

Weekly Bulletin

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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

“A rose by any other name...”

“...would smell as sweet.” So the familiar paraphrase of Shakespeare goes—but is it true? The names we give to things are often connected to the meaning of the realities themselves. Sometimes we speak sloppily but we should remember the wise advice: “say what you mean and mean what you say.”

Something smells in our nation and it doesn't smell like roses. In fact, it doesn't even smell “funny.” It downright stinks to high Heaven! The same person looking at the same reality can call it at various times by two opposing names and thus get away with murder. Let me explain: A reporter describing fascinating advances in prenatal surgical techniques speaks of the wonders of modern science's ability to treat infants before they are born. The same reporter can then do a story on the Supreme Court and calmly explain its protection of a woman's right to remove a “non-viable mass of tissue” from her uterus if she so desires. The reporter is talking about the same reality in contradictory ways.

We do violence to our language and violence to the unborn when we speak “out of both sides” of our mouths. A baby is a baby is a baby! If someone wants to advocate for abortion then the honest thing to do would be to simply say “I am in favor of the right to kill unborn babies in their mothers' wombs.” Why don't we speak that way? Because it brings the ugliness of the reality of abortion into the light of day where the vast majority of people are repulsed by it!

In fact, it doesn't matter if we speak of an unborn baby or a “mass of tissue” because the reality remains the same. Sadly, the way we treat the unborn child varies tremendously depending on which phrase we use. Language is powerful and can be manipulated to justify whatever we desire. “Ethnic cleansing” or genocide? Does the reality depend upon whether you agree with the murderous dictator or not? No! There is objective truth that will outlast the barbarism of the moment. So, let's choose our words carefully and our actions even more carefully. Just don't call me “anti-abortion”—I'm pro-life!

Father Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1/17
5:00 PM †Adeline Jahn

Sunday 1/18
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 1/24
5:00 PM †Mary Sanocki

Sunday 1/25
9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 1/17 (Vigil)
John 1: 35-42

Sunday 1/18
John 1: 35-42

Monday 1/19
Mark 12: 18-22

Tuesday 1/20
Mark 2: 23-28

Wednesday 1/21
Mark 3: 1-6

Thursday 1/22
Mark 3: 7-12

Friday 1/23
Mark 3: 13-19

Saturday 1/24 (AM)
Mark 3: 20-21

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!

2009 Church Envelopes

The donation envelopes for 2009 are available in back of church. Please check names and addresses to make sure we have up-to-date information. You should be using these new envelopes for your contributions in 2009. Please call the office number (651-488-6737) if you have any questions.

Adult Faith Formation

If you have signed up for the Adult Faith Formation classes but have not paid for your materials, please do so as soon as possible. See Father Adams if you have any questions.

Mass Intentions Available

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest possible prayer there is. It is a powerful prayer to offer for a friend or family member. Please call the parish office at 651-488-6737 to arrange for a Mass to be offered for your own intentions.

Year of Saint Paul

He, who is called “the Apostle to the Gentiles”. that is, to the Nations, never actually met Jesus during his life in Jerusalem or along the roads of Galilee, like the Twelve Apostles. He is the first apostle to have the experience of only the Risen Christ, as all Christians will continue to have through the centuries. With Paul, the words of the Prophet Micah, “.....from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem” (Micah 4:2), were fulfilled in just a few years and in an ardent manner.