

# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY





Seek the well-being of the city to which I have sent you. Pray for it to the Lord. For in seeking its well-being, you shall find your own. Jeremiah 29:7

16TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME
JULY 22, 2018

MASS TIMES Saturday 5:00pm

**Sunday** 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am 4:30, 6:30pm

Monday-Friday 7:00am and Noon Saint Joseph Chapel

#### Nursery Available Sunday 9:30am Mass for children through

Mass for children through age 4.

#### Accessibility

Center East bronze doors and ground level doors for accessible entrance. Wheelchairs available upon request.

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## HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

In January 2018, I was blessed to travel to South Africa with Basilica parishioners. We went with an openness to listen and learn from the experiences of the people in that beautiful

country. Before we left, we prepared by studying the history of South Africa. It is a troubling history—yet we came to see it held many similarities to our own.

As we learned about the principles and laws underlying apartheid, we also learned about injustice imbedded in the creation of the Constitution of the United States and residual implications of oppression today. Indeed, racial segregation and the abuse of power knows no bounds.

As we traveled throughout South Africa, two concurrent themes appeared. First, we were continually inspired by the strength of the black South African community. Coming out from under the oppressive apartheid government, a powerful new Constitution was created along with many intentional opportunities for healing and reconciliation. The country embarked on a journey of truth



telling and transformation—a monumental paradigm shift. This required courage on both sides, and a willingness to build trust.

At the same time, we were challenged to see how many of the same oppressive realities are being experienced in the United States. We were invited to open our eyes to see how injustice is manifested in our communities. How are we responding? What are we doing to build trust and repair centuries of abuse? In short, we were challenged to see the log in our own eye, before we became fixated on the speck in our bother's eye—as challenged in Matthew 7:5.

One inspiring model for action comes from The Institute of Healing Memories in Cape Town, founded by Fr. Michael Lapsley. In 1973, at the height of apartheid repression, Fr. Lapsley spoke out on behalf of school children who were being shot, detained and tortured. He was expelled from South Africa, yet continued his resistance as a chaplain in the African National Congress. In 1990, a faction of the South African government sent him a letter bomb hidden inside two religious magazines. He lost both hands and the sight of one eye, and was seriously burned.

Guided by faith and a commitment to justice, Fr. Lapsley returned to South African and immersed himself in the work of healing and reconciliation. In 1998 he founded the







# THIS WEEK

#### SUNDAY, JULY 22

Guided tours after 9:30 and 11:30am Mass.

#### MONDAY, JULY 23

9:30am SVdP Shoe Ministry

#### TUESDAY, JULY 24

9:30am SVdP Outreach Ministry 9:45am Scripture from Scratch Bi

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Study

10:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00pm Lector Practice\*

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

9:00am SVdP Sandwich Ministry 9:30am SVdP Outreach Ministry 10:00am Scripture from Scratch Bible

Study

#### THURSDAY, JULY 26

9:15am Morning Prayer

9:30am SVdP Outreach Ministry

6:00pm Pathways

7:30pm BYA Bible Study

#### FRIDAY, JULY 27

10:00am Centering Prayer

5:00pm Wedding

#### SATURDAY, JULY 28

9:00am Reconciliation 9:30am SVdP Shoe Ministry

3:00pm Wedding 7:30pm AA Meeting

\*Registration/tickets/audition required

Institute for Healing of Memories. Holding the belief that healing can only happen when the stories of people are respected and heard, the Institute facilitates healing of memory workshops throughout the world—working with groups affected by political violence, refugees and asylum seekers, prisoners and war veterans.

"Everyone has a story to tell and every story needs to be heard, acknowledged, and respected. This is the first step to personal healing as well as healing of interpersonal relationships. By exploring and acknowledging the emotional wounds carried by nations, communities and individuals, this work enables people from diverse backgrounds to confront sources of alienation and conflict."

The Institute of Healing Memories invites us into healing action in our own community. We are challenged to listen to one another—to reach out and hear the experience and pain of our brothers and sisters. Letting go of defensiveness, we are invited to listen, to build solidarity across race, class, ideology, gender, generation and other potential conflict lines—and then take action.

There are many ways you can be part of this healing work at The Basilica. Consider being part of our Emmaus Listening Ministry, working with our Immigrant Support Ministry, supporting our work as a Sanctuary Supporting Congregation with The Ascension Church or joining our efforts toward racial reconciliation. As we encounter one another honestly, we can work for justice and build peace.

### **ONE-WAY STREET**

#### N 17TH STREET BECOMING A ONE-WAY STREET

Starting in early August, N 17th Street will permanently become a one-way street directed North from the traffic circle around the corner to Laurel W Ave directed East. You will no longer be able to enter Laurel Ave W from the East.

The Basilica's safety and facilities teams have been working with the City of Minneapolis and MNDOT for approval to make N 17th Street a one-way street permanently. Restricting the traffic to one direction will improve safety and traffic flow on our campus.

The street has been temporarily directed as one-way for Christmas and Easter for the past several years and provides a great improvement for the people and cars on the road. It is especially beneficial in the winter months when snow and ice limit the road space.

The new signs will be posted in late July and the Minneapolis Police Department will be helping us to implement and monitor the new traffic flow on Sundays.

Please help us improve safety and traffic flow on our campus and adhere to the new one-way direction. Our parishioners who are familiar with the campus will help provide a great example for those visiting The Basilica. Thank you for your cooperation!