

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

In today's gospel we hear that the enemies of Jesus are trying to trap him in a complex question about this nation's laws. Let us ask God for wisdom, courage, and humility as we try to live faith-filled lives.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

The Lord calls the pagan king, Cyrus, to show forth God's glory.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

This is St. Paul's greeting to the Christians in Thessalonika.

Matthew 22:15-21

It is good to **cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist**. This was the origin of the practice of "spiritual communion," which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life. Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you." (Way of Perfection, chapter 35)

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 34

Offertory Collection October 9, 2005 \$1208.00

This weekend the annual collection for the Propagation of the Faith will be taken up.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – John Edwards, 9 a.m. – Linda Michel.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from October 15th – 29th in memory of Albert & Tessie Gondek.

Offertory Envelopes are available to be picked up from the back pews on the organ side. They are arranged alphabetically. This set begins with the November 1st All Saints Day envelope.

Eternal rest grant to Henry Plokhooy, brother of Fr. Christopher Plokhooy, and all the souls of the faithful departed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	October 15,	5:00 PM (rip) Margaret Rose Taylor by Ruth Press
Sunday,	October 16,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	October 17,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	October 18,	8:00 AM (rip) Helen & Stephen Sefcik
Wednesday,	October 19,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	October 20,	8:00 AM (rip) Larry Goodwin by David Smith
Friday,	October 21,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	October 22,	5:00 PM (viv) Mary Smith by David Smith
Sunday,	October 23,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are January 8, 13, and 16, 2006. **Mass stipends** are **\$10**.

The HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORT at our Parish— will continue until the end of the month. You are asked to bring any of the following supplies to the **Parish Hall during CCD on Sundays between 10 – 11:30 a.m.** Supplies that we are collecting are as follows: Clothing for all ages/genders - new unopened undergarments such as underwear, panties, bras and new baby and children's clothing. Toiletries - toothpaste, toothbrushes, powder, deodorant, antibacterial hand cleaner, feminine products, small packs of tissues, and other trial size necessities. Baby Items - Diapers, wipes, baby powder, diaper rash ointment, baby formula-specifically Similac. Ready to use single serving liquid formula and baby food. Shower Supplies -Shampoo, soap, towels, washcloths and razors. Additionally - Travel size suitcases-new or used, phone cards, new blankets and pillows. For additional information, Please contact Linda Michel at 302-832-2665 or tara1177@yahoo.com.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on 1150 AM WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, October 23rd, Sister Patricia Proctor, OSC, will discuss her new book "201 Inspirational stories of the Eucharist." Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Vocations – In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that God has chosen them. God has chosen all those who have been washed in the waters of baptism as members of the Body of Christ. From among these, God chooses and calls some to serve His people as priests. Is He calling you? What steps are you taking to find out? Contact Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or jcocucci@cdow.org).

Adult volunteers and parish leaders in religious education and youth ministry are encouraged to attend the diocesan Fall Formation Day on Saturday, 11/12, at Holy Family Parish Religious Education Center. The program will begin at 8:30AM and will conclude at 1:30PM. Numerous workshops on timely topics will be offered, facilitated by experienced and engaging presenters. Refreshments and hospitality will be offered throughout the program. For more information on the topics offered, and to register online please visit: http://www.cdow.org/catechist_formation.html or call (302) 573-3130.

Jesus House is offering the following retreats in October and November: - 1. A Day of Prayer and Reflection on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 entitled, "Praying with Ignatius of Loyola" presented by Liz Sweeney, SSJ. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 2:45 p.m. Mass at 12:05 p.m. followed by lunch. Cost: \$25. For more information or to register, call (302) 995-6859. 2. Transitions -- a retreat for widows and widowers, All Souls Day, November 2, 2005, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Presenter: Madelyn Hempsey, a widow. Please bring a picture of your spouse. Mass will be celebrated and lunch served. Cost is \$35. For more information or to register, call (302) 995-6859.