

# 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. 11:30–12:00pm  
Sat. 4:00– 4:40 pm

### *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!*



*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter and Ascension Sunday*  
*May 8 & 9 and 15 & 16, 2021*

## **Good News Reflection: May 8 & 9, 2021, How to be a good friend of Jesus**

Servanthood is the mark of true Christian living. Jesus emphasized this during the Last Supper, saying that he came not to be served, but to serve, and that likewise we should serve one another. In his parables, he often referred to believers as "servants" of the Kingdom. But in this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus says that he wants us to be his *friends*, not his slaves. Is he contradicting himself?

Not at all! Friends serve because they care. Slaves serve because of duty and the fear of punishment. Jesus said, "If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love." Do we hear this as a friend or as a slave?

Slaves are afraid of what will happen if they fail to keep God's commandments; they are self-protective. Friends are eager to find out what God commands, because they view the commandments from the perspective of love, as opportunities to serve; they are other-oriented.

Jesus said, "This is my commandment: Love one another the way I love you." It's the supreme commandment; call it the Commandment of Friendship. He says, "You know how I love you, my friends: I openly share with you everything that the Father tells me." His friends realize that what he shares (through scripture *and* through the Church) reveals our opportunities to love. *Every* commandment is rooted in love. *Every* Church teaching is based on scriptures that help us know when and how to love.

When we fail to obey, do we lose God's love? Never! Do we lose our place in his love? Yes. By living outside of his commandments, we feel unloved even while being loved. This is slavery. We're enslaved by fear or by false beliefs or by our wounds that have caused us to think that we're not loved enough. God's commandments then feel confining, and if we try to escape, we commit rebellion. Those who don't rebel accept their slavery and obey dutifully in the hope of winning God's love.

Friends, on the other hand, know that God always loves them, and in this love, they are free to serve one another joyfully.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:** Are you obeying God like a slave or his best friend? Do you eagerly and happily jump into doing the will of God or do you complain about it? Do you ever want to escape from God's will? What will you do this week to become more aware of his friendship?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:** What raises our relationships with God from slavery into friendship? Describe the differences between obeying out of duty and obeying out of love. How do you define friendship with God?

### Upcoming Celebrations

Mon	May 10	No Mass	
Tues	May 11	9 AM Mass	Stan Symnick +
Wed	May 12	10 AM School Mass	Virginia Vogel +
Thu	May 13	9 AM Mass	Bill McGarry Int
Fri	May 14	12:10 PM	Anne Kot +
Sat	May 15	5 PM @ SVDP 7 PM @ St. Marys	Sebastian Family Int Jim & Marion Brown +
Sun	May 16	9 AM SVDP 11 AM SVDP 3 PM	Stan & Edith Zaluski + Joe Kot + Duncan Brock +
Mon	May 17	No Mass	
Tues	May 18	9 AM Mass	John Watling +
Wed	May 19	9 AM Mass	Ed Dzuba +
Thu	May 20	9 AM Mass	Napoleon Madridejos +
Fri	May 21	12:10 PM Mass	Lois Bjarnason +
Sat	May 22	5 PM @ SVDP 7 PM @ St. Marys	Special Int Florence Ball +
Sun	May 23	9 AM SVDP 11 AM SVDP 3 PM	Mary Ann Seitz + Peter Paslawski + Margaret Nyhus +



### National Week for Life and the Family (May 9-16)

This year, in the Church in Canada, the Week will focus on the theme: "Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life". Every Christian family is called to be a "little church". As a domestic church, the life of a family is centered on God's saving love. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Christian families witness to the world that Jesus Christ is Lord. Brought to life by the Saviour's presence, the Christian family becomes a sign of hope and life to those who most need it. In this way, the family, living as a domestic church, is a manifestation of our loving Father's providential care for humanity.

May 16, 2021  
Ascension Sunday



May 23, 2021  
Pentecost Sunday

*Acts 1:1-11*  
*Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9*  
*Ephesians 1:17-23*  
*Mark 16:15-20*

*Acts 2:1-11*  
*Ps 104.1, 24, 29-31, 34*  
*Ephesians 1.1-17*  
*Mark 16.15-20*



God of love and hope be with us as we ask for your blessing on those who are in need of our prayers; Keesha Maas, granddaughter to Joseph & Eva Maas, daughter to Kevin and sister to Paige Ball, Rosalie Lanz, Ernie Schenher, Sabrina Mainil, Allison Johnson and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to Florence Kaufmann & family in the loss of her brother, George Ekert and Edgar & Aileen Hall in the loss of their granddaughter Chiarvon Olson, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

### Sleeping St. Joseph Listen to our prayers;



You will notice the statue of sleeping St. Joseph on the altar, and feel free to write your problems, requests and prayers to St. Joseph on a small piece of paper and put it under him, throughout the year and he will answer your prayers.

Watch the new pamphlet holder by the front doors of the church for an information sheet called "A moment with St. Joseph." Sheets will be updated monthly and will contain brief prayers, facts, Bible verses, and other interesting information related to St. Joseph. Please take one! Over the coming months we hope to grow in knowledge and devotion to this amazing Saint who was the foster father of Jesus and chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A project of the Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation committee.

Special Collection for May 23, Pentecost Sunday, for the Archdiocese is for the **Catholic Missions in Canada.** If you do not use parish envelopes and would like to donate, please put your donation in any envelope and indicate on the outside of the envelope the charity, and your name and address. All cheques are made payable to St. Vincent de Paul Church.

**Good news Reflection; Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord: May 16, Moving forward with the Holy Spirit -**

Sometimes we find ourselves in the same posture as the disciples in today's first reading, looking up at the sky where we last saw Jesus, not moving, just staring at nothing, waiting for him to come back and do something to rescue this world from its evil.

It seems like he's not finished. There's more he should be doing. Our world needs the Second Coming of Christ -- and now! What's the delay?

Ahhh, but he's told us not to stand about gawking and waiting but to go forth and spread the Good News. He told us to take what he's given us and use it to serve others, to make a difference somewhere, somehow, to someone.

Why do we stare at the empty sky? Because we feel inadequate.

Parents know this feeling. After giving birth or adopting a child in an amazing partnership with God the Giver of Life, we have the awesome task of raising this tiny human into a faith-filled, emotionally healthy adult. Wow. More than a few miracles will be needed.

Graduates know this feeling. After completing college or a Lay Ministry training program or ordination or final vows, we stand on the threshold of working for the Lord and wonder: Will I be effective and successful? Will I like it? Or will I be sent where I'd rather not go?

Those who are grieving know this feeling. After a loved one is taken home to the Lord or a friend is lost in a failed relationship, our lives change drastically. It feels like it shouldn't have. How can we recover from the emptiness, which by its very nature forces our attention onto ourselves and our unmet needs, so that we become full of service to others?

Every change in our lives is a commissioning. Every loss is the beginning of a new calling. Every experience is training for a work of God's kingdom that the Lord wants to accomplish through us.

Why are you standing there looking at the sky? Jesus has been your teacher and your guide: Although you cannot see what he's doing now, he has not abandoned you. He is fulfilling his promise: "You will receive power from the Holy Spirit, and you will be my witness throughout the earth." Indeed, you were given that Holy Spirit in baptism, and it is this Spirit of God that empowers you to continue the ministry of Jesus using your particular gifts and talents and experiences.

We must confidently raise our foot to step forward and, while it's still in mid-air, ask: "Okay God, where do You want me to place this foot down next?" If we remain centered on the Lord, we will not lose our balance. The Holy Spirit will do the work of Christ on Earth through us.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What thresholds or new beginnings are you facing? How are these opportunities for the continuation of the ministry of Jesus?

**Stewardship Bulletin Bit: 6th Sunday of Easter**

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"* - John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your Stewardship seem mechanical, out of obligation, or do you share freely out of love?

**My Gen Rally Update:** March is always the month that our diocesan young church comes together to celebrate the "My Gen" Youth Rally. This year, My Gen will happen on Saturday May 29th and will be a hybrid of a live streamed event AND a gathered (in person) event at multiple host sites around the diocese. We are looking for communities interested in hosting approx. 15 young people and leaders at their parish facilities and grounds. The My Gen committee will provide leadership support for all rally sites. As always, all of these plans are contingent on health guidelines at that time. If your parish is interested in being a rally host site, please contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for further information. oyyam@archregina.sk.ca or call 306-352-1651.

**Signs of Life in the Local Church: May 2021**

**Webinar Series** - Join in this series to explore signs that new missional perspectives are bringing life to local congregations. Each Thursday in May, starting at 3:00 PM (Sask.) on Zoom. Free registration. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>

For further information, contact Archdeacon Cheryl Toth at [stewardship@sasktel.net](mailto:stewardship@sasktel.net)

**May 13: Fabulously Flourishing in the Local Church** with Canon Dr. Neil Mancor (Congregational Development Coordinator, Anglican Diocese of Montréal)

**May 20: Blessed to be a Blessing ... The Stewardship of Opportunity** with Rev. Dr. Tim Beadle (co-founder of the Rural Church Pastors Network & Missional Engagement Team Lead, Foothills Alliance Church, Calgary) **May 27: To The Regions Beyond: Spiritual Care in Under-served Areas** with Rev. Dr. Robin Haensel (Director of Church Development, Canadian Midwest District, Christian & Missionary Alliance Church)

## Stewardship of Time & Talent May 8 & 9, 2021

	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM
<b>Readers</b>	Patricia Redman Derek Redman	Peter Broccolo Jean Woodard	Jerome Sidloski Karen Sidloski
<b>Power Point</b>	Roberto Roman	Gerry	Jacob LeBlanc
<b>Hospitality</b>	Heather Fellner Bernice Driscoll Ev Corbin	Jerry & Janie Jordens Ken & Susan Kot	Norm Mondor Al Pitre Roberto Roman Joe Glab Sheldon LeBlanc
<b>Counters</b>	Harry Plemel, Nick Coroluick, Terry Biss		

## Stewardship Time & Talent May 15 & 16, 2021

	SAT 5 PM	SUN 9 AM	SUN 11 AM
<b>Readers</b>	Lloyd Zyla	Pat Wolensky	Val Wing Jennifer Woodard
<b>Power Point</b>	Roberto Roman	Gerry	Don Kraft
<b>Hospitality</b>	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten Bonnie & Frank Kaip	Jean Janoski Willie & Adele Nimegeers Dick & Audrey Michel	Judy & Mel Van Betuw Gordon Rutten Danette & Calvin Tracey
<b>Counters</b>	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten, Kevin & Verna O'Neill		

## Stewardship Time & Talent May, 22 & 23, 2021

	Sat 5 PM	Sun 9 AM	Sun 11 AM
<b>Readers</b>	Wendy Sidloski Ingri Roman	Wendy Pitre Colleen Fellner	Ron Wormsbecker Ingri Roman
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Fingler Family	Gerry	Val Wing
<b>Hospitality</b>	Yvonne Dzuba Denis Tremblay Jim Wanner	Frank & Eveline Porte Harry Jensen & Elaine Gray Jim Parsons	Ron Wormsbecker Aime Isabey Pat & Loretta Benning
<b>Counters</b>	Dave Creurer, Rob Labbie, Darren Woodard		

**Parish Pastoral Council Members:** Fr. Francis Plaparampil, Marga Cugnet (chair), Pat Wolensky, Sarah Ayeri, Brenda Kosior, John Tuchscherer, Vic Messer, Jim Wanner, Val Wing, Wendy Sidloski  
Parish Finance Chairperson – Pamela Haupstein

**Parish Pastoral Council Meetings** - the last Thursday of each month.

**K of C Grand Knight:** Aime Isabey (861-3535) aime@sasktel.net

**K of C Faithful Navigator:** Randy Schiller (861-1863) schrjt@sasktel.net

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

**CWL President:** Fran Messer (842-6259) **CWL Meetings:** (Sept. – June)  
Executive Meeting – 2nd Mon. of month    General Meeting – 3rd Mon. of month

**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. Francis Plaparampil • 306-842-2055 • [franplap@hotmail.com](mailto:franplap@hotmail.com)

**Bookkeeper/Receptionist:** Janice Seitz • [secretary@stvincentdepaul.ca](mailto:secretary@stvincentdepaul.ca)

**Administrative Assistant/Receptionist** Val Wing • [stvincent314@gmail.com](mailto:stvincent314@gmail.com)

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