

Weekly Bulletin

November 29 to December 6, 2008

Why do you let us wander, O Lord?"

Human beings are often paradoxical. We love our freedom and resent anyone trying to encroach upon it. At the same time, we realize that we sometimes make a mess of things and would like to have someone else make the choices and bear the responsibility for the consequences. So Isaiah in today's first reading asserts that God shouldn't have given us the freedom by which we have so often rejected His Love.

Freedom is necessary in order to love. We are not able to love God if we are not also able to refuse to love Him. Advent is a grace-filled time for us to renew the desire to love God. Look how He has loved us! The coming of the Son of God as Savior exceeds "reasonable" expectations. Surely the wonder of the Incarnation should prompt some gratitude and love in our hearts!

Amid the frenzy of shopping and parties, we need to make sure that the primary activity of this Advent is increasing our desire for God. He will not force us into loving union... but we should hear the invitation now offered more insistently than ever. The current economic malaise reminds us of the underlying fragility of the materialism that threatens so often to trump the true spirit of this holy season. Our desire for God should translate into a desire to share the Good News of the Messiah with the world. As we attempt to finish our Shared Mission drive, I wonder if people understand the value statement made by spending more money on gifts than in support of the Church's work to proclaim the Gospel and feed the poor.

Simplify and focus should be our Advent watchwords! What more could we ask of God than the gift of His Son to save us? We need to freely desire to follow Jesus more than anything else—only a desire that strong will guide us home to Heaven. As Jesus admonished the disciples in today's Gospel: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

Father Joseph

First Saturday Mass



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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11/29

5:00 PM Diane Welvang

Sunday 11/30

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 12/6

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

Sunday 12/7

9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 11/29 (Vigil)

Matthew 13: 33-37

Sunday 11/30

Matthew 13: 33-37

Monday 12/1

Matthew 8: 5-11

Tuesday 12/2

Luke 10: 21-24

Wednesday 12/3

Matthew 15: 29-37

Thursday 12/4

Matthew 7: 21, 24-27

Friday 12/5

Matthew 9: 27-31

Saturday 12/6 (AM)

Matthew 9: 35-10: 1, 5a, 6-8

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.

Each first Saturday of the month we have an 8:30 AM Mass to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. You are invited to join us next Saturday, December 5th, for this special Mass. Also each Friday evening we have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration from 7 – 8 PM. These are opportunities to grow spiritually and deepen our relationship with God.

Vocation Discernment Retreat

The Little Sisters of the Poor would like to invite single, Catholic women, 18-35 years old, to a discernment weekend January 2-4, 2009 in Palatine, Illinois. For more information or to register, contact Sister Joseph Maureen at 812-464-3607 or e-mail vocationinfo@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul, Pray for us!	
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To know, love and serve Jesus Christ