

Weekly Bulletin

June 28 to July 5, 2008



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CLERGY

- † Fr. Joseph Johnson,
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- † 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

Beginnings: Year of Saint Paul & new parochial vicar

"Paul, by the grace of God, an apostle"--what an unlikely candidate he started out to be! God's power is marvelous to behold as he took the fire-breathing Saul who persecuted Christians and turned him into the meek and humble Paul who sat quietly in his hermitage and prayed the Rosary... wait a minute! That's not exactly true, is it? The conversion of Saul to Paul changed him from an enemy of the Church to its most zealous missionary but it didn't eradicate his personality. As my mother would say, he was still "quite a handful."

In honor of the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of the patron saint of our cathedral, archdiocese, and capital city, Pope Benedict XVI declared a special "Year of Saint Paul" which begins this weekend. The coming months will be a time to reflect upon how God used this rather fiery and flawed instrument to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the ancient world. It reminds us that absolutely anyone can contribute to the building up of God's Kingdom--even with all of the faults and failings with which we struggle.

Paul's epistles are rich in theological content. He tells us much about the perfect manifestation of God's Love in the Messiah and how Jesus fulfills all that the prophets had foretold, though not exactly as Saul and his contemporaries had expected. His writings also tell us much about himself. Only Saint Augustine, centuries later, has left us so personal a testimony of faith. We know more about Saint Paul from his own hand than just about any other figure of antiquity. This year is a time for us to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior through the Sacred Scriptures and also to develop a greater sense of devotion to our patron saint.

To help us with this dual task, we are blessed with the arrival of our new parochial vicar. I have known Father James Adams for many years and am grateful for his appointment to our community. Father Erickson will be sorely missed but God has sent another talented young priest in his place. He has different gifts than Father Erickson or the poor pastor... and we look forward with great expectation to see how God's Love will be made manifest through him. I am confident that you will continue to offer him a warm welcome as a new member of our family of faith!

Father Joseph Johnson

Special Visitor to begin the "Year of Saint Paul"

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 6/28

5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday 6/29

9:00 AM People of the Parish

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

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 6/28 (Vigil)

Matthew 16: 13-19

Sunday 6/29

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Monday 6/30

Matthew 8: 18-22

Tuesday 7/1

Matthew 8: 23-27

Wednesday 7/2

Matthew 8: 28-34

Thursday 7/3

John 20: 24-29

Friday 7/4

Matthew 9: 9-13

Saturday 7/5 (AM)

Matthew 9: 14-17

Saturday Confession

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

Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Lee Piche who will be the celebrant at the 9 AM Mass on Sunday. Fr. Piche has just been appointed as the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. As such, he is the chief assistant to Archbishop Nienstedt. I have known him for many years and he is a wonderful priest. He replaces Fr. Kevin McDonough who has been assigned other duties. We are blessed that Fr. Piche has chosen to spend one of his first weekends on a parish visit to Saint Vincent de Paul, especially as this Mass will begin the "Year of Saint Paul" declared by Pope Benedict XVI in honor of the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Saint Paul. Unfortunately Fr. Piche has other obligations later Sunday so we are not able to honor him with a reception at this time. We look forward to a future visit when we can celebrate more fully!

Independence Day Mass

All are welcome to attend the 9:00 AM Mass, Friday, July 4th, at the Cathedral as we celebrate the independence of our country.

Prayer For Vocations

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service.

Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

Pope John Paul II