



Weekly Bulletin

December 26, 2009 to January 2, 2010

A Family Affair

We cannot overestimate the importance of God choosing to send the long awaited Messiah into the context of a human family. The Feast of the Holy Family gives us a model for what a family should look like according to God's plan. We can meditate on the virtues of Saint Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary and see how we can learn to better focus our lives on the presence of Christ in our home.

This time of year we think a lot about our families. Realistically speaking, it can be as Charles Dickens wrote: "the best of times and the worst of times." Family members can inspire and support us incredibly, but they can also bicker with and hurt us like no one else! Holidays renew the blessings of love but they can also reopen old wounds. Prayerfully we need to examine and deal with the ups and downs of family life by letting God's Love be recognized as the source of our love for one another—and sometimes its substitute when that human love is lacking.

Let us pray that our homes may be schools of holiness and for the special needs of families:

Those who have died—thanking God for the blessing of their presence in our lives and/or forgiving their failings while commending them to His Mercy

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones—that their loneliness and longing may guide them closer to the love of Jesus and more firmly on the path that leads to our Heavenly home where we hope to be reunited with those who have gone before us

Those who are far away—praying that the physical distance does not create a sense of alienation or forgetfulness

Those who are estranged from one another—that there may be healing of past hurts and reconciliation

Those who are struggling with fidelity—that they may renew the generosity of the total self-gift in love to spouse and family

Those who experience misunderstanding and conflict—that all generations may work together to face challenges with good will and when necessary be able to disagree without becoming disagreeable

Those who are alone—that they may discover the bonds of love in our family of faith through our attentive welcome and support

Those who choose to live together without the blessing of marriage—that they may discover the beauty of this sacrament and repent of the selfishness which leads them into sin

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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

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12/26
5:00 PM †Sharon Anderson

Sunday 12/27
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Friday 1/1
10:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 1/2
8:30 AM Ralph Mikel Family
5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday 1/3
9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 12/26(Vigil)
Luke 2: 41-52

Sunday 12/27
Luke 2: 41-52

Monday 12/28
Matthew 2: 13-18

Tuesday 12/29
Luke 2: 22-35

Wednesday 12/30
Luke 2: 36-40

Thursday 12/31
John 1: 1-18

Friday 1/1
Luke 2: 16-21

Saturday 1/2 (AM)
John 1: 19-28

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!**

Those who would seek to redefine marriage—that the Holy Spirit may open their minds to the truth about the complementarity of man and woman and the importance of the family as the basic building block of society

May the Holy Family of Nazareth bring peace and joy to our families in the coming year!

Father Joseph

Hmong New Year Celebration

We welcome everyone who has come to celebrate the Hmong New Year. We hope you enjoy this important and joyful event!

Friday, January 1 – Holy Day of Obligation

On Friday, January 1st, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. **Mass will be offered at St. Vincent’s at 10 AM (bi-lingual).**

2010 Church Envelopes

The donation envelopes for 2010 are available in back of church. Please check names and addresses to make sure we have up-to-date information. It is important that you pick these envelopes up this weekend as their use begins January 1st. Please call the office number (651-488-6737) if you have any questions.

First Saturday Mass

Each first Saturday of the month we have an 8:30 AM Mass to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. You are invited to join us next Saturday, January 2nd, for this special Mass. Also each Friday evening we have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration from 7 - 8 PM. These are opportunities to grow spiritually and deepen our relationship with God.