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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

Weekly Bulletin

December 15 through December 22, 2007

Those whom the LORD has ransomed...

“...will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.”

Advent is a time of hope. It is especially fitting that Pope Benedict XVI has just issued an encyclical *Spe Salvi* on the subject of Christian hope in the modern world. These weeks are an opportunity for us to reawaken our longing for the Lord’s presence in our lives. The Holy Father speaks of prayer and suffering as the privileged places where we learn what it means to hope—far more than wishful thinking or Pollyanna-ish optimism.

Hope is grounded in God’s promise to us. The birth of Jesus reminds us that God keeps His promises! The Messiah came after the Chosen People had been waiting for several thousand years... showing us that “delay” is not denial. God’s timetable is not ours and we need to develop a deeper trust in Him rather than give into frustration that He isn’t bending to our expectations.

The gnawing desire for fulfillment brings a tension to our lives—and by faith we know that only God can totally satisfy the human heart. We were created by Him and for the purpose of union with Him and with one another. Advent as “shopping season” distracts us from the fact that it is the love behind the gifts that brings joy. Every human love originates in the God Who is Love and created us in His image and likeness. Our desire for love from one another points to the desire in each human heart, conscious or not, for an encounter with Love.

With the desire for God’s Love should come gratitude that His Love already plays an important part in our lives. The realization that life itself and all its beautiful moments are blessings from our Heavenly Father should prompt us to thankfulness and joy. Even amid our earthly anxieties and struggles, there is an unquenchable light that shines to dispel the darkness. The star of Bethlehem still speaks to us... as we wait in hope!

Father Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12/15
5:00 PM Don Webere

Sunday 12/16
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 12/22
5:00 PM Mary Larson

Sunday 12/23
9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 12/15(Vigil)
Matthew 11: 2-11

Sunday 12/16
Matthew 11: 2-11

Monday 12/17
Matthew 1: 1-17

Tuesday 12/18
Matthew 1: 18-25

Wednesday 12/19
Luke 1: 5-25

Thursday 12/20
Luke 1: 26-38

Friday 12/21
Luke 1: 39-45

Saturday 12/22 (AM)
Luke 1: 46-56

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 miam 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!**

Christmas and Holy Day Schedule

Christmas Eve (English): 7pm
Christmas Day (Bi-Lingual): 9am
Feast of the Holy Family (December 29,30): Usual Weekend schedule
Mary, Mother of God (Tuesday, January 1) (Bi-Lingual): 10am
Please note that January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Pillar Silent Auction Faundraiser

The Pillar Auction has now concluded and the work on them has begun. For all of the winning bidders of the Pillars, either Eric or myself will be contacting you about collecting the bids as well as how you would like your name to be displayed on the plaque that will be put up in recognition for your support. Also, feel free to take the initiative yourselves in approaching Eric or myself with the winning bid.

-Peter Ly

Confessions heard in Hmong this Sunday

We are blessed to welcome Father Paul Fliss back to the community of Saint Vincent de Paul this weekend. Father Fliss will hear confessions in Hmong following the 9am Mass this Sunday (December 16) until noon. Please remember that Catholics have an obligation to confess their sins at least once a year and to confess serious sins, number and kind, before receiving Holy Communion.

Christmas clean up and set up December 23

Please mark your calendars on December 23 for the Christmas clean up and set up. All able bodied parishoners are asked to help clean our Church and set up decoarations for the wonderful days of Christmas. There will be no Adult Religious Education that day.

Youth Christmas Dinner

The Youth Group will be having a Christmas Dinner together on Friday, December 28 from 6pm until 9pm in Wellisch Hall. All the Youths are invited to join, as well as their families, parishioners and friends. This is a potluck dinner, so please bring something to share. Please dress up for this dinner!!!

Hmong New Year Celebrated December 30th

On Sunday, December 30th the Church of Saint Vincent de Paul will celebrate Hmong New Year. The celebration will begin with 9am Mass offered by Bishop Richard Pates, followed by entertainment, the blessing of eggs, and a Pot Luck fit for a king. Please plan on attending this important and joyful event!