SILVER JUBILEE

of

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Horseshoe Bay, Texas

December 9, 2007 Mass at 4:00 PM.

Celebrated by
Most Reverend Bishop Gregory M. Aymond
Priests and Deacons

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St. Paul the Apostle Church 2001 Dalton Circle Horseshoe Bay, Texas 78657

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Dear Parishioners, Friends and Benefactors of St. Paul the Apostle Church,

Today we assemble on top of Thanksgiving Mountain, to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the dedication of the first House of worship that was erected by the Christian Community in Horseshoe Bay. We gather in Thanksgiving to God, for all the Blessings that He, in His goodness, has bestowed on this community.

The Church in these parts had a very humble beginning. The first Mass, Celebrated by the immortal Father Dalton, on June 25, 1972, had a congregation of nine people. By the time the Church was ready for use, 10 years later, the congregation of worshipers had grown so large, there was need for three services, two for the Catholic worshipers and one for those of other denominations.

The building and dedication of a new Church, is always a thrilling advance in the mission of the Church; a new spiritual home for the children of God, a new house of God, where Christ dwells as our neighbor and friend, a new source of saving truths and redeeming graces.

Today as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Church's ministry, we fondly recall, and express our thanks to those most responsible for its existence, viz. Father Walter Dalton C.S.P., and Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hurd. Without the inspiration and hard work of the former, and without the foresight, the generosity and the constant encouragement of the latter, our beautiful Church might never have become a reality. Together with these stalwarts, we want to thank all of those original worshipers, the People of God, of many faiths, who through their faithful and generous giving, and their sheer good will, have left us a legacy to be proud of.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Rev. Peter Higgins

Pastor

this

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place.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Let us pray: 0 God, our Father in heaven, by your Word all things were made holy. Send forth your Blessing on this Advent wreath, and grant that we who use it, may prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of your Son Jesus Christ. May we receive from you many graces and blessings for our families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Second Week

O Lord, stir up our hearts to prepare the way for your Onlybegotten Son, so that by the light of his coming on earth we may serve you always with pure intentions. You who lives and reigns world without end. Amen

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

GREETING

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy [Choir]

Lord, Have mercy

May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins. and bring us to everlasting life. AMEN

Opening Prayer

Let us pray: [that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with joy]

God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us, from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom, and become one with him, when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Sunday, December 9, 2007 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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READING I

Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

He shall judge the poor with justice.

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,

and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:

a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

a spirit of counsel and of strength,

a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.

Not by appearance shall he judge,

nor by hearsay shall he decide,

but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted.

He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.

Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.

Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;

the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.

The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest;

the lion shall eat hay like the ox.

The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.

There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.

On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations,

the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Sunday, December 9, 2007

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

 $R7.\ (See\ 7)$ Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

All: R7. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice

and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R7. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

Justice shall flower in his days,

and profound peace, till the moon be no more.

May he rule from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

$\ensuremath{R\!\!\!/}$. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.

He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

Ry. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

May his name be blessed forever;

as long as the sun his name shall remain.

In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

R7. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

READING II

Romans 15:4-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Christ saves everyone.

Brothers and sisters:

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written:

Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Luke 3:4, 6

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R7. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: al! flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R7. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight his paths.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves. 'We have Abraham as our father.'

For I tell you.

God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn. but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

THE ORDER OF MASS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

After the homily, the profession of faith is said on Sundays and solemnities; it may also be said in solemn local celebrations. 1

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

All bow during these two lines:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glori ed. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Dedication (or Anniversary of Dedication) of a Church

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Presiding Minister

Blessed are all gathered to offer prayers in this holy house of God's people.

Leader

- A That the varied buildings housing God's people at prayer welcome and shelter all whom God calls, we pray to the Lord:
- B That all human beings in every land be loved and respected as living temples of God, we pray to the Lord:
- C That those who build the house of God's people—architects, artists and construction workers—mirror God's love for creation, we pray to the Lord:

That all who keep God's house
—sacristans, altar society members and maintenance workers—mirror God's infinite care,
we pray to the Lord:

D	That members of this assembly, united with all creation
	will ever worship God in spirit and truth,
	we pray to the Lord:

Presiding Minister

Holy God, we gather in this place of sacred worship, longing for the heavenly home you have prepared for those who love you. May our praise give you glory forever through Christ our Lord.



PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren ...

Lord,
we are nothing without you.
As you sustain us with your mercy,
receive our prayers and offerings.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ADVENT I

THE TWO COMINGS OF CHRIST

This preface is said in the Masses of the season from the first Sunday of Advent to December 16 and in other Masses celebrated during this period which have no preface of their own.

Priest:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Priest:

Lift up your hearts.

People:

We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Rather, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

When he humbled himself to come among us as a man, he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago and opened for us the way to salvation.

Now we watch for the day, hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours when Christ our Lord will come again in his glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION RITE LORD'S PRAYER

Stand

Priest: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

Priest and people: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
People: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit your death brought life to the world.

By your holy body and blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to your teaching, and never let me be parted from you.

Or

Lord Jesus Christ, with faith in your love and mercy I eat your body and drink your blood. Let it not bring me condemnation, but health in mind and body.

Priest: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Priest and people (once only):

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

(Yo Soy el Pan de Vida)

Suzanne Toolan, RSM



Verses

Grace (choir)

Lord, as I seek Your guidance for the day,
I find my thoughts unyielding, confusion crowds my way:
But then when I bow to You, the challenges You guide me through,
Your promises are ever new, I claim them for today.

Your will cannot lead me where Your grace will not keep me, Your hand will protect me. I rest in your care. Your eyes will watch over, me, Your love will forgive me, and when I am faltering, I still will find You there.

Each new day's design is charted by Your hand and graciously revealed as I seek Your master plan. Keep my footsteps faithful when from You I go. Return me to the joy that Your blessings can bestow.

Your will cannot lead me where Your grace will not keep me,
Your hand will protect me. I rest in Your care.
Your eyes will watch over me, Your love will forgive me,
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Communion Rite

Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. (Bar 5:5; 4:36)

A period of silence may be observed after communion, or a psalm or song of praise may be sung.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Father, you give us food from heaven. By our sharing in this mystery, teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and to love the things of heaven. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.

After the greeting, the deacon (or in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people while he sings or says:

Lord,
have mercy on your people.
Grant us in this life the good things
that lead to the everlasting life you prepare for us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. P. Amen.

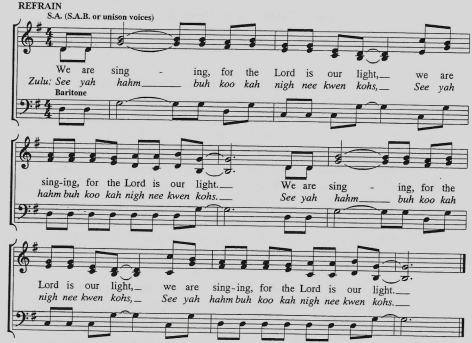
For other texts of solemn blessings and prayers over the people, see pages 569-583.

We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light

CONGREGATIONAL PART

Zulu Text to "Siyahamba" Free paraphrase of Zulu text in English and additional text by HAL H. HOPSON Verses based on Psalm 27:1-4

Based on the South African Freedom Song SIYAHAMBA Arranged by HAL H. HOPSON



REFRAIN (Choir only)

CHOIR

1. We are singing,

Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light. We are singing,

Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light. The Lord is the strength of our lives;

of whom shall we be afraid?

Though foes may be near to destroy;

the Lord may be our light.

REFRAIN (Congregation joins)

CHOIR

2. We are singing,

Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light. We are singing,

Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light. One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek: To dwell in the house of the Lord,

to live with God forever.

REFRAIN (Congregation joins)

CHOIR

3. We are singing,

Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light. We are singing.

Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light. When burdens are heavy to bear,

our shelter is God alone.

Our feet are lifted high, yes, high upon a rock.

REFRAIN (Congregation joins)

CHOIR

4. We are singing,

Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light. We are singing,

Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light. We walk in the strength of the Lord,

God's love is ever sure. We shout that the world may hear,

we sing a joyful song. REFRAIN (Congregation joins)