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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

## *Weekly Bulletin*

August 21 to August 28, 2010

### The "Narrow Gate"

It is a sobering thought in today's Gospel that not everyone will make it to Heaven. Some people simply dismiss this as a morbid and old-fashioned "fire and brimstone" mentality that they choose to leave behind as negative and unhelpful baggage from the past. It doesn't resonate with our modern worldview of tolerance and non-judgmentalism. The problem is that Jesus is the Savior who brings us to Heaven and He is the one who spoke about the "narrow gate."

We certainly don't want to return to a fear-based ethos that stunts authentic spiritual growth. I don't think that Jesus intended fear to be our primary motivation in giving us this teaching. He wished us to know that we have a choice regarding our eternal destiny and we need to take it seriously. Too often we coast along and "want to have our cake and eat it too." The Gospel is clear that the gift of salvation offered to us requires us to commit to following Jesus here and now if we want to follow Him into the Kingdom of Heaven. It is all about consistency in appreciating Jesus as Savior.

Fear of Hell is not nearly as important as desire for Heaven. Somehow we don't quite understand that! Hell is an awful place devoid of love, but let's not just resolve to avoid it. Let's focus on the beauty of the eternal embrace of God who is Love in Heaven! The positive is always a more powerful incentive... unless we take for granted that Heaven will be ours no matter what we do. This sort of "spiritual entitlement" mentality is the opposite of the humble gratitude we should have to God for offering us redemption from our sins. We have replaced a nasty old guilt complex with an even worse self-centeredness that arrogantly assumes that we have a right to go to Heaven and God wouldn't dare to deny us! This is reflected in the modern trend to canonize all of our loved ones at funerals. We do a great disservice to the deceased if we don't pray for them and ask God to purify them of sins—which we all have—in Purgatory so they can be admitted to the fullness of Love.

If God's Love is worth having for eternity, then it is worth receiving already in this life! Our desire for Heaven needs to acquire "legs" so to speak! It needs to motivate our actions on a daily basis: is this going to keep me on the path following Jesus to Heaven or not?

*Father Joseph*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 8/21  
5:00 PM Fr. Michael Kaluza  
  
Sunday 8/22  
9:00 AM People of the Parish  
  
Saturday 8/28  
5:00 PM Fr. Michael Kaluza  
  
Sunday 8/29  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 8/21(Vigil)**  
Luke 13: 22-30

**Sunday 8/22**  
Luke 13: 22-30

**Monday 8/23**  
Matthew 23: 13-22

**Tuesday 8/24**  
John 1: 45-51

**Wednesday 8/25**  
Matthew 23: 27-32

**Thursday 8/26**  
Matthew 24: 42-51

**Friday 8/27**  
Matthew 25: 1-13

**Saturday 8/28(AM)**  
Matthew 25: 14-30

**Saturday Confession 1**  
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!**

**Missionary Visit**

Next weekend, August 28-29, we will be blessed by a visit from the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill , an international, apostolic community of women religious whose service is primarily in the areas of education, health care, pastoral care and social services. This visit is part of a national program whereby a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Archdiocese to enlist support for the mission work of the Church. The Sisters are anxious to share their mission stories and want you to know they are praying for the parish of Saint Vincent de Paul daily. Please take this opportunity to live and transmit the gospel through your generous donations to this essential work of the Church.

**Mass of Thanksgiving and Remembrance**

On Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Auxiliary Bishop Lee A. Piché will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul to publicly thank our law enforcement, fire and emergency personnel for their service to our community and commemorate all those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM followed by a short reception.

**Papal Prayer Intentions For August**

**Refugees** - That the world may become aware of the plight of the millions of displaced persons and find solutions to their tragic conditions.

**Persecuted Christians** – That Christians who suffer persecution and discrimination may be granted human rights, equality, and freedom to live their faith.

**Financial Information**