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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

*Weekly Bulletin*

November 24 through December 1, 2007

**“When the Son of Man comes...”**

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. Christ the King is the final Sunday of the Church’s year. Next week, believe it or not, we begin a new liturgical calendar, a beginning that always coincides with the First Sunday of Advent. In literally just a few weeks, we will gather to celebrate that Feast that is second in importance only to the Triduum itself – Christmas.

One day, we know not when, Jesus Christ will return to judge the earth and to finally banish death forever. In His first coming, Christ was hidden. Veiled under the form of a simple Jewish carpenter, the God-man was put to death by those who refused to accept His message of The Kingdom. But at His second coming, there will be no errors concerning His identity and His authority. All will recognize that Jesus is the Son of God and the rightful ruler of the cosmos. Those who refused to acknowledge His reign here on earth will taste the pains of hell while those who rejoice to call themselves His servants will enjoy forever the glory of heaven. Christ will reign, with or without us. The most important decision we can make in this life is where we will stand at His glorious second coming.

Are we ready to welcome Christ and His return? What if Jesus returned today? Would we welcome Him or dread the judgment that would be rendered? If we are not ready for the coming of Christ, we need to get ready, and this is exactly what Advent is all about. The season we will enter next week is not just about getting ready for the many demands of family gatherings and various Holiday traditions. We all know too well how many gifts and meals need to be prepared for that portion of Christmas. But the spiritual preparations for His coming are infinitely more important. One day, Christ the King will return, not through the womb of a virgin or on the simple chariot of a donkey, but rather riding on the clouds for the whole world to see. We need to prepare for this event by committing ourselves to fervent and daily prayer, acts of mercy, forgiveness and compassion, and frequent acts of penance meant to train us in love.

May we make use of this Holy season of Advent to prepare for His coming. Let us examine our lives to see what needs to change to place Him at the very center of our lives. This investment will surely pay off when He who is King will say to us, “Well done my good and faithful servant, enter into the kingdom prepared for you from all eternity.”

Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us!

Father John Paul Erickson

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 11/24**

*5:00 PM Frank W. Heintz Sr./  
Gregory Heintz Sr./  
Ora McGuigan Barker*

**Sunday 11/25**

*9:00 AM People of the Parish*

**Saturday 12/1**

*8:30 AM Ralph Mikel Family  
5:00 PM Sean Byrne*

**Sunday 12/2**

*9:00 AM People of the Parish*

**GOSPEL READING AT  
MASS**

**Saturday 11/24(Vigil)**

Luke 23: 35-43

**Sunday 11/25**

Luke 23: 35-43

**Monday 11/26**

Luke 21: 1-4

**Tuesday 11/27**

Luke 21: 5-11

**Wednesday 11/28**

Luke 21: 12-19

**Thursday 11/29**

Luke 21: 20-28

**Friday 11/30**

Matthew 4: 18-22

**Saturday 12/1(AM)**

Luke 21: 34-36

**Saturday Confession**

Saturday Confession will be at  
the **Cathedral of Saint Paul** from  
3:30PM-5:00PM

**Home Visits**

Father Erickson would love to visit your home! No meal is required or expected. This is simply an opportunity to develop a better sense of community and connection with the families that call St. Vincent de Paul home. Please call Txiv Plig Erickson at 651-357-1330 or e-mail him at [frerickson@cathedralsaintpaul.org](mailto:frerickson@cathedralsaintpaul.org) to arrange a visit. I look forward to seeing you soon! - Fr. Erickson

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRAY FOR US!**

**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.

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