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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

August 25, 2007 through September 1, 2007

"Offer it Up!"

Recently it has been revealed that Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta suffered for many, many years with the feeling that she had been abandoned by God. This is a shocking revelation for many – here is a woman who did so much good and said so many powerful, moving statements about faith and God, and yet she intensely struggled interiorly with the seeming absence of her beloved Jesus. There have been many interpretations and explanations given for this fact. It is my opinion, however, that at its root, Blessed Teresa's experience of the absence of God was a mysterious participation in the crucifixion of Christ. Christ, like Teresa, experienced the absence of His Father – "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mathew 27:46). Blessed Teresa was allowed to experience this frightful portion of the crucifixion for the salvation of souls. She longed for the face of her beloved Jesus. Instead, this Jesus chose to take Blessed Teresa into Himself, and allowed her to actively participate in this most important work – the satiating of Christ's thirst for the salvation of the world and the glory of the Father by means of that salvation.

One of the more challenging tenets of our faith is the belief that by uniting our sufferings to our Lord's, we can participate in the salvation of the world. "Offer it up" is more than just a pious platitude uttered when others whine. In some mysterious way, we "make up for what lacks in the sufferings of Christ" (Colossians 1:24). We are invited to offer up through prayer our daily sufferings and difficulties, uniting them with the Cross of Jesus. By doing this, we are purified ourselves and become more like Jesus.

May we find consolation in the midst of difficulties and sufferings in the awareness that God can use these events to reap an abundant harvest of souls. And may Teresa of Calcutta pray for us that we, like her, will persevere in our vocation to love in the face of suffering.

St. Vincent de Paul Pray for us!

In Christ,

Father John Paul Erickson

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8/25
People of the Parish

Sunday 8/26
Saint Vincent de Paul Youth Group

Saturday 9/1
*8:30 Ralph Mike Family
5:00 Mrs. L. R. Kegley*

Sunday 9/2
People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 8/25
Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday 8/26
Luke 13: 22-30

Monday 8/27
Matthew 23: 13-22

Tuesday 8/28
Matthew 23: 23-26

Wednesday 8/29
Mark 6: 17-29

Thursday 8/30
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday 8/31
Mathew 25:1-13

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.

Are You Dressing in Your Sunday Best?

We enjoy the Lord’s blessings of rest and relaxation during these summer months—even though we don’t enjoy the blessing of air-conditioning here at Saint Vincent’s! That said, everyone should remember that modesty and dignity in apparel befits our common worship of God.

We show our appreciation for these sacred mysteries in the way we dress—“Sunday best” doesn’t have to mean heavy or uncomfortable. Others should be able to see even from our clothes how important this encounter with our Eucharistic Lord is to us. We don’t wear a tuxedo to the beach and we shouldn’t wear beach clothes to Mass—it is as simple as that. Everything has its proper time and place.

We want to avoid a careless attitude to Sunday Mass out of respect for the great gifts we receive here. In particular, those engaged in any of our ministries should set a good example for the entire congregation. Thank you for your attentiveness to these considerations!

Religious Education begins again on September 9

Starting September 9, our religious education program will begin again. Please plan on signing your children up for these important classes. As usual, classes will run from 10:30 until 12 each Sunday, unless otherwise notified. Please speak with one of the clergy of Saint Vincent’s if your children will be attending class.

Mass intentions more than available

Many of our Masses at St. Vincent de Paul are celebrated “For the People.” Many times, this is the very worthwhile “default” intention. It often times, though not always, means that no one has requested that that particular Mass be offered for a specific intention. Please know that we have *many* Masses available for special intentions. This is a beautiful and powerful gift to give to a loved one, living or dead. ***Please contact Pat Sticha at 651.488.6737 (leave a message) ~ if you wish to have a Mass offered for a loved one.***