



Weekly Bulletin

January 2 to January 9, 2010

New Year's Resolutions

Perhaps this year our resolution can be to be more resolved! How often we joke that New Year's resolutions usually expire before the end of January—and isn't it true? (Milk lasts longer than most of our impetuous notions of self-improvement.) Lent comes around just in time to remind us of all of our good intentions at the start of the year. Just maybe we renew them and actually keep them for the forty days leading up to Easter!

No resolution is worth anything if we aren't resolved to keep it. A resolution is no more than wishful thinking without a concrete commitment to put it into practice on a daily basis. I could suggest all sorts of wonderful ideas for how all of us could improve our spiritual lives in 2010, but it would be a waste of words if we don't first decide to be resolute! More than regret after holiday binging, we need to develop better self-discipline in general. Only then can we address in a meaningful manner the ways we could improve our eating, shopping, praying, and relating to one another.

The kings of Epiphany remind us that life is about gift-giving. Our very being as well as the hope for salvation are gifts from God. This New Year is both His gift to us and the opportunity for us to become better at giving ourselves in love to God and neighbor. Jesus doesn't ask for gold, frankincense, and myrrh from us—instead the treasure of our hearts! If we focus on the incomparable gift that God's Love is to us, perhaps we will find the courage and perseverance to answer the call to give ourselves more fully to whatever form of personal transformation may be required so that we become saints.

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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1/2
5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

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

Saturday 1/9
5:00 PM For Living and Deceased
Members of the Steve &
Mary Lauinger Family

Sunday 1/10
9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 1/2(Vigil)
Matthew 2: 1-12

Sunday 1/3
Matthew 2: 1-12

Monday 1/4
Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 1/5
Mark 6: 34-44

Wednesday 1/6
Mark 6: 45-52

Thursday 1/7
Luke 4: 14-22a

Friday 1/ 8
Luke 5: 12-16

Saturday 1/9 (AM)
John 3: 22-30

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!**

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. You should be using these new envelopes for your contributions in 2010. Please call the office number (651-488-6737) if you have any questions.

Second Saturday Potluck

Remember that every second Saturday of the month all are invited to gather in Wellisch Hall for a simple potluck following the 5 PM Mass. Please bring food to share.

Please Pray for Priests:

Dear Lord,

*We pray that the Blessed Mother
wrap her mantle around your priests
and through her intercession
strengthen them for their ministry.*

*We pray that Mary will guide your priests
to follow her own words,
"Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5).*

*May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph,
Mary's most chaste spouse.*

*May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart
inspire them to embrace
all who suffer at the foot of the cross.*

*May your priests be holy,
filled with the fire of your love
seeking nothing but your greater glory
and the salvation of souls*

Amen.