



# Weekly Bulletin

February 14 to February 21, 2009

## “Reflect Upon God”

I recently read some words that Michelangelo wrote as his life drew near its end:

So now, from this mad passion which made me take art for an idol and a king...I have learnt the burden of error that it bore...The world's frivolities have robbed me of the time that I was given for reflecting upon God.

This famous artist...gives us the best advice as we line up our priorities here on earth! What are we doing with our time?

St. Paul says in the second reading of this Sunday Mass *So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.* The first step for us to respond to his command is to “reflect upon God” as Michelangelo says he wished he would have done more of. The St. Paul paper this past week had a big article preparing everyone for Valentine’s day by explaining how love begins in the brain! You have all heard the familiar words: **“Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny.”** (-Ralph Waldo Emerson) Our ability to think and nourish the life of our mind is part of that immense gift of our being made in the image and likeness of God. You and I can think about what is good, true and beautiful! And when we do, we become inspired to live lives that correspond to those thoughts. The same applies to the opposite. When we allow our thoughts to dwell and nurture what is evil, false and ugly...our lives go in that direction.

The Holy Spirit is always ready to guide us in the right direction. The most helpful way to always restart is to “reflect upon God” through a life of prayer and the sacraments. Sunday is our central day to center our life again on what is most important. It is the perfect day to find ways to place our mind on the good Lord and how we may give him glory. Being with family, reading good books, getting some fresh air, spending time with our Eucharistic Lord can all be helpful ways of moving in this direction.

We are all ultimately radically dependent on our Lord’s presence and strength to bring us out of any binding sin and burden. Like the leper in the Gospel, let us allow God to give us faith today to always present our whole

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### CLERGY

- † Fr. Joseph Johnson, Pastor
- † Fr. James Adams, Associate Pastor
- † Fr. Andrew Cozzens, Associate Pastor
- † 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

#### 1st Sat. of Month:

- Mass at 8:30AM
- Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 2/14  
5:00 PM Living & Deceased  
Members of the  
Steve  
& Mary Lauinger  
Family

Sunday 2/15  
9:00 AM People of the  
Parish

Saturday 2/21  
5:00 PM Living & Deceased  
Members of the  
Steve  
& Mary Lauinger  
Family

Sunday 2/22  
9:00 AM People of the  
Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 2/14 (Vigil)**  
Mark 1: 40-45

**Sunday 2/15**  
Mark 1: 40-45

**Monday 2/16**  
Mark 8: 11-13

**Tuesday 2/17**  
Mark 8: 14-21

**Wednesday 2/18**  
Mark 8: 22-26

**Thursday 2/19**  
Mark 8: 27-33

**Friday 2/20**  
Mark 8: 34 – 9:1

**Saturday 2/21 (AM)**  
Mark 9: 2-13

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

self before our Savior and allow him to do what he wills with us. In this way, we can live for God’s glory and not fail to prepare for eternity.

Father Adams

**Important Pro-Life Effort**  
**Help Stop FOCA**

The “Freedom of Choice Act” is entirely misnamed. The proposed legislation would radically extend pro-abortion policies and take away the freedom of Catholic doctors, nurses, and hospitals to refuse to participate in the killing of unborn babies. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked that all Catholics contact their representatives and senators in Washington to express opposition to the pro-abortion agenda. Please take a set of postcards home, address them to your representative and senators—here in Minnesota that is currently only Amy Klobuchar but please retain the postcard meant for our second senator as we will need to send that card to Franken or Coleman when the legal fight over who won the election is concluded.

**Catholic Services Appeal**

Gifts and pledges to the Catholic Services Appeal can be placed in the collection or returned to the parish office. The appeal supports many ministries that help provide spiritual, educational and social needs to many within our Archdiocese. Thank you for your support.