

# Weekly Bulletin

November 15 to November 22, 2008

## GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

Hello parishioners of St. Vincent's! How blessed we are to have the tremendous hope of being called "good and faithful" servants by nonetheless than God himself! That is of course, if we respond to him as he suggests today in the Gospel of Matthew for the 33rd week of Ordinary time.

The Liturgical year is winding down with the celebration of Christ the King next Sunday and Advent beginning after that. Thus, the Church focuses on the last things (death, judgment, heaven, hell). We just like to be scared at this time, like a huge celebration of Halloween!!! JUST KIDDING! We focus on such serious things because God is so good to reveal his loving plan to save us from eternal separation from him and bring us into his presence forever and ever! He simply and profoundly invites us to cooperate with him in this plan. This is the image we have in the scriptures of the weekend: The first reading from Proverbs says of the "good wife: Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates." (31:31) St. Paul talks about the "day of the Lord" in the second reading. And our Lord points to the "joy of the Lord" waiting for the "good and faithful servants."

I do not know about you, but I find myself reacting to so many moments in life saying to myself: "WE ARE SO MADE FOR HEAVEN!!!" C. S. Lewis put it so well:

"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

Having come to know some of you at our various celebrations and liturgies, the thought comes to me in prayer that there is no way that we are just here for such a brief time on earth and then it is all over. I cannot help but think to myself how I was made to be in heaven with each of you and all God's people praising and thanking him forever. Then, as we study philosophy, we see by reason that we have an eternal soul. God himself reveals through the person of Jesus in the bible and the Church that he has "prepared a place for you." (John 14:2-3)

Thus, he invites us again today to seek to be good and faithful servants of him! This we are when we come to Mass each Sunday with open hearts to receive all God wants to give us. We are good and faithful when we keep his commandments with a pure heart. Ultimately, God makes us good and faithful by the working of his Holy Spirit in us through prayer and our life of virtue. Let us think about the last things in these days, not to be scared, but inspired. God is with us and invites again to say yes to him and to a generous love of those around us!



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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

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Month:

- Mass at 8:30AM
- Altar & Rosary Society  
Meeting

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 11/15**

5:00 PM Noreen Waters

**Sunday 11/16**

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday 11/22**

5:00 PM Don Furchner

**Sunday 11/23**

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT**

**MASS**

**Saturday 11/15 (Vigil)**

Matthew 25: 14-30

**Sunday 11/16**

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**Monday 11/17**

Luke 18: 35-43

**Tuesday 11/18**

Luke 19: 1-10

**Wednesday 11/19**

Luke 19: 11-28

**Thursday 11/20**

Luke 19: 41-44

**Friday 11/21**

Luke 19: 45-48

**Saturday 11/22 (AM)**

Luke 20: 27-40

**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.

Fr. Adams

**Hmong New Year Celebration**

Planning has begun for the Hmong New Year celebration. Details will follow shortly.

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