



Weekly Bulletin

May 5, 2007 through May 12, 2007

Women of Faith

The bright sunshine and blooming flowers of this time of year cheer us as visible signs of God’s love for us. The month of May is traditionally observed as a time to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary—the most beautiful blossom in God’s garden, sometimes even called by the title “Rosa Mystica” (in English “Mystical Rose”). At the Annunciation, her “fiat” made a total gift of her life to God and she became the instrument by which God brought our Savior to the world. God sometimes asks crazy things of us, but if we trust Him and give ourselves wholeheartedly to His plan, then wondrous things are sure to happen!

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SCHEDULES

Masses:

Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 9:00AM

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
- Rosary & Altar Society
meeting

It is also fitting that this is the month when we celebrate Mother’s Day. Not only our example of faith, the Blessed Virgin Mary was given to us by Jesus from the Cross to be our spiritual mother. She encourages us from Heaven to continue to follow her Divine Son. At the wedding feast of Cana we find her last words recorded in Sacred Scripture as she told the servants: “Do whatever He tells you!” The message of Mary is always an invitation to closer discipleship of Jesus Christ. Contrary to popular misunderstanding, Mary is never a distraction or a detour... she is the first and most perfect disciple and desires for us to join her in that same openness to God’s Love and fidelity to the Gospel.

We have the beautiful tradition in this archdiocese of a Rosary Procession on the first Sunday of May—in Saint Paul at the Cathedral and in Minneapolis at the Basilica of Saint Mary. The Rosary is a rich meditation on God’s work of redemption and how we are called to participate therein. Pope John Paul II felt so strongly about the benefits of the Rosary that he even gave us five more mysteries to expand our contemplation of the life of Christ. Mother Teresa of Calcutta used to say that praying the Rosary was like placing our hand into the hand of our mother for comfort and guidance. I hope that many people will join us in rediscovering the beauty of the Rosary as a means to let the Blessed Virgin Mary accompany us on our journey of faith in Jesus Christ.

St. Vincent de Paul, Pray for us!

In Christ,
Father Joseph Johnson

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5/5

8:30 a.m. *Ralph Mikel Family*
5:00 p.m. *Altar & Rosary Society*

Sunday 5/6

People of the Parish

Saturday 5/12

People of the Parish

Sunday 5/13

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GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 5/5

John 14:7-14

Sunday 5/6

John 13:31-33

Monday 5/7

John 14:21-26

Tuesday 5/8

John 14:27-31

Wednesday 5/9

John 15:1-8

Thursday 5/10

John 15:9-11

Friday 5/11

John 15:12-17

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!**

May Day Rosary Procession

The month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. Join us as we honor the "Rosa Mystica" this Sunday, May 6 in the Archdiocesan May Day Family Rosary procession. Gather at the steps of the State Capital at 1:30 pm. At 2 pm we will process to the Cathedral of Saint Paul while reciting the Rosary. A short prayer service in the Cathedral, including Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, will conclude the afternoon. Join the thousands who make this an annual event.

For more information, please visit www.familyrosaryprocession.org

Parish Council Meeting May 20

The next Parish Council meeting will be on May 20th at 12:3 pm. If you are a council member and are not able to attend, please inform parish council president Andre Yang or one of the clergy.

Remember to pray for vocations!

Just a reminder - please pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and diaconate. May many men and women respond generously to the call of Christ to leave all for the sake of the Kingdom!

Pope John Paul's Vocation Prayer

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