

AUGUST 7, 2022
**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Faith requires patience, perseverance, and preparedness.

The first reading recalls the Passover – the last of the 10 plagues visited by God on the Egyptians and the most destructive of them all. It was the one that finally convinced Pharaoh not only to let God’s people go, but actually to force them out.

God’s chosen people had been slaves in Egypt for more than 400 years, each generation saying the same prayer, waiting on God to free them and bring them home. God’s people awaited the salvation of the just and the punishment of their adversaries. Not only did they patiently wait on the Lord to fulfill his promise, but they also actively prepared for their departure and the journey home.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews defines faith as the realization of what is hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. He cites Abraham, “Our Father in Faith,” as the preeminent example. When God told Abraham to do anything, he did it – without question, comment, or delay. This included leaving his home, never to come back again; waiting on the Lord to make him and Sarah parents even though they were well beyond child-bearing years; and the willingness to sacrifice his son to God, knowing that God’s ways are above his own. Abraham was patient. Abraham persevered. Abraham was prepared.

These are all traits Jesus desired for his Apostles and disciples, telling them, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. Like the children of Israel living as slaves in a foreign land, we must be patient when waiting on the Lord to answer prayer. Like Abraham, we must persevere in listening for God and doing what he asks of us. Like Jesus, we must be prepared for the hour, making sure we are found busy doing the master’s bidding when he returns for us. Much is expected of us, in accordance with what we have been given, and those expectations are carried out within a vibrant life of faith.



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM 10:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES	9:00 AM 7:00 PM
CONFESSIONS	4:00-4:30 PM, SATURDAY OR BY APPOINTMENT

ST. PAUL’S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday	August 6
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass: Living and Deceased Parishioners
Sunday	August 7
8:00 AM	Mass: Anthony Kachanis (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Richard Rotondo (RIP)
Monday	August 8
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Dora Stewart (RIP)
Wednesday	August 10
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Living & Deceased Members of the Wodziak & Tarsa Families
Friday	August 12
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory
NEXT WEEKEND’S MASS INTENTIONS	
5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Mass: Clodomiro Gabrielle (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
 A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

St. Paul's 50th Anniversary

Sunday, October 2nd, will be the celebration of The Holy Mass at 10AM with Bishop Tobin presiding over the Eucharist for us! Luncheon will follow at Foster Country Club.

Tickets are available this weekend. \$15 adults, children under 12 FREE! There will be a limited amount of tickets so be sure to get yours early.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

As part of our 50th Anniversary celebration, we will be honoring all couples of the parish who are celebrating a milestone anniversary this year. Please let the office know if you are observing your 10th, 20th, 25th, 40th, 50th and Over 50 years wedding anniversary in 2022!

Knights of Columbus Booth FOHD

Thank you to all those who stopped by to say hello and enjoyed some delicious grilling by the Knights of Columbus.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

'Hope and Healing Support Group'

The Office of Life and Family Ministry of the Diocese of Providence is offering a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Hope and Healing Support Group on Saturday, August 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Pius V Church, 240 Eaton St., Providence. This support group is specifically designed for women who have gone through a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

For more info contact Lisa Cooley at email lcooley@dioceseofprovidence.org. or 401-278-2518 or All inquiries confidential.

Second Collection - Aug 6/7

This week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection – July 30/31
\$2,816.00

Thank you for your support!



Gospel of Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Then Peter said, "Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?" And the Lord replied, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so.... Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

Questions of the Week

For Children: Jesus tells us to always be ready to hear him. What are some ways that he speaks to us?

For Youth: If Jesus were to knock on your door today and give you a report card on your life as His disciple, what grade would you get? Where would be your areas for improvement?

For Adults: On a daily basis, what are some ways to keep yourself "ready for God to act?" How do you pay attention to God's often-less-than-obvious actions?



My Dear Parishioners,

As we are celebrating The National Eucharistic Revival, let us reflect upon The Teachings of The Church to receive The Holy Eucharist:

1. For correct participation in the Mass, please come on time and prepare yourself in silence and prayer. At the end of The Mass, please spend some time in prayer adoring and thanking The Eucharistic Lord and praying for all your needs.
2. To receive The Holy Eucharist worthily, you must be in the state of grace meaning without mortal sins. If you have sins in your soul, please go to confession and receive The Lord's Forgiveness and mercy. The Lord is always ready and willing to forgive our sins and give his graces abundantly.
3. You should be a Baptized Catholic to receive The Holy Eucharist. If you are not a Catholic and if you want to become a Catholic, you should undergo RCIA Program and be received into The Catholic Church liturgically. Please let us know and we are happy to help you.
4. You should have been married in the Catholic Church to receive The Holy Eucharist. If you are not married in the Catholic Church, please let us know and we are happy to help you.

Let us thank The Lord for the greatest gift of The Holy Eucharist and make the best use of The Eucharistic Revival to grow in a great love and devotion to The Holy Eucharist.

With my love, prayers and blessings always,

Fr. M. J. Bernard Doré

**Blessed the people
the Lord has chosen
to be his own .**

Psalm 33