



# Weekly Bulletin

August 8 to August 15, 2009

## "This is enough, O Lord!"

In today's first reading Elijah made it clear to God that he had been pushed past his limit. God made it clear to Elijah that it is only when we reach our human limits and begin to understand them that we can truly turn to the Lord and depend upon His strength in the face of our weakness. Sometimes it takes desperation to teach us that God's presence is essential to our lives and not just optional!

The financial crisis of this past year has pushed a lot of people beyond their limits: losing a job, not being able to find a job, watching hard-earned savings vanish in stock market plunges, having home values decrease to below what is still owed on them... the list goes on! And this on top of all the things that can happen in any year and test our endurance: sickness, violence, strained relationships, etc. We can relate to Elijah's frustration and temptation to give up. It could seem as though God isn't taking good enough care of us when we suffer in these ways.

What is the antidote to despair?

1. Don't try to handle everything on your own. It's a big world with huge challenges for each of us—be humble enough to know that we will get swamped if we try to tackle it all. Concentrate on finding "my part" and be respectful of "God's part"—which includes helping me find "my part!"
2. Hold God accountable only for what He promised us and not what we think He should have promised. Jesus didn't come to fix all world problems and instead told us that we would indeed have to "take up our cross" to follow Him.
3. Discover the blessings even among the suffering... there are always beautiful aspects to life even in its darkest moments. (For example, give thanks for the people who rally to bring food and comfort when someone who is sick.) Hope in the blessings yet to come from the Lord if we remain faithful to His plan for our lives.

God sent an angel to Elijah with food from Heaven. Jesus is the true "bread of life" given to us. The Holy Eucharist must be the constant nourishment for us on this journey of faith. Our careful preparation to encounter Jesus in Holy Communion (regular confession of sins, daily prayer and reading of the Bible, etc.) becomes the foundation for a relationship of love with God which can support us even through the toughest times.

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### CLERGY

- † Fr. Joseph Johnson, Pastor
- † Fr. Michael Kaluza, Associate Pastor
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- † Dc. Nao Kao Yang

### 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

*To know, love and serve Jesus Christ*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 8/8

5:00 PM For Living and Deceased  
Members of the Steve &  
Mary Lauinger Family

Sunday 8/9

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 8/15

5:00 PM For Living and Deceased  
Members of the Steve &  
Mary Lauinger Family

Sunday 8/16

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 8/8 (Vigil)**

John 6: 41-51

**Sunday 8/9**

John 6: 41-51

**Monday 8/10**

John 12: 24-26

**Tuesday 8/11**

Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday 8/12**

Matthew 18: 15-20

**Thursday 8/13**

Matthew 18: 21-19:1

**Friday 8/14**

Luke 11: 27-28

**Saturday 8/15 (AM)**

Luke 1: 39-56

**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!**

**Visiting Missionary**

Next weekend, August 15-16, we will welcome Father Girard J. Kohler to Saint Vincent de Paul. Father Kohler will speak about the missionary work of the Church and in particular of the Fathers of the Holy Spirit. The Congregation of the Holy Spirit is an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activity in many areas of the world. Father Kohler has served for many years in Tanzania, East Africa. Please take this opportunity to live and transmit the gospel through your generous donations to this essential work of the Church.

Please Pray for Priests:

Dear Lord,

We pray that the Blessed Mother  
wrap her mantle around your priests  
and through her intercession  
strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests  
to follow her own words,  
“Do whatever He tells you” (John 2:5).

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph,  
Mary’s most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother’s own pierced heart  
inspire them to embrace  
all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy,  
filled with the fire of your love  
seeking nothing but your greater glory  
and the salvation of souls.

Amen.