

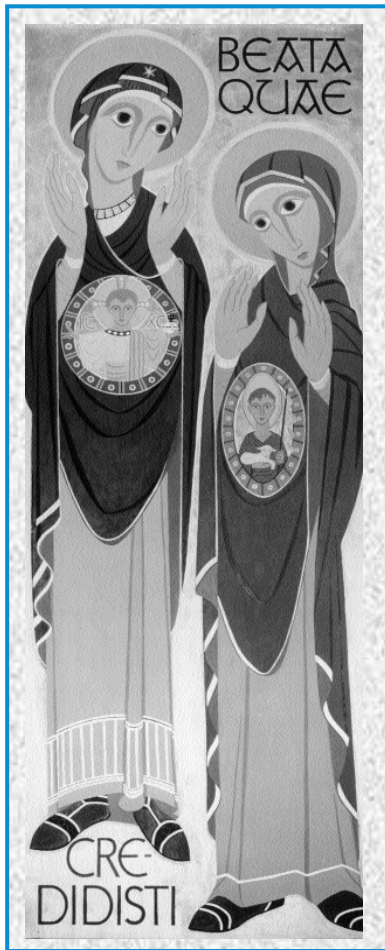
VISITATION CHURCH

09/28/08

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Schedule

- Saturday Vigil** 5:00 pm
Sunday Mass 10:00 am
Daily Mass Tue-Sat 8:00 am
Holy Days of Obligation
 8:00 am, 7:00 pm
Reconciliation
 Saturdays 4:00 pm,
 or by appointment.
Nursery
 10:00 am Sundays, infant-4
Eucharistic Adoration
 Every Thursday 8:30 am-
 7:00 pm.
Rosary Devotion
 Before First Saturday Mass
 and daily Mass at 7:30 am.

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Baptisms

Saturdays or Sundays at Mass. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Marriages

Six months preparation time needed. Must be a member of the parish for at least six months.

Parish Membership

Please call the church office to register in the parish.

After Hours Emergency Only

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As Kingfishers Catch Fire, Dragonflies Draw Flame...

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday morning, I was delightfully surprised by a number of e-mails from friends here at home and across the country. They were writing to tell me they shared my joy in being formally installed as your pastor and—in most cases—expressing their regret that busy and complicated schedules prevented their participation in the event. It was wonderful to hear such good wishes from so many friends who have been important to me these past years.

One e-mail was particularly touching. It began with a Celtic prayer, which summed up all my hopes and dreams for the day and for our future together:

*I awake this morning
in the presence
of the holy angels of God.
May Heaven open wide before me
above me and around me
that I may see
the Christ of my love
and His sunlit company
in all the things of earth this day.*

In every respect, that prayer was answered last weekend—from glorious music to stunning flowers to a magnificent luncheon reception. Most of all, though, the prayer was answered by each and every one of you who joined in some way or other in the celebration. Many of you volunteered time, talent, and treasures to make it all possible; it was splendid in every way, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. But each of you—even if you were not actively involved behind-the-scenes—by your presence at the Mass and your participation in it, you were for me “the Christ of my love.” And so I thank you, “his sunlit company,” for the gift of yourselves...last Sunday and for the months and years to come.

Several of you have asked in recent months “why the title for this weekly column?” Here’s at least one answer: beyond the beauty of the piece itself, its vivid imagery and captivating dance with words and sounds, I think the poem “As Kingfishers Catch Fire” contains an extraordinarily luminous line that gives you and me something to meditate on each day as we make our way through life. The line reads “Christ

plays in ten thousand places, Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his, To the Father through the features of men’s faces.” For me, at least, it offers a reminder that if I truly profess the “Christ of my love,” I will find him each day in those who surround me. And so to you, his “sunlit company,” I pledge to keep my eyes, my ears, and most important of all, my heart, open to you—and in you to find my love. May I respectfully suggest you pledge to do the same this week with those you love and those you struggle to love?

With all blessings and much gratitude,

Father Thomas F.A. O’Brien
Pastor



The sanctuary flowers this week are given by John, Jane & Tim Wolfram to the glory of God and in memory of Phyllis Beckermeyer, Jane’s beloved maternal grandmother.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading – When the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

Psalm – Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25)

Second Reading – Look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

Gospel – Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;

Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eid al-Fit’r (Islamic feast of the conclusion of Ramadan) celebrated this week.

Monday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year 5769) begins at sunset.

Tuesday: St. Jerome

Wednesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Thursday: The Guardian Angels

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi; First Saturday

PARISH NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet next Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Room. The Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Room. Members of these committees, please confirm your attendance with Chantel at 612.822.3139 or visichurch@aol.com

Baby Shower & Salad Bar Luncheon –All are welcome to come enjoy afternoon fellowship on Saturday, October 4th at 12 noon, and help support Southside Life Care Center . Please note the luncheon is on the 1st Saturday in October this year. The speaker this year is from Cradle of Hope. Please bring a baby gift and salad to share. If you will need childcare, please contact Pat Rudolph at 612-825-5650.

Calling all baby items! A cradle is in the narthex for baby gifts that will go to the Southside Life Care Center. Like 'new' items are welcome. The deadline for donations is Monday, October 6.

It's time to think about Christmas in Appalachia— Helping the poorest of the poor. Please gather any caps, mittens, scarves, sweaters, toys and games that can be gifts for everyone, from infants to seniors. The deadline is October 28. Please leave the items in the Church Library on Sundays, or call Rosie Bjornsted at 952-945-0393.

Since 2004, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis has been building bonds of solidarity with the people of the Diocese of Kitui, Kenya. Art Otto of our parish is a representative of the Archdiocese on a delegation visit to Kenya from September 16-30. Beginning September 22, you can follow the photos and stories of the delegation on the Center for Mission's website at www.centerformission.org

Attention golden throats and singers of all ages. The choral choir has resumed its regular schedule of rehearsals. Rehearsals are in the choir loft on Wednesday's at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

The Children's Nursery is open. The nursery is located on the lower level, 2nd classroom. To volunteer in the nursery, please contact Jennifer Jensen at 612-861-1808 or j.k.jensen@comcast.net

September 29–October 4, 2008

Mass Intentions  for the week

Monday	No Mass Today	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Rev. Robert T. Cassidy†
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	People of Visitation
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Brashear
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Bill Beha
	5:00 p.m.	Kay Schmidtlein†
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Howard Michael Iverson

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK in our parish: Margaret Sullivan, Kathryn Mattefy, Lyn Paradise, Patrick McDonald, Edith Gibney, Roger Coryell, Arpad Rummy, Pattee Kilday, Ruth Kelly, Marion Tombers, Bonnie Klein, Donald Eblen, Amy (Reynolds) Gaston, Joseph Brashear, Paul Heinz.



PARISH NEWS

A note from our Faith Formation Committee: We are looking for input from parishioners for adult education ideas. We are asking for folks to search their hearts and discern if they would like to help out. Religious education, an RCIA program, adult education, and bible studies, are just some of the main areas of ministry opportunities that will be available. Call Bill Mitchell at 651-428-0290 or send a note with your ideas to Chantel Cervantes and she will pass them on to the committee. P.S. A great "in-home/in your car" growth opportunity in our adult Catholic Faith can be heard on Relevant Radio on AM 1330 - Fr. John Corapi at 10:00 am M-F and Fr. Larry Richards at 7:00pm M-F are just a few programs that can "grow our faith." Enjoy!



WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY AND THE ASSURANCE OF OUR PRAYERS TO THE FAMILIES OF Ann Marie O'Brien and Joann O'Neil. O Lord, grant that they may rest in peace.

ALTAR SERVERS NEXT WEEK:

Saturday, October 4	5:00 p.m.	Jarad Dobesh John Manthei
Sunday, October 5	10:00 a.m.	Anna Purtle Claire McManmon

Sunday's Collection: September 21, 2008 \$3,911.00