



**St. Vincent
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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

Weekly Bulletin

March 15 through March 22, 2008

Even though I should have to die with you..."

"...I will not deny you." So Peter affirms his unwavering fidelity to Jesus just before His Passion begins. Unwavering? Maybe not. Actions speak louder than words. Immediately after the magnificent encounter with Divine Love in the Last Supper, Peter falls asleep three times in the Garden of Gethsemane and then ultimately denies even knowing the Lord after His arrest.

We make a Profession of Faith together at Mass but does it translate into action? Do we become sluggish in our prayer life and inconstant with regard to daily discipleship? What level of commitment do we make in our relationship to God? Is it simply a matter of convenience or if we don't get a better offer?

Love necessarily implies the willingness to suffer. If I am not willing to make a sacrifice for someone, then I probably just "like" that person. Spouses and parents daily make sacrifices in order to care for their loved ones. The mother who gets up to feed the baby in the middle of the night is a perfect illustration. She would definitely prefer to sleep but she denies herself to make a gift of love to the little one in need. This is love!

Jesus manifests His Love by freely accepting cruel suffering and death to save us from the fate merited by our sins. Peter later reorders his life in the light of the Resurrection to "make good" the offer he had made and died as a martyr (Greek for "witness") rather than deny his faith. This Holy Week provides us with an opportunity to reorder our lives so that we too may strive for greater fidelity to the Lord and provide a witness of love to the world around us.

Father Joseph

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3/15

5:00 PM Paul Douglas

Sunday 3/16

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 3/22

8:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday 3/23

9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 3/15 (Vigil)

Matthew 26: 14-27

Sunday 3/16 (Palm Sunday)

Matthew 26: 14-27

Monday 3/17

John 12: 1-11

Tuesday 3/18

John 13: 21-33

Wednesday 3/19

Matthew 26: 14-25

Thursday 3/20

John 13: 1-15

Friday 3/21

John 18:-1-19

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!

Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday - March 20 - Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7 PM
Vigil with the Blessed Sacrament following Mass until 10 PM.

Good Friday – March 21 – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion – 7 PM

Easter Vigil – Saturday, March 22 – 8 PM
(There is no 5 PM Mass).

Easter Sunday – March 23 – 9 AM

(All masses and celebrations are in English and Hmong).

Good Friday

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Council Meetings-March 16th

The Men’s and Women’s Leadership Councils will meet at 11 AM and the Finance Council will meet at Noon, Sunday, March 16th.

Religious Education Classes

Classes will not be held on Palm Sunday, March 16th and Easter Sunday, March 23rd.

No Open Gym

There will be no open gym on Easter Sunday, March 23rd.

Church Photo Directory

Throughout the month of April there will be an opportunity to have your family picture taken for the church directory. The photographer will be in Wellisch Hall following Mass until 4 PM each Sunday. We ask everyone to participate so our directory will be complete.