

Weekly Bulletin

December 20 to December 27, 2008



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

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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

Love among the ruins

The infant Jesus arrived in a broken world over two thousand years ago. Some things never change. The world is now more broken than ever... and we have only to look at the wars across the globe, violence in our streets, strife in our families, unemployment lines, and home foreclosures to see that we need help!

Because Jesus didn't "fix" everything that was going wrong, He was not recognized as Messiah. When Jesus died, the Roman troops still occupied the Holy Land, poor people still starved, and wicked people still "got ahead." It wasn't that Jesus failed to accomplish His mission—it is instead clear that we still fail to understand His mission!

The God who is Love descended from Heaven to earth not to create "heaven on earth." Jesus came to be light in this darkened world and show us the way to our eternal home where there is no more sadness and suffering. He came to earth so that we might go to Heaven—now possible by the forgiveness of our sins. Our alienation from God was the ultimate tragedy and this is overcome by His Merciful Love. Unless we realize the heartbreak of living apart from God's love, then our Christian joy in the birth of the Savior will always be feeble. If we do experience the richness of God's presence in our lives, then all other hardships can be borne with patience.

The darkness is not so dark when a candle has been lit. The fire of Love has indeed been lit upon the earth, starting far away in a manger. The age-old question remains: will we allow this love to penetrate our hearts so we become a light to others? Or do we prefer to live in survival mode and simply curse the darkness? Our own salvation and the fate of the world rest on this choice.

Father Joseph

Christmas Clean Up and Set Up – December 21

All able bodied parishioners are asked to help clean our Church and set up decorations for the wonderful days of Christmas on Sunday after Mass. There will be no adult religious education.

Christmas and Holy Day Schedule

Wednesday	December 24	Christmas Eve (English):	5 PM
Thursday	December 25	Christmas Day (Bi-Lingual):	9 AM
Thursday	January 1	Mary, Mother of God (B-Lingual):	10 AM

(January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation)

Hmong New Year Celebration

On Sunday, December 28th, the Church of Saint Vincent de Paul will celebrate the Hmong New Year 2009. The celebration will begin with 9 AM Mass followed by entertainment, the blessing of eggs and a potluck fit for a king. Plan on attending this important and joyful event!

Vocation Discernment

Single women ages 17 and older are invited to a retreat at the Saint Agnes Convent, 525 Thomas Avenue, Saint Paul, beginning Monday, December 29 at 4:00 PM and ending at Noon Wednesday, December 31. Hosted by Sisters in Jesus the Lord, a private association, the retreat will offer talks by priests, periods of prayer and opportunities to talk individually to a sister. Room and board is included. Call 651-291-7777 to register. See www.cjd.cc for more details.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRAY FOR US!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12/20

5:00 PM Sean Byrne

Sunday 12/21

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday 12/24

(Christmas Eve)

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Thursday 12/25 (Christmas Day)

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 12/27

5:00 PM Sharon Anderson

Sunday 12/28

9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 12/20 (Vigil)

Luke 1: 26-38

Sunday 12/21

Luke 1: 26-38

Monday 12/22

Luke 1: 46-56

Tuesday 12/23

Luke 1: 57-66

Wednesday 12/24

Matthew 1: 1-(18)25

Thursday 12/25

John 1: 1-18 or 1: 1-5, 9-14

Friday 12/26

Matthew 10: 17-22

Saturday 12/27 (AM)

John 20: 1-8

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!**