QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

Gospel — I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

AT THE TABLE

In today's first reading, Wisdom is imagined as a woman rich in poise and grace. She moves smoothly and confidently about her temple-like home. She doesn't flutter about, nervous with worry. Wisdom sends her maidens to invite all to her open house. The guests do not possess any particular genius or insight. They need only be a people of good will and common sense. They are summoned to leave behind foolishness and to find for themselves a place at Wisdom's table. There they may and can eat and drink deeply.

Today's Gospel draws us back to the table of the Eucharist. Jesus addresses those who seek to understand his words and, sadly, those who seek to avoid them. As people born of God, we are called and equipped to seek God's will and act on it. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

ROMANCE WITHOUT REGRET!

Chastity is almost taboo in our culture, but Jason Evert knows how to challenge this mentality. Join him as he speaks from the heart, giving witness to why our present relationships shape our future life, and how we owe it to future spouses and children to live chastely now! Its NEVER too late! Don't miss this opportunity to spend time with your friends and celebrate life and love! Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago Chastity Education Initiative. For more information call: Henry and Carol Potrykus (847) 356-3042. For more information on Jason Evert, go to: http://www.catholic.com/seminars/evert.asp

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week's discussion of the permanent diaconate and its restoration will lead inevitably to questions about "deaconesses," something certainly under study as historians and liturgists research our tradition's treasures. Today, there are some settings in which women are entrusted with pastoral administration and have been called to preach and to officiate at weddings. Lay people can lead the funeral rites and daily prayer. Yet the question of ordination to the diaconate for women is complex. Yes, we have had deaconesses in our tradition. We know that they assisted with the baptism of women, and that ministries were entrusted to them. We also know that some early church councils took care to call them lay persons, and specifically forbade ordination. What confuses the picture is that they may have been the wives of deacons, who, like the wives of priests and bishops, were expected to serve the community as exemplars of the Christian life. Long after deaconesses disappeared, their ministry was treasured and carried on by religious women in consecrated life. It is clear that one of our greatest treasures is the vibrant engagement of women in ministry over the centuries. What is not as clear is where our questions will lead. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council is looking for new members. We are in need of a Recording Secretary and general members to fill vacant terms. We also are in the process of reforming our Four Parish Commissions. The Commissions are Parish Life, Human Concerns, Spiritual Life, and Education. By serving on the PPC, and/or the Commissions we are able to spread the Gospel to our sisters and brothers in the parish community. If you are interested in serving on the PPC and/or one of the Commissions, please call Rosa at the parish office 1-847-473-4079. The next PPC meeting is Thursday August 24, commisions meet at 6:30pm, council meets at 7:15pm

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

Would you like to support the parish community in a powerful way without leaving home and without writing a check? We invite you to join our Ministers of Praise Team — everyday people who commit to pray everyday. Each month our Ministers of Praise receive a letter with prayer praises, concerns, and a list of our sick and other requesting prayers. The Ministers of Praise pray daily from the letter in their own homes and at a time convenient for them. The power of prayer — experience it and share it! To join the Ministers of Praise, contact Joni Geer Sell, Parish Nurse at 1-847-473-4079 ext 107 or place a note in the offering.

SHARE FOOD

Pick up date will be Saturday, August 26 from 8:30-10:30am. Please contact Deacon Gary Munda at 1-847-623-3240 if you have any questions.

SUNDAY PRAYER

"Those who seek the Lord want for no good thing," says today's Psalm. But in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should "give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED

We as the parish staff want to keep in touch with our parishioners. However, it cannot be assumed that we know what is happening. Please keep us informed when parishioners are hospitalized, or homebound. You can call the parish office anytime 1-847-473-4079 ext 107 and leave a message for our parish nurse, Joni Geer Sell, or drop a note in the offertory or mail slot at the rectory. If you are acting on another's person's behalf, please ask for their permission to do so.

Youth Choir -- If interested (ages 9-16) in joining a Queen of Peace youth choir please call the rectory office at 1-847-473-4079 ext 104 and leave a message for our Music Minister, Jeff Johnson.

August 15 – Frances Lynch, 92
August 18 – Estelle Kerpan, 95
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.