

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Today Jesus tells us how we are to live with each other, even when we are inconvenienced or offended by another. Let us ask for guidance in our relationships with those we love and those whom we are struggling to love.

THE READINGS:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you warn the wicked, you will save yourself.

Romans 13:8-10

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 18:15-20

Invisible communion, though by its nature always growing, presupposes the life of grace, by which we become "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pet 1:4), and the practice of the virtues of faith, hope and love. Only in this way do we have true communion with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Nor is faith sufficient: we must persevere in sanctifying grace and love, remaining within the Church "bodily" as well as "in our heart". (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church *Lumen Gentium*, 14)

Keeping these invisible bonds intact is a specific moral duty incumbent upon Christians who wish to participate fully in the Eucharist by receiving the body and blood of Christ. The Apostle Paul appeals to this duty when he warns: "Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup". (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 36

Offertory Collection

August 28, 2005

amount will be in next week's bulletin

The diocese is no longer conducting the Needy Children Collection and therefore the second collection envelope for September 10 -11 should be disregarded. The Needy Children Collection is being replaced with *Share in the Spirit* and will be taken up at all Masses the weekend of September 24 - 25. Envelopes for this new tuition assistance collection will be made available in the pew.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from September 3rd - 17th for the Dudlek family (living & deceased) by Helen & Gus Dudlek.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 3, 5:00 PM (rip) Stephen & Helen Sefcik
Sunday, September 4, 9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Saturday, September 10, 5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday, September 11, 9:00 AM In Remembrance of our National Tragedy

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are January 3, 4, and 5, 2006. **Mass stipends** are **\$10**.

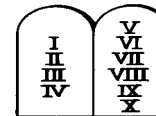
CCD Classes begin next Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Parish Hall.



Celebrate the Year of the Eucharist at the Diocese of Wilmington Eucharistic Congress on October 29, 2005 at the Ocean City Convention Center in Ocean City, Maryland. The Eucharistic Congress will include an opening prayer service, a keynote address by Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, breakout sessions, lunch, all-day Eucharistic adoration, Mass with Bishop Saltarelli and more. For more information or to register, contact Anne Dalessio at 832-8737, our parish contact, or register online at www.cdow.org, or call toll-free 1-888-936-4545 for a registration form.

Catholic Forum – Next Sunday, September 11th, hear an interview with diocesan Development Director, Deb Fols and Superintendent of Schools, Brother Jim Malone. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations – In today's gospel reading, Jesus gives his disciples the authority to forgive sins, telling them "whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Bishops and priests continue to exercise the ministry of forgiving sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you think God might be calling you to serve the Church as a priest, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or jcocucci@cdow.org).



The Primacy of Love

Echoing Jesus, Paul summed up the message of the commandments as, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. He continues: Love never does any wrong to the neighbor, hence love is the fulfillment of the law. The problem is that modern media use the word "love" as a synonym for "self indulgence" or selfishness. Look to Jesus to learn the strength and depth of real love.

Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

September 4, 2005