



**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 8 through March 15, 2008

“And Jesus wept”

This weekend we hear one of the shortest sentences in Sacred Scripture - three simple words that reveal a profound truth. “And Jesus wept.” These words would not be marvelous if Jesus were simply a prophet or a great teacher. His tears at the death of his friend Lazarus are signs of deep affection, but this is hardly extraordinary. It is when we realize that Jesus reveals God, however, that these words take on monumental significance. The tears of Christ become yet another sign of the compassion of God, a God who does not cause suffering or death, but stands in solidarity with those who mourn and suffer. The tears of Christ reveal that God is truly with us, even in the midst of great pain, even the pain of death.

This compassion of God, this “suffering with,” will be revealed in a radical way on the cross. Jesus will take upon Himself the sin of the world, thereby revealing the love of the Father. As we continue our weekly Lenten pilgrimage toward Easter, we can see the cross in all its glory coming into focus. Christ’s encounter with the mystery of death in the story of Lazarus is a foretaste of his encounter with death on Calvary, that place where God’s compassion is totally revealed. This is the love that we are called to imitate, a love that is sacrificial and life-giving. The image of the crucified becomes for us a way of life – a life spent in service of others.

Next week we will welcome Christ as he makes his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Later in the week, we will witness the creator of the universe get on his knees to wash the feet of his disciples. And then we will watch as He lays down his life in love for the Father and for us. Together we will rejoice in two weeks as this love triumphs even over death itself. May these holiest of days that are ahead remind us of the infinite tenderness of God revealed in Jesus, a tenderness that draws forth tears of love.

Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us!

In Christ,

Father Erickson

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3/8

5:00 PM Lillie Zak

Sunday 3/9

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 3/15

5:00 PM Paul Douglas

Sunday 3/16

9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 3/8 (Vigil)

John 11: 1-45

Sunday 3/9

John 11: 1-45

Monday 3/10

John 8: 1-11

Tuesday 3/11

John 8: 21-30

Wednesday 3/12

John 8: 31-42

Thursday 3/13

John 8: 51-59

Friday 3/14

John 10: 31-42

Saturday 3/15 (AM)

Luke 2: 41-51

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!

Meatless Spaghetti Dinner-Friday-March 14th

On Friday, March 14th, a **meatless spaghetti supper** will take the place of the traditional soup supper we have been having the previous Fridays of Lent. Please do not bring anything except beverages to share. Val and Peter will look for volunteers to assemble the dinner before we meet in Wellisch Hall at 6 PM. All are invited and encouraged to attend. There will be a free will offering to help defray the cost of Easter flowers. During our regular Friday Holy Hour, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed.

Good Friday

Friday, March 21st, is 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. In accordance with church laws regarding fasting and abstinence, **there will not be a soup supper on Good Friday.**

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 Sunday, March 9th & Easter Sunday, March 23rd. Please stay tuned to see if there will be open gym on Palm Sunday, March 16th as well.... still to be determined.

Church Envelopes

There are still a few boxes of 2008 envelopes that have not been picked up. They are in the back of church. Record keeping will be much easier if everyone uses their new envelopes.