

Weekly Bulletin

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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

Bad Choices

God's gift of free will inherently carries the risk of a misuse of freedom. Bad choices then result in bad consequences for ourselves and those around us. If we aren't careful, our choices can lead us to fail with regard to Jesus' commandment to love God and neighbor. At the same time, we need that freedom in order to be able to love at all!

The first reading from Exodus reminds us: "If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry." God is never deaf to those who are being harmed so I cannot imagine that He somehow ignores the "silent screams" of 4,000 unborn babies each day in the United States. The "freedom of choice" has cost us dearly and there is simply no way that God will bless America until we stop the legalized killing of infants. As Cardinal Francis George of Chicago recently said, "we live in a nation drenched with blood." That conviction is what leads our bishops each year to set aside October as "Respect Life" month.

Let's face facts: our nation has been wrong on important issues before. We allowed our laws to define a black person as less than fully human until people of faith stood up and refused to go along with it. If they listened to current political commentary, they would have sat down and said "I can't really impose my own religious convictions on others and legislate morality." Slavery would still be legal! Do you see the fallacy in the rhetoric that is thrown against the pro-life movement today? The Supreme Court made bad decisions then and still makes some bad choices that we simply cannot live with!

Again our laws have deprived the weak of the full rights of personhood. And what do people of faith do? Far too many do absolutely nothing. Or worse, some make excuses for murder as if anything could justify the death of a child. Unwilling to prevent it, they console themselves by saying that "I wouldn't choose it"—so as long as I don't personally kill or get killed, it's OK? Others prefer to ignore abortion and hope that it will go away. Wishful thinking didn't stop slavery and it won't stop this injustice either. Legalized abortion is the collective "choice" of our nation and we will bear the collective guilt of this terrible sin unless we actively oppose it.

To know, love and serve Jesus Christ

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 10/18

5:00 PM Sharon Anderson

Sunday 10/19

9:00 AM People of the Parish

Saturday 10/25

5:00 PM Randy Sommers

Sunday 10/26

9:00 AM People of the Parish

GOSPEL READING AT MASS

Saturday 10/18 (Vigil)

Matthew 22: 15-21

Sunday 10/19

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Monday 10/20

Luke 12: 13-21

Tuesday 10/21

Luke 12: 35-38

Wednesday 10/22

Luke 12: 39-48

Thursday 10/23

Luke 12: 49-53

Friday 10/24

Luke 12: 54-59

Saturday 10/25 (AM)

Luke 13: 1-9

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!

Do we kid ourselves that there is some issue more important than this new “massacre of the innocents”? This cheapening of life has opened the door to euthanasia and genetic manipulations worthy of Frankenstein. How many more bad choices must we endure before we decide to do something? We are likely to collapse under the weight of the bad results which ensue from these choices. Anyone ever wonder how much more stable Social Security would be if we hadn’t eliminated 40 million young people from the workforce? The free choice is ours: get off the sidelines and demand protection for human life from the moment of conception or live with the increasingly bad consequences of bad choices.

Father Joseph

Visit to Resurrection Cemetery

On Sunday, November 2nd, All Souls Day, we will be visiting the Hmong section of Resurrection Cemetery at Noon. Please join us to pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

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