

Weekly Bulletin

November 1 to November 8, 2008



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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

MEMENTO MORI!

As a student in college, I was blessed to study at the Austrian campus of Franciscan University of Steubenville. This European setting is in a 14th Century Carthusian monastery nestled in the foothills of the Austrian Alps. Upon arrival, our director of the program there guided us through the place and explained as we entered to second courtyard: “Not a single word was ever spoken in this courtyard for hundreds of years. The monks would gather once a year to meet and they would simply say to each other: “*Frater, memento mori!*” (“Brother, remember your death!”)

Why are we so into death (that is, accepting it as it naturally comes) as followers of Christ? Because we are so into LIFE!!! Just as our Savior was born to die, so you and I who follow him in this life are here to die to sin and its effects and live for God. The death of our mortal body (which none of us can escape) is the ultimate consequence of sin (Romans 6:23). Because Jesus comes in the incarnation and through his Church to take away sin by his death, we can face our death here head on. It is what happens after to grave that calls our attention as believers. We are given the precious gift of our immortal soul that will live forever and ever. Each soul has a free will to choose our destiny: God or being without him. What a gift! What a responsibility!

This weekend on Saturday we celebrate those great souls who lived the heroic virtues of faith, hope and love as well as the cardinal virtues. These are the saints of our church. Then on Sunday, we pray earnestly for the souls of all who have gone before us. How special they are to us and even more so to God! We are blessed with the Church’s doctrine on purgatory for those “who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified...” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1030) We are so made for heaven that God does everything possible to guide us into his loving embrace. Pope Benedict explains this encounter with our Judge “...as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves. All that we build during our lives can prove to be mere straw, pure bluster, and it collapses. Yet in the pain of this encounter, when the impurity and sickness of our lives become evident to us, there lies salvation. His gaze, the touch of his heart heals us through an undeniably painful transformation “as through fire”. But it is a blessed pain, in which the holy power of his love sears through us like a flame, enabling us to become

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11/1

8:30 AM Ralph Mikel Family
5:00 PM Altar & Rosary Society

Sunday 11/2

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 11/8

5:00 PM Randy Sommers

Sunday 11/9

9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 11/1 (Vigil)

John 6: 37-40

Sunday 11/2

John 6: 37-40

Monday 11/3

Luke 14: 12-14

Tuesday 11/4

Luke 14: 15-24

Wednesday 11/5

Luke 14: 25-33

Thursday 11/6

Luke 15: 1-10

Friday 11/7

Luke 16: 1-8

Saturday 11/8 (AM)

Luke 16: 9-15

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.

totally ourselves and thus totally of God.” (Spe Salvi #47)

Let us pray for one another in this month of November to be ready for death and alive in Christ Jesus. Remember to vote this week and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Father James Adams

Visit to Resurrection Cemetery

A reminder that we will be leaving at Noon, Sunday, All Souls Day, to visit the Hmong section of Resurrection Cemetery. Please join us to pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Second Saturday Potluck

Remember that every second Saturday of the month all are invited to gather in Wellisch Hall for a simple potluck following the 5 PM Mass. Please bring food to share.