

# Weekly Bulletin

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## St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

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### CLERGY

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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

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Month:

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

## Ongoing Conversion

The Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon how our own conversion to a more Christ-like life is proceeding. Our Protestant brothers and sisters often ask “Have you accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior?” For them, that is the goal... for us that is simply the beginning!

Acceptance of Jesus means I am ready to pick up my cross to follow Him. We are setting out on a journey together that will lead to our Heavenly Home. The walk of faith requires continual interaction between the grace of God and the choices of human free will. The sacraments are the means by which God fills us with His Love and transforms us—if we allow it!

Perhaps a brief examination of conscience can assist us in our quest for ongoing conversion:

Do I recognize my Baptism into the Mystical Body of Christ as the defining characteristic of my life? How seriously do I heed the call to be a saint that I received in Baptism? Do I live each day with eternal life in Heaven as my goal?

Do the spiritual gifts of Confirmation make me more aware to guard the dignity of my body as a temple of the Holy Spirit? Do others recognize me as a Christian by my faith bearing fruit in works of love? Am I ever more generous in living out the duties of my state in life? (Marriage, priesthood, etc.)

Do I see the Sunday celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection as the highpoint of my week? Do I approach receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus with at least as much reverence and purity as I did on the day of my First Holy Communion? Do I seek to unite my daily sacrifices to the offering of Jesus to the Father? Do I pray each day, individually and as a family, to keep seeking union with God throughout the week?

Do I confess my sins regularly? (For most of us, once per month would be a good interval.) Do I seek to overcome those petty bad habits which seem to

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 1/24  
5:00 PM †Mary Sanocki

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

Saturday 1/31  
5:00 PM Tom Bates

Sunday 2/1  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 1/24 (Vigil)**  
Mark 1: 14-20

**Sunday 1/25**  
Mark 1: 14-20

**Monday 1/26**  
Mark 3: 22-30

**Tuesday 1/27**  
Mark 3: 31-35

**Wednesday 1/28**  
Mark 4: 1-20

**Thursday 1/29**  
Mark 4: 21-25

**Friday 1/30**  
Mark 4: 26-34

**Saturday 1/31 (AM)**  
Mark 4: 35-41

**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!

continually hold me back from greater love of God and neighbor? Am I willing to forgive the “trespasses” of others as the condition Jesus gave for receiving the forgiveness of my own sins?

Father Joseph

**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.