

NOVEMBER 6, 2022
**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

As we near the end of the Church's liturgical year, the readings become more eschatological -- having to do with the end times. The main theme of today's readings is the reality of life after death and of the relationship between our lives on earth and the life of glory or punishment that will follow. The readings invite us to consider the true meaning of the Resurrection in our lives.

The first reading describes a Jewish family, consisting of a mother and her seven sons, who refused a Syrian command to eat pork, forbidden as "unclean" by Jewish Law. Because of their Faith in, and obedience to, God, they endure suffering and accept martyrdom. During their torture, three of the brothers speak, and each of them finds strength in the belief that he will eventually be raised and rewarded by God. The second reading encourages the Thesalonians who were waiting for the Parousia or the second coming of Christ, to trust in the fidelity of God who would strengthen their hearts in every good work and word. The same theme of the resurrection of the dead is the basis of the confrontation described in today's Gospel passage. In this confrontation, Jesus ingeniously escapes from a doctrinal trap set for him and explains the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead, supported by the Pharisees and denied by the Sadducees. Jesus speaks of God as the God of the living; he also explains that heavenly life with God in glory is totally different from earthly life, and that there is no marriage in heaven in the earthly sense.

We need to live as people of the Resurrection. This means that we are not to lie buried in the tomb of our sins and evil habits. Instead, we are to live joyful and peaceful lives, constantly experiencing the real Presence of the Risen Lord. In addition, the hope of our resurrection and eternal life with God gives us lasting peace and celestial joy amid the boredom and tension of our day-to-day lives. The awareness of the all-pervading Presence of the Spirit of the living God will help us to control our thoughts, desires, words and behavior. The salutary thought of our own resurrection and eternal glory, or eternal punishment, should also inspire us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits, and to respect those with whom we come in contact, rendering them loving and humble service.



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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	November 5
5:00 PM	Mass: Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday	November 6
8:00 AM	Mass: Cheryl Verchot (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Deceased Members of Ferrara Family

Monday	November 7
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Grandchildren of Mary O'Reilly

Wednesday	November 9
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Living and Deceased Members of the Wodziak & Tarsa Families

Friday	November 11
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS	
5:00 PM	Mass: James & Jeanne McGrath (RIP)
8:00 AM	Mass: Wilfred Knott (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Deceased Knights of Columbus

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
 A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

November / Holy Souls

My Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the month of November, let us remember all our beloved departed souls. This whole month is a very meaningful time of prayer. We pray being in communion with Saints. It is a special time to remember our dear departed and especially to pray for those souls who left with no one to pray for them. By offering the Masses, praying the Holy Rosary and doing acts of charity, let us intercede for all the souls in Purgatory. Let us pray for them to reach God and may they enjoy eternal bliss. All our beloved departed souls need our love, care, prayers and Holy Masses. Rest assured that they will be praying for us as and when they reach the right hand of our Heavenly Father.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them! Amen.

Fr. M.J. Bernard Doré

Commemoration the Departed

The month of November begins our commemoration of all the faithful departed. We would like to once again display photographs of our departed loved ones in church during the whole month. Remember to write names in commemorative book for our loved ones who have died.

Please bring your unframed photographs (smaller than 8 x 10) to the church office at your earliest convenience. Place them in an envelope labeled with your name and number so they can be returned to you.

Mass for Deceased St. Paul's Knights: Sunday, Nov. 13, at 10 AM

Mass for Recently Deceased Family & Friends: Sunday, Nov. 20, at 10AM

Anyone whose loved one has passed in the last year, please call the office to have them commemorated at this special Memorial Sunday Mass.

Thanksgiving Shopping Cards

We would like to help some of our parish families this Thanksgiving Season, if anyone would like to contribute a gift card from Stop & Shop or Big Y, would be appreciated.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Please return the bottles to church as soon as possible.

May the Good Lord Bless you many times over for your generosity.

K of C Winter Coat Drive

The Knights of Columbus are organizing this year's annual coat collection. Please donate clean coats in good condition. There is a drop off box in the entrance of the church.

Christmas Bazaar Raffle

SAVE THE DATE: December 3/4

Main Raffle Prizes:

- \$1000 gift card tree
- Amazon Fire TV 50" 4-Series 4K
- 50,000 BTU Gas Outdoor Fire Pit
- Inflatable Stand Up Paddleboard

We will be selling tickets after all masses this weekend.

We are still accepting:

- 'NEW' items for Penny Social
- Jewelry Boxes
- Hand Made Items.



Let's cook up some funds for St. Paul's. Every order placed between November 6th and December 4th a percentage of sales will benefit St. Paul's Church. More info to follow.

Second Collection—Nov 5/6

Our parish will take up Collection for Archdiocese for Military Services, USA (AMS), this weekend, a collection to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection – Oct 22/23
\$3,112.00

Thank you for your support!

The Holy Eucharist Our All

A Pledge of Life Everlasting

There is a magic word that never fails to open the doors of God's mercy; a mighty river that carries all who sail thereon unto the borders of the Promised Land. There is a spreading palm tree whose cooling shade protects the weary exile from the scorching heat of the noonday sun, a shining star that guides the wanderer to the wished-for goal. There is a heavenly dew that infuses new life into the limbs of the struggling pilgrim, a living tree whose wood sweetens the bitter waters of this valley of tears and reminds those who taste it of the heavenly Palestine. There is an unfailing Sacrifice whose clouds of incense ever soar aloft and spend themselves before the throne of the Most High.

This magic word, this mighty river, this spreading palm tree, this unfailing Sacrifice is the **Holy Eucharist**.

The Holy Eucharist! Let those who will seek a more sure pledge against death— there is none to be found. "Heaven and earth shall pass," said He who spoke as never man spoke. "Heaven and earth shall pass, but my words shall not pass." (Matt. 24:35). Non of His words will pass away, and what is more: "If any man eat of this bread he shall live forever." (John 6:52)

With this unfailing promise enshrined in our hearts, our eyes shall look calmly even upon death itself. They power, O Death, is broken! The Holy Eucharist has vanquished thee. "O death, where is thy victory? O death, where thy sting?" (1 Cor. 15:55)

~ Fr. Lukas Etlin, O.S.B.

2022 Faith Formation

Thanks to those who attended our Family Catechism meetings last weekend. If you have not registered and would like to participate please do so online: stpaulsfoster.org/faith. If you already have books please begin the at-home lessons online. Our first *2nd Sunday Family Meeting* is **Sunday, November 13 at 9am**.