

# Weekly Bulletin

September 27 to October 4, 2008

## Friends in High Places

Since our city hosted the Republican National Convention this month, many people around town have been bragging about the various celebrities they met or fancy parties that they attended—temporarily being part of the “in” crowd of national prominence. World leaders, movie stars, and sports figures provide excitement to our lives by letting us share in their fame. We enjoy being associated with people whom we admire.

This weekend provides us with a way of applying this natural desire to our spiritual lives. The saints are those Christians who have lived the Gospel heroically and now are gathered around the throne of God in Heaven. It is one thing to say that you are a close personal friend of someone in the White House or Hollywood or even the Vatican... but is a whole different league to say you are in a relationship with someone whose connection is at the very, very top of the universe!

Saint Vincent de Paul has to be more for us than the name written on the side of our church building. He is our patron saint—the friend in Heaven who inspires us on our earthly journey and prays for us. As we celebrate his feastday this weekend, may we discover and deepen the profundity of our friendship with Saint Vincent and how he can help us grow closer in our friendship with Jesus Christ. Our God wants more than our obedience—He wants to live in love with us. The love for God and neighbor that motivated Saint Vincent gives us an example to follow in becoming saints ourselves.

It is time that we diverge from the worldly ideals of a business tycoon, athlete, or rock star. Our true heroes are the saints and we need to focus on the path of sainthood. Getting to know the saints and relate to them in prayer helps us to cooperate with God’s work of transforming us into saints. May this parish feastday celebration strengthen our resolve to do so!

Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us!

Father Joseph

### First Saturday Mass

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, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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### CLERGY

- † Fr. Joseph Johnson,  
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- † Fr. Andrew Cozzens,  
Associate Pastor
- † Dc. Va Thai Lo
- † Dc. Nao Kao Yang

### 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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 9/27**

5:00 PM Randy Sommers

**Sunday 9/28**

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday 10/4**

8:30 AM Ralph Mikel Family  
5:00 PM Baby Boy Stennes  
Baby John Weber

**Sunday 10/5**

9:00 AM People of the Parish

**GOSPEL READING AT MASS**

**Saturday 9/27 (Vigil)**

Matthew 21: 28-32

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**Monday 9/29**

John 1: 47-51

**Tuesday 9/30**

Luke 9: 51-56

**Wednesday 10/1**

Luke 9: 57-62

**Thursday 10/2**

Mstthew 18: 1-5, 10

**Friday 10/3**

Luke 10: 13-16

**Saturday 10/4 (AM)**

Luke 10: 17-24

**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.

**Mass Intentions Available**

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest possible prayer there is. It is a powerful prayer to offer for a friend or family member. Please call the parish office at 651-488-6737 to arrange for a Mass to be offered for your own intentions.

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