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SCHEDULES

Masses:

Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 9:00AM

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
- Rosary & Altar Society
meeting

Weekly Bulletin

April 7 through April 14, 2007

“God’s Passion for US”

The traditional name used to describe the suffering of Jesus Christ is the “Passion.” The term comes from the Latin verb: “to suffer.” In English the word “passion” usually means a strong feeling or even compulsion--often of love. Sometimes it blends with the more literal sense because we are willing to suffer for those people/places/things about which we are passionate. That willingness is what separates a hobby from a passion and an acquaintance from a love.

“God so loved the world...” The Passion of Jesus shows us God’s passionate love for us! Our salvation was not something extra or optional in God’s plan for mankind. God has done everything possible to prove His infinite, unconditional love for us. When we gaze upon the crucifix, it should evoke less guilt for sins than wonderment at the merciful love, which forgives those sins and offers us new life. Who could love us better or more?

What type of life are we now being offered? Eternal life certainly! But, perhaps we can characterize this life with a principal attribute: passion. We should never be ho-hum in our relationship with God because He is always passionate in offering to share His life with us. “Religion” is often portrayed as boring or tiresome. How little we know of Christianity if we see in it anything less than the greatest romance in the history of the world! God’s pursuit of His Chosen People, His Beloved, is the entire meaning of salvation history.

Our response often lacks something to be desired. We memorize baseball statistics but tune out the commandments—and there are only ten of them! We are willing to lose sleep and stand in long lines for sales but go to Church only when convenient. We don’t lack passion... we just lack it for God. This perhaps is the worst sin: apathy in the face of God’s passionate love for us. Our society spends its time, money, and energy on anything but God. We suffer gladly for these false gods and rob ourselves of the riches of love that God so wants to pour into our hearts. So many people spend long hours at work to make more money but never spend more than spare moments in prayer and often consider even that a “waste.” Until we are willing to suffer for God, we merely like Him rather than love Him. (Yes, even suffer through long homilies and the dryness that can too often accompany meditation!)

Saint Paul speaks of the love of Christ “urging” him onward. How urgent is our love? God isn’t lackluster. Look at the lives of the saints and see how full of excitement they were. We need that passion for God or else it is our lives that are wearisome and lifeless. Meditating on the Resurrection of Jesus, let us rise to a new life of passion in our love for God and neighbor!

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

<p><u>MASS INTENTIONS</u></p> <p>Saturday 4/7 <i>People of the Parish</i></p> <p>Sunday 4/8 <i>People of the Parish</i></p> <p>Saturday 4/14 <i>Mary Swits</i></p> <p>Sunday 4/15 <i>People of the Parish</i></p>	<p><i>St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us!</i></p> <p>In Christ,</p> <p><i>Father Joseph Johnson</i></p> <p>Pastor</p>
<p><u>GOSPEL READING AT MASS</u></p> <p>Saturday 4/7 Luke 12: 1-12</p> <p>Sunday 4/8 John 20: 1-9</p> <p>Monday 4/09 John 20: 11-18</p> <p>Tuesday 4/10 John 20: 11-18</p> <p>Wednesday 4/11 Luke 24: 35-48</p> <p>Thursday 4/12 Luke 24: 35-48</p> <p>Friday 4/13 John 18: 1-14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Triduum Schedule</p> <p>At the heart of the Church’s liturgical calendar is the Triduum – the celebration of the Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection from the dead. At the Triduum’s center is the magnificent celebration of the Easter vigil on Saturday night, when we “re-present” the triumph of Christ over sin and death. Please plan on attending all of our liturgies during these holiest of days.</p> <p>NB: All liturgies will be bi-lingual</p> <p>Holy Saturday (April 7): 8 pm Easter Vigil</p> <p>Easter Sunday (April 8): 10 am The Resurrection of the Lord</p> <p><i>There will be no religious education on Easter Sunday</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Feast of Divine Mercy</p>
<p><u>Saturday Confession</u> Saturday Confession will be at the Cathedral of Saint Paul from 3:30PM-5:00PM.</p>	<p>Join us at the Cathedral of Saint Paul on Sunday, April 15 for The Feast of the Divine Mercy. The schedule of events include:</p> <p>12:00 PM – Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and readings from the Works of Saint Faustina and John Paul II on Divine Mercy</p> <p>1:30 PM – Confessions begin</p> <p>2:00 PM – Pray the Rosary</p> <p>2:50 PM – A short reflection by Cathedral Rector, Father Joseph Johnson</p> <p>3:00 PM – Chant the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Cathedral Associate, Father John Paul Erickson</p> <p>3:20 PM – Benediction</p> <p>A guide to the day’s events and materials on Divine Mercy will be available for those unfamiliar with the Devotion.</p>
<p><u>Lus ceeb toom</u> 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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St. Vincent de Paul, Pray for us!</p>

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