

OCTOBER 16, 2022
**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Pray with confidence, like Moses.

The Exodus journey had barely begun before Moses and Israel were ambushed by the armies of Amalek at the oasis of Rephidim in the Sinai Desert. Historians believe the two armies were evenly matched. Victory came not at the hands of swords and spears that day, but in the upraised hands of Moses, calling out to God for help. When Moses' arms were raised, Israel was victorious. If his arms came down, the Amalek began to advance. Moses and Israel had to persevere. In placing their lives and their burdensome task in the hands of God, trusting in him completely to provide for their need, they didn't just win against their foe, they mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Moses, Joshua, and Israel showed the same kind of trust in the Lord that Saint Paul would recommend in his writing to the young Bishop of Crete, Timothy, when he said: Remain faithful to what you have learned . . . [and] be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient. This applies to our work, our prayer, and our petitions. Often people tend to give up after a few unsuccessful attempts, feeling a mix of despair and discouragement. God wants us to be so trusting in him that we will continue to lift our hearts in prayer even when all hope seems lost.

We are called upon to pray like Moses with our arms held high, calling out to God who alone can give us victory in the battle. When we become tired and put our hands down, the enemy begins to prevail. Moses had Aaron and Hur to prop up his arms. We have the Church, the sacraments, and each other.

In the Gospel parable, Jesus rewards persistence, patience, and perseverance. The judge kept resisting. The widow kept insisting. Like her, we must call out to God day and night, demonstrating our great need but also our greater trust in him. "Shouldn't once be enough if God is all-powerful?" some may ask. God is all-powerful. We are not. We keep asking so that we can condition ourselves to see God as the source of all life and every blessing, and the only One who can answer our cries for help.

Jesus asks, When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? Our Lord was asking that question at a time in history when very few people believed in the one God. The world was pagan, and their deities were many, covering everything from agriculture to astronomy. History is repeating itself, as more and more people call themselves spiritual but not religious, and atheism is the fastest growing religious group in America. Like Moses, it is time for us once more to raise up our hands and arms, our voices and hearts to God, trusting in him to see us through and to bring us home.



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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	October 15
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass: Living and Deceased Parishioners
Sunday	October 16
8:00 AM	Mass: Richard Cooley (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Albert Varatta (RIP)
Monday	October 17
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass:
Wednesday	October 19
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Grandchildren of Mary O'Reilly
Friday	October 21
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: Robert Carnevale (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
 A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

October– Month of Holy Rosary

My Dear Parishioners,
Greetings and prayers. The Month of October is devoted to The Holy Rosary very specially. At Fatima, Our Blessed Mother revealed herself as Our Lady of The Holy Rosary and asked all her children to pray The Holy Rosary daily for peace in the world. After the Holy Mass, The Holy Rosary is the most powerful and greatest prayer. Just see the world, increase in the Persecutions of Christians in different parts of the world, increase in the Natural Disasters like Hurricanes, Floods, Earth Quakes.

In this Month of October, let us renew our love and devotion to Our Blessed Mother Mary and go on our knees, by praying daily the Holy Rosary individually, as a Family and as a Parish, to stop all kinds and forms of violence and Natural Disasters and for peace in our hearts, Families, Parish, Community, Nation and the world and for The Triumph of Her Immaculate Heart soon.

With all my love, prayers and blessings always,

Yours lovingly in Jesus and Mary,
Fr. M.J. Bernard Doré

Special Collection—Oct 15/16

Hurricane Ian left a path of destruction in southwest Florida, trapping people in homes, flooding streets and buildings, knocking out power across the region. The storm is one of the strongest hurricanes ever to hit the US. Funds raised will be directed to Catholic Charities USA, and will provide much needed support—including shelter, food, water, medical care, long-term recovery efforts, and other humanitarian needs—to those impacted by the disaster. Catholic Charities USA will direct 100 percent of funds raised through this effort to its agencies that are working with residents impacted by Hurricane Ian.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection – Oct 8/9
\$3,478.00

Monthly 2nd Collection – Oct 8/9
\$ 2,249.00

Thank you for your support!



Eternal Rest and Perpetual Light!

Cheryl Bradbury Verchot, Joan Bradbury's daughter passed away on October 6. Her funeral was here at St. Paul's at 11AM this past Wednesday, Please pray for her rest in God's mercy and for comfort of her family.

Your Prayer Is Appreciated

Dear Friends,
This weekend I will be with fellow deacons for our yearly retreat. Please pray for us as I pray for you.

Thank you—Deacon Fernando

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Please take a bottle home and fill it with your spare coins (cash /checks are also much appreciated) and return the bottle to church by October 30th. Your generosity helps Right to Life Services. May the Good Lord Bless you many times over for your generosity.

Fifth Sunday Rosary for Families

The St. Paul Council, Knights of Columbus invites all families to join us and our families in praying the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament after the 10AM Mass on **Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022** followed Benediction.

Please join us in asking for Mary's intercession for an end to abortion in our country and the world, for peace in our families and country, for an end to pandemic & healing of all affected.

Commemoration of Our Beloved Deceased

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. We will also continue with the commemorative book of names 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 that they can be returned to you.

The Holy Eucharist Our All

A Most Encouraging Revelation

That Our Lord desires us to ask Him for many and great graces He revealed to **St. Mechtilde** in a clear and wonderful manner. Once when she was overwhelmed with fear before God and considered herself unworthy of His Divine mercy, she seemed to hear the Heavenly Gather speak: "Go to the Mother of My Son and ask her to give thee her Child with all the treasures with which I gave Him to her and to the whole world for its salvation."

The Saint found the Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in the crib; and He said to her, "Behold, as soon as I had entered the world, My Mother bound Me in swathing bands, so that I could move neither hands nor feet. Thereby, My Heavenly Father wished to indicate: '**Come, draw near**, and take of the treasures which this little Child has brought from Heaven, for since a newborn infant, whose hands and feet are closely bound, cannot defend itself, everything may be taken away.'

"And again, when in death I left this world, the executioners fastened My hands and feet with iron nails to the Cross; and My Father seemed to say, '**Come draw near**, and take the treasures which My Divine Son merited for you by His life, Passion and death. For whoever is thus fastened hands and feet with nails cannot restrain anyone from depriving him of his property.'

"And here in the Blessed Sacrament I have deposited all the merits of My earthly life, Passion and death: all My goods, Divine and human. Therefore men may come confidently and **take away what is Mine**; for it is My desire that they make use of My goods for their salvation and merit." Oh, that the children of men would understand this heavenly language!

Now, since the Most Blessed Sacrament is the inexhaustible fountain of all graces and since **Jesus himself invites us** so lovingly, let us frequently approach and draw therefrom. Yes, let us leave our heart there always and sink it deep into Love's Fountain, that it may become filled and overflow with the waters of Divine grace.

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