

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

My friends, today we consider one of the hardest lessons of our faith — the Gospel we know as the beatitudes. This lesson illustrates that God's ways are not our ways. Its truth is so challenging, yet its words are so familiar that by now we fail to listen. Let us calm our minds and open our hearts to God's Word today.

THE READINGS:

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

In your midst shall dwell a humble and lowly people.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chooses the weak of this world.

Matthew 5:1-12

- The Beatitudes

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

January 27, 2008	\$1597.00
Catholic Comm. & Catholic University	\$ 331.00

Next weekend the annual collection for the Black & Indian Missions and the Catholic Home Missions will be taken up. Your generosity is appreciated.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from February 2nd – 16th in memory of William and Willard Smith by David Smith.

Feast of St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats will take place after the Masses this weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	February 2,	5:00 PM (rip) Marie Hammond by Ruth Press
Sunday,	February 3,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Monday,	February 4,	9:00 AM Gondek & Kleamski Families (living & deceased)
Tuesday,	February 5,	9:00 AM
Wednesday,	February 6,	7:00 PM
Thursday,	February 7,	9:00 AM (rip) Margaret Townsend
Friday,	February 8,	7:30 PM – Stations of the Cross
Saturday,	February 9,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Sunday,	February 10,	9:00 AM (rip) Maria Rosa Vien & Family by Elma Reynolds

Thank you – We had a great spiritual and community celebration on January 26th. Thank you one and all who participated and help make this day a success and a remembrance of what God and our predecessors have done for us. As they laid the foundation for us may we lay the foundation for the next generation for parishioners at St. Paul's Church.

Mass will be said for all those who worked to make this a special day in our history on Sunday, March 9th at 9 a.m.

Thank you and God bless,
Father Pollard

Anniversary Celebration – The main purposes for having the celebration we had last weekend was obviously to rejoice in what has taken place before and to gather and celebrate as a community. Just to let you know, we were not out to make money, however, congratulations to the Committee who kept expenses down and through the generosity of donors, we were actually able to come out \$294 in the black. Congratulations and thanks to all!

ASH WEDNESDAY/LENT - Wednesday, February 6th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. Mass will be celebrated and ashes blessed on Ash Wednesday at the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

Regulations for Fast & Abstinence - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast. **Fast** – three meals, one major meal, two lesser meals and no eating in between. This binds those who are 18 years and who are not yet 59 years old.

Abstinence – No meat allowed (on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays during Lent). This binds those 14 years of age and above. Abstinence is recommended for all Fridays of the year and outside of Lent if you wish to choose some other type of penance you may.

Exemption from fast and abstinence for health reasons or circumstances beyond your control is permitted.

What does the church say about the rest of the year? The Church highly recommends we abstain from meat on Fridays; however, it gives permission for each individual to choose a different penance on that day.

Reminder – we have a Religious and Civic Duty to vote. Whether you support or don't support the war, if you don't vote you are telling these young men and women that their lives are wasted as were all of those who defended our rights to vote. PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION – Tuesday, February 5th - Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00p.m.
