off a fundraising campaign for our local neighbors in need. Assistance is still needed at unprecedented levels due to COVID-19, and we're trying to do our part to help. But we need you, too! Thanks to your past support, we have been able to provide neighbors with furniture vouchers, utility payments, and rent payments throughout the year. We have launched a fundraising campaign to raise \$7,500. Can you help us reach our goal to help our neighbors in need? All donations are tax deductible. If you are able to donate, please click "Donate" at our website: <https://sites.google.com/view/svdp-youngadults>. If you prefer, you may also write a check to: "St. Vincent de Paul Young Adults," and mail it to St. Vincent Parish. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Pictures at the Manger at Pauline Books & Media

Although the Sisters are not able to offer their annual Baby Jesus Birthday Party, a cherished tradition for years in St Louis, they are excited to welcome you back for pictures at the manger, treat bags and more on **Sat. Dec. 4, 10-3 at Pauline Books & Media, Crestwood.**

To ensure a safe and fun experience for all families, please register in advance for a time to have your picture taken at the manger scene. Nativity costumes will not be provided but feel free to bring your own. Register online at: <https://connect.pauline.org/manger/> Questions? Contact Sr. Laura at stlouis@paulinemediacom or call 314-965-3512

St. Vincent's Holiday Schedule - Upcoming Events:

Advent Concert:	Sun, Nov 28 -	6:15p
Christmas Eve:	Fri, Dec 24 -	4:30p Mass
		11:30p Caroling
		12:00a Midnight Mass
Christmas Day:	Sat, Dec 25 -	10:00a Mass
New Year's Day:	Weds, Jan 1 -	10:00a Mass

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ⇒ **Coffee & Donuts:** is temporarily on hold until we can safely host people indoors without a mask again. Until then, we can not have anyone congregating in the Hall. We hope to resume this in early 2022.
- ⇒ **Suds Of Love:** Tues, Nov 23rd 10:00a-1:00p (**This is held on Tuesday only because of Thanksgiving on Thursday*). Thurs, December 9th: 3:30-6:30pm & Thurs, Dec 23rd: 10:00a-1:00p. All of these dates will occur at the Soulard Laundromat.
- ⇒ **Rummage Sale:** We are temporarily holding off on re-starting our *Ladies of Charity* Rummage Sale until we can safely open our doors to the Public again. We will keep you posted.
- ⇒ **Senior Bingo:** *The Ladies of Charity* will not be hosting Senior Bingo again until 2022. This is because our Church Hall is needed for preparations for our Christmas Program. Stay tuned for more information after the Holidays.
- ⇒ **Volunteer Update:** We are now requiring **ALL Volunteers be fully vaccinated and show a vaccine card**. If you want to help serve during our Meals program, Food Pantry, work our lunch window or clothing window, then you **MUST** be fully vaccinated in order to Volunteer. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Please contact Pat Poehling, (*Volunteer Coordinator*) with questions.
- ⇒ **Christmas Program:** The Vincentian Christmas Program has greatly increased our number of families we will be supporting this year. For 2021, we have 290 Seniors & 434 families. This is over 100 more families than we had last year. Please keep us in mind when you plan your Holiday giving. Please see our weekly donation schedule on page 5 for donating food if you are interested. If you would like to volunteer, our Sign-Up page will be online the week after Thanksgiving. All Volunteers for the Christmas program **MUST** sign up online and must show proof of vaccination and abide by the city mask mandates upon checking in for your shift. Due to Covid, we cannot have multiple volunteers indoors so we are limited in the number of people we can accept. Thank you for understanding.

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