



# Weekly Bulletin

April 10 to April 17, 2010

## *“The quality of mercy...”*

One of the most beautiful passages in all of Shakespeare’s writings is a speech in *The Merchant of Venice* in which mercy is described:

*The quality of mercy is not strain'd,  
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven  
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blest:  
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.*

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### SCHEDULES

#### Masses:

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM

#### Confession:

Sunday 8:00AM-8:45AM

#### Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday 7:00PM-8:00PM

#### Religious Education:

Sunday 10:30AM-12:00PM

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Month:

- Mass at 8:30AM
- Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

This Sunday in the Octave of Easter is now known as “Divine Mercy Sunday.” Pope John Paul II incorporated this celebration into the liturgical life of the universal Church and died five years ago on its vigil, April 2, 2005. Its designation originated with private revelations made to Saint Faustina in Poland in the early twentieth century.

Easter is a perfect time to meditate on mercy. We acknowledge with gratitude our indebtedness to the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins. We need to take the next step and recognize both God’s merciful love for us and our vocation as Christians to share this merciful love with others. It is not simply a gift that we have been given and called to parcel out—it is the invitation to let God’s Merciful Love shape our hearts so that we love in the same merciful way. How else could we demonstrate that we are children of our Father in Heaven unless we love as He does? Isn’t that how Jesus shows He is the Son of God? He suffers death on the cross to reveal the Father’s merciful love for sinners.

Why do we keep waiting for those around us to deserve our love? Do we not understand that the realization of our own potential as humans consists in learning to love others? (i.e. “love is its own reward!”) Don’t we remember how many ways Jesus taught us: “forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive the those who trespass against us” and “love one another as I have loved you.” What would the world look like—or even my home, workplace, and parish—if we actually let go of grudges? May this celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday be a time for us to renew our commitment to living lives of merciful love!

*To know, love and serve Jesus Christ*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 4/10  
5:00 PM The Spiritual and Physical well-being of David Ternes

Sunday 4/11  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 4/17  
5:00 PM The Spiritual and Physical well-being of David Ternes

Sunday 4/18  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 4/10(Vigil)**  
John 20: 19-31

**Sunday 4/11**  
John 20: 19-31

**Monday 4/12**  
John 3: 1-8

**Tuesday 4/13**  
John 3: 7b-15

**Wednesday 4/14**  
John 3: 16-21

**Thursday 4/15**  
John 3: 31-36

**Friday 4/16**  
John 6: 1-15

**Saturday 4/17(AM)**  
John 6: 16-21

**Saturday Confession**

Saturday Confession will be at the **Cathedral of Saint Paul** from 3:30PM-5:00PM

**Lus ceeb toom**

Vim tsis muaj tus teb xov tooj hauv peb lub Tsev teev Ntuj lawm, mas yog nej hu tuaj, tus yuav teb xov tooj yog tus khiav hauj lwm nyob pem lub niam Tsev teev Ntuj Cathedral). Tso nej npe thiab xov tooj, Txiv Plig mam li hu rov rau nej.

**St. Vincent de Paul,  
Pray for us!**

*Father Joseph*

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY for Saint Vincent de Paul**

As part of the strategic planning process, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis has asked all parishes to publish their financial information this month. The report format has been standardized for the use of all parishes so it does not allow for us to add explanations and commentary. Therefore I would like to use this note to help you understand the information presented below.

This statement covers the period July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009. You will note that we keep a healthy cash reserve and savings in case we need to make repairs to our beautiful but aging church. The amount owed to the archdiocese reflects past assessments (from before my pastorate) that were not paid at the time due. The annual balance reflects a break-even budget—we were approximately \$1,000 “in the black” for that fiscal year. We continue to have a “lean” budget and I hope that due to your generosity we will maintain our finances in a similarly responsible manner for this year.

The members of the parish Finance Council periodically review accounting records and make suggestions about investments, etc. If you have any questions please feel free to ask one of the members or Father Joseph Johnson. Thank you for your commitment to the support of our spiritual home!