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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

November the 15th is the World Day of the Poor, "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (Sir 7:32). St. Vincent de Paul and other Catholic organizations are providing many stories and creative resources to help instill in us the need to reach out to those in need in "Our Common Home". This includes in our work, our town, our province, our country, and our world.

There are stories to connect with, campaigns and movements to join to bring about change, and prayers we can say in a call to universally unite us to work towards no poverty. Please consider visiting one of the links below.

[https://www.ssvp.ca/world-day-poor-tools-](https://www.ssvp.ca/world-day-poor-tools-members)

[members](https://www.devp.org/en) , <https://www.devp.org/en> , <https://www.caritas.org/> , <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/World-Day-of-the-Poor>

This can all seem overwhelming but let us take guidance from Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997) 'In our daily life we are dealing with people who do not even have a piece of bread to eat. We care about one person, not a majority. We are looking for the person with whom Jesus identified himself when he said: "I was hungry. I was sick." If we looked at the problem more generally, we would hardly have the courage to do anything.'

IMMACULATA ANGEL TREE CHILDREN'S GIFT DRIVE

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(Due to the Covid-19 St. Vincent de Paul has chosen give Children Gift Cards only this year)

This year the Immaculata Community is holding an Angel Tree Children's Gift Drive to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Kelowna. Immaculata's Children's Gift drive will go towards meeting the needs of the families served in the local Parish- es in Kelowna. In the coming weeks the Angel Tree gift tags will be placed on the Angel Tree in the Foyer. Each gift tag has been identified as for a boy or girl of a given age. Each gift card purchased should be of \$30 value. The Students and staff are working together to meet the need of those families in the community this Christmas. Gift tags will be taken by students. The gift card must be delivered to school by Monday December 7th. The card gift should be placed in a gift envelop. The gift cards will be brought up at mass at the school on Tuesday 8th of



December when we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at the school. There will be members of St. Vincent de Paul on hand to receive the gifts donated. Many Thanks for your support.



THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL READING MAT- THEW 25: 14-15, 19-21

In this story, Jesus is the wealthy man and we are the servants. Jesus is gone for a while in heaven but he left us his property, his kingdom, to care for. He gave each of us gifts to use to increase the kingdom. He wants us to be like the first and second servants. He wants us to take risks and use the gifts that He has given us. We can do this by donating our time and whatever skills that we have to help others and the church. For example, if someone is a good singer, they can join the choir and help bring people closer to God through music.

What gifts/talents did God give you? How do you use those gifts/talents? How could you use them to help build God's kingdom? Do you think that God is happy with the way that you use the gifts/talents that have been given to you?

Take Care.
Be Safe.
God Bless.

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