

Weekly Bulletin

July 5 to July 12, 2008



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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

Freedom

The 4th of July is a day when we celebrate the birth of our nation. The Declaration of Independence was an assertion of the freedom that we felt was being compromised if we remained a colony of the British Empire. That freedom was considered to be worth a massive struggle with heroic sacrifices.

Those who were born and grew up in other countries are sometimes in a better position to appreciate this freedom. Communist regimes in Southeast Asia didn't allow for much in the way of freedom. To this day, much of the world's population lives under governments which are very restrictive. We should be very thankful for the freedom that we enjoy as Americans!

On the spiritual level, freedom is often misunderstood. We too easily jump to the conclusion that it means that I can do whatever I want, whenever I want, with whomever I want, however I want. We know that is not true even on the physical level... I can't yell "fire" in a crowded restaurant if there isn't a fire--I would be rightfully arrested for endangering others. True freedom is always in harmony with my responsibilities. It is only in recognizing and respecting my responsibilities to God and neighbor that I can be truly free. If I freely choose to sin, then I lose my freedom to follow Jesus!

Spiritual freedom is one of the marks that I am made in the image and likeness of God who freely chose to create me and redeem me because of the free gift of His Love. It is only with a life of prayer and the grace of the sacraments that I can live as a child of God and not misuse my freedom when the temptations arise each day to act selfishly. Just like George Washington and so many others struggled and sacrificed to win independence for our country, so retaining our spiritual freedom will require similar efforts by each one of us personally. Let us declare our independence from sin as we declare our dependence on the grace of God!

God bless you and God bless America!

Father Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 7/5

8:30 AM Ralph Mikel Family
5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday 7/6

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 7/12

5:00 PM Lillie Zak

Sunday 7/13

9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 7/5 (Vigil)

Matthew 11: 25-30

Sunday 7/6

Matthew 11: 25-30

Monday 7/7

Matthew 9: 18-26

Tuesday 7/8

Matthew 9: 32-38

Wednesday 7/9

Matthew 10: 1-7

Thursday 7/10

Matthew 10: 7-15

Friday 7/11

Matthew 10: 16-23

Saturday 7/12 (AM)

Matthew 10: 24-33

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.

Reminders:

Of course everyone remembers our serious obligation to honor God and nourish our souls by attending Mass every Sunday... but we also want to remember that each Friday evening we have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration from 7-8pm. This is a time to deepen our relationship with the Lord in quiet prayer and to ask God's continued blessings on our parish. Each first Saturday of the month we also have a 8:30am Mass to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. When life seems really tough, perhaps it is because we haven't been using the opportunities offered to us to grow spiritually. Make sure not to take a vacation from God this summer!

Second Saturday Potluck Next Weekend

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

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 Jersalem” (Micah 4:2), were fulfilled in just a few years and in an ardent manner.