

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

God's ways are not our ways. While we are too often concerned about getting our due, God is concerned with establishing the kingdom. Let us ask God for that largeness of heart and generosity of spirit that helps us forget ourselves and follow Jesus.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Ezekiel 18: 25-28 Philippians 2: 1-11; Matthew 21: 28-32

OFFERTORY COLLECTION September 21, 2008 \$1461.00

At all Masses next weekend, we will be taking up the fourth annual Share in the Spirit collection for tuition assistance. Our envelope provider had enclosed an envelope in your boxed set. If you will not be here next week and would like to participate, you may drop your contribution off at or mail it to the parish office this week. This very important collection helps deserving families ease the burden of Catholic school tuition. For further information, please visit the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington web site at www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html.

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

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from September 13th – 27th in memory of Wilbur Curlett by Judith Johnson.

This weekend please welcome Fr. Charles Brown who will celebrate the 5 p.m. Mass and Fr. William Klapps who will celebrate the 9 a.m. Mass.

The new boxed envelope sets are ready to be picked up from the last pew by the organ. They are sorted alphabetically. Please pick up your set today. If you are not currently using envelopes and would like a set, please drop a note in the collection basket or leave a message and a set will be made up for you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 20, 5:00 PM (rip) James R. Rosseel by Jim & Sharon Rosseel & family
Sunday, September 21, 9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Monday, September 22, NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday, September 23, NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday, September 24, NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday, September 25, NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday, September 27, 5:00 PM for the Intentions of Bishop Michael Saltarelli
Sunday, September 28, 9:00 AM (rip) Clarence TaBois by Dorothy TaBois

Starting September 28th at the 9 a.m. Mass we will begin the program, "**Breaking of the Word for Children**", which has been approved by Rome and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The young children (age 5 up to the reception of First Communion) are invited to be a part of this. They would be dismissed after the first prayer of Mass and returned back to their parents after the Creed. They will have the readings, etc. brought down to their level. There are 4 volunteers who will be working with the children, 2 catechists and 2 aides, alternating every other week. This does not exempt the 1st and 2nd graders from attending Religious Education Classes. The upcoming dates are: 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23. Jesus said "Let the children come to me" and we are trying to live those words.

Pope Benedict highly recommends that people prayerfully read the scriptures and pray on how they affect their lives. The scripture that we use in regular liturgies on Sunday do not cover the whole bible. Each week you are given the readings for the next week and that might be a way to look at the readings a head of time for you and your family. For those who may not have a bible, The New American Bible (Catholic version) and the Jerusalem Bible are good and approved texts. If you have never read the bible, I strongly suggest you start with the gospels and the New Testament before you go through the Old Testament. If you don't have a bible, I suggest you buy one of the above.

There are a number of commentaries which take the scripture passages and explain more fully some of the scripture sections which may not be clear when you are reading them. Recommended for these commentaries are: New Collegeville Bible Commentary, which can be purchased from Liturgical Press @ www.litpress.org and another series of commentaries are located at <http://liturgy.slu.edu/> (which are free). If you choose another commentary I would suggest that you make sure it is a Catholic commentary.

As St. Paul reminds us, "we cannot worship an unknown God". As a follower of Jesus it is very good that we look over the message that God has given to us in the Holy Scriptures as a source of getting to know God more fully. Father Pollard

Vocations – In today's first reading, the Lord reminds us through the prophet Isaiah "my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways." One of the hallmarks of Christian growth is realizing that God's plan for me might be different from what I'd like to choose as a career. Sorting it all out involves discernment, and that's never easy to do by oneself. If you think God might be calling you to priesthood or religious life, and if you'd like some help as you seek clarity, call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or ccocucci@cdow.org).