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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 22 through December 29, 2007

“Tis the season”

There are two major types of happiness. One is produced instantaneously by a word, an event, a memory, or an encounter that provokes mirth. The beautiful sound of laughter echoes in our ears and improves our general mood for a while. This happiness lightens the burdens of daily life, but there is an even more precious form of happiness...

For the human person, created for love, the deepest form of happiness can only be found within the context of the relationships which we form. The passing pleasures of the world cannot bring the abiding peace and joy deep in our hearts that come from loving and being loved. Relationships are difficult—they have their ups and downs. These relationships can also inflict wounds that no superficial source could achieve. The vulnerability and pain are the necessary price we pay for the goodness of being in a relationship with another.

I believe that the holiday cheer we experience at this time of year runs deeper than the peppy music and bright displays of lights and decorations. It is the remembrance of a relationship... one which we have too many times neglected or even rejected. The birth of Jesus Christ provides proof that God’s Love for us never wavers even when we have been un-FAITH-ful to this relationship by sin. The arrival of the Messiah to forgive our sins opens a new chapter and establishes a new bond with God.

Our relationship with God is not distant, abstract, or in the past. Christmas revelry is so widespread and profound because, at least subconsciously, it originates in the knowledge of God’s presence in our lives in the “here and now.” We renew our relationships with family, friends, and neighbors at this time of year because we see God’s Love as the healing “glue” which overcomes our divisions and unites us as recipients of the gift of Divine Mercy.

The invitation to us as Christians is to keep this awareness alive throughout the year. Imagine a world where selfless generosity, joy, “peace and good will to all men” are always present. Now let’s make it happen through the lived relationship with our saving God each and every day!

Merry Christmas!

Father Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12/22
5:00 PM Mary Larson

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

Monday 12/24 (Christmas Eve)
7:00 PM People of the Parish

Tuesday 12/25 (Christmas Day)
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 12/29
5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday 12/30
9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 12/22(Vigil)
Matthew 1: 18-24

Sunday 12/23
Matthew 1: 18-24

Monday 12/24
Luke 1: 67-79

Tuesday 12/25
Luke 2: 1-14

Wednesday 12/26
Matthew 10: 17-22

Thursday 12/27
John 20:1a and 2-8

Friday 12/28
Matthew 2: 13-18

Saturday 12/29 (AM)
Luke 2: 22-35

Saturday Confession

Saturday Confession will be at the **Cathedral of Saint Paul** from 3:30PM-5:00PM

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.

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 decorations 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 5pm until 11pm 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!