



Weekly Bulletin

April 24 to May 1, 2010

“Feed my sheep”

In today’s Gospel, we read that Saint Peter was given the commission to lead the Church by tending the Lord’s flock. This is an exercise of pastoral charity which flows from being chosen by Christ for this office and not simply from Peter’s personal love for the Lord. Peter had repeatedly denied the Lord but his weakness and infidelity was not seen as an impediment to becoming the Vicar of Christ. God chooses to work through imperfect instruments—which is how each one of us has a role to play in the life of the Church! He invites us to greater love as we continue growing in grace.

The papacy is one of the distinctive marks of the Catholic Church. It reminds us that when we profess to believe in an “apostolic” church that we are indeed linked all the way back to Jesus Christ and His chosen Twelve through the successors of Saint Peter. The Holy Spirit guides the Church from age to age through endless strife and temptations. There are times in history when certain popes did not have the personal holiness to inspire their fellow disciples—though their number and sins are often exaggerated by Protestant apologists. That said, the worst of them did not stray in their prayers for him. That said, what we see in the media is a distortion of reality and calculated to present the Holy Father as the opposite of who he is. He was the one who called pedophilia “filth” and demanded changes in how offending priests were to be treated. The whole story will teaching of the faith from what had been received from previous generations of Christians. This is the guarantee of the Holy Spirit: not that we will always have the holiest men as popes but that God will not allow even an unholy pope to bring error in the teaching of faith and morals. Sometimes it may have been “do as I say, not as I do” but the truth of the Gospel is always found in the magisterium of the Church.

It is sad to see a brother or sister in Christ of any rank being unfaithful to the Gospel demands of a Christ-like life. The Church is the Church of both sinners and saints. It is in fact the Church of saints because it is first the Church of sinners! It is hard to think of a Christian man or woman as a guard in the concentration camp of Auschwitz or nurse in its experiments on unwilling human patients. It is abominable to think of a priest molesting children confided to his care as a spiritual father. Crimes and sins... but not reasons to disbelieve the Church even though some members have failed so spectacularly. God is at work through it all and we desperately need the grace of the sacraments to transform ourselves and those around us to a more authentic life of faith. We need to commit ourselves to being more loving to make up for our fellow members who have been unloving. It is only by God’s grace and with the support of one another that this can happen.

There are allegations and innuendos abounding that Pope Benedict XVI is undeserving of our respect and obedience. Were every rumor and twisted fact completely true, this should not weaken our faith but rather increase our eventually be made known—right now it is just a whirlwind of slander aimed at weakening the Church’s moral voice in the world and setting up greedy lawyers for more profits. We need to pray and support the

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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

1st Sat. of Month:

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

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday 4/24
5:00 PM The Spiritual and Physical well-being of David Ternes

Sunday 4/25
9:00 AM People of the Parish

victims of child sexual abuse. They deserve justice and compassion. They also deserve better than to be used by others to further hidden agendas. Pray for Pope Benedict XVI that he may continue his efforts to reform the Church so that such abuses may never happen again. It is possible that there were past oversights or errors in some cases as no one fully understood the sickness of pedophilia at that time. What is apparent is that the Holy Father leads the Church today at the forefront of dealing with the epidemic of child sexual abuse in a world gone mad with lust. When will the media demand that schools and other institutions do the same? And how will we ever rebuild our families where the vast majority of such tragic cases happen at the hands of parents, relatives, and friends?

For further reading about these matters, please consult the news section of the Cathedral’s website.

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 4/17(Vigil)
John 21: 1-19

Sunday 4/18
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Monday 4/19
John 6: 22-29

Tuesday 4/20
John 6: 30-35

Wednesday 4/21
John 6: 35-40

Thursday 4/22
John 6: 44-51

Friday 4/23
John 6: 52-59

Saturday 4/24(AM)
John 6: 60-69

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

Father Joseph

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive-April 24-25

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after both Masses next weekend. All donations collected in exchange for Tootsie Rolls will be given to aid those with developmental disabilities. Please be generous.

May Day Family Rosary Procession – May 2

The annual May Day procession will commemorate the Year for Priests so bring your family, friends, priests and religious as we pray together as one family in response to our Blessed Mother’s call for prayer, penance and conversion of our heart to God. Gather at the State Capitol at 1:30 PM and process to the Cathedral of Saint Paul for prayer and Benediction. For more details, visit www.familyrosaryprocession.org.

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.

HANCA Annual Leadership Training

The annual leadership training will be held June 25, 26 and 27, 2010 at St. Michael’s parish in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The theme is “Behold, I will make all things new.” For information, contact Houa Her @ 763-498-4316 or Deacon Nao Kao.

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