

OCTOBER 30, 2022  
**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré**

When we seek to know Jesus, we discover how much he is seeking to know us.

Zacchaeus hears about Jesus, it's clear that Jesus had become a "must see" kind of person. The miracles and healings Jesus performed had gained him quite a following, so much so that Zacchaeus was unable to find a decent sight-line in the crowd. Undeterred by his lack of height, he was determined to get a good look at Jesus and so he resolutely obtained a bird's eye view in a now-famous sycamore tree.

Even though Jesus originally intended to pass through Jericho, he could not resist staying with the tax collector. Once Zacchaeus opened his heart to seek the Lord, Jesus revealed his desire to seek him out. The key was that Zacchaeus made himself visible to Jesus. Rather than hide from Jesus because of his sins or shortcomings, he placed himself fully in the sight of the Savior.

Like Zacchaeus, we are called to seek out Jesus, knowing that he is also seeking us. This mutual "seeking" is what produces a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. When we seek out Jesus in prayer and the sacraments, we come to know him personally and allow him to know us personally. In prayer, we allow ourselves to be seen by him and have our lives transformed by his closeness to us. Jesus isn't content with us watching him from a distance. He calls out to us and says, Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house. Even if we have a sinful past like Zacchaeus, Jesus' desire to stay with us remains the same.

It's so important to recognize Jesus' desire for us and – at the same time – our desire for him. These mutual desires are each gifts of God, so that we might fulfill our created purpose for union with him. When we come to celebrate the Mass, these mutual desires are profoundly met in the reception of holy Communion. And one day these desires will be fully realized for all eternity – when our joy at seeing Jesus face to face will be surpassed only by his joy at seeing us.



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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**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 29</b>
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass: Living and Deceased Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 30</b>
8:00 AM	Mass:
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Anthony Lena (RIP)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 31</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Diane Neri (RIP)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 1</b>
9:00 AM	Mass: Healing of Paul Vanner
7:00 PM	Mass:
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 2</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Deceased Members of Parish
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 4</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory
9:30—10:30 AM	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS**

5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Mass: Cheryl Verchot (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Deceased Members of Ferrara Family

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING  
 A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

## All Saints Day– November 1

This year, the Solemnity of All Saints' is Tuesday, November 1, a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses will be celebrated at 9AM and 7PM.

## All Souls Day—November 2

Wednesday Nov. 2nd, 9AM Mass will be celebrated for the Deceased Members of the parish.

## 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. Remember to write names in the 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.

## 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, today, **Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022** followed Benediction.

## Congratulations & God's Blessing

Please add to your prayers of thanksgiving and petition, **Lauren Hallberg and Chris Skerritt**, who celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony this week at St. Paul's. May they be strengthened by the Holy Spirit's gifts of faith, hope and love.

### GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection – Oct 22/23  
**\$3,218.00**

World Mission Sunday – Oct 22/23  
**\$ 470.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

## 2022 Faith Formation

We have scheduled two meeting dates to kick off this year's catechism program. To prepare your child to receive First Communion, or Confirmation, or have your child take part in Catechism Classes, please attend one of the following meetings:

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**Sat. October 29 6:15 – 6:45 PM**

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**Sun. October 30 11:15 – 11:45 AM**

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We will meet in the church to answer questions, hand out catechism books and lesson schedules, and review the following plan:

- Using catechism books and online resources at home
- Meeting in person on the 2nd Sunday of each month with children and families
- Choosing a flexible schedule to meet with young people seeking Confirmation
- Offering a Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10AM Mass

**RSVP online: [stpaulsfoster.org/faith](http://stpaulsfoster.org/faith)** so we have enough books on hand

## Help Fill Thanksgiving Baskets

We are collecting food items in order to prepare Thanksgiving Food Baskets. **Please drop off all items by Sunday, November 6.** A list of items is on the bulletin board.

## Baby Bottle Boomerang

**Please return the bottles to church by this weekend, October 30th.**

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

## Second Collection—Nov 5/6

Our parish will take up Collection for Archdiocese for Military Services, USA (AMS), next 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.

## The Holy Eucharist Our All

### The Mystery of Faith

How is it that so many Christians who assist even daily at Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion are, nevertheless, so cold, indifferent and full of distractions when they are in church before the Tabernacle?

It is because their faith is so weak that it does not deserve the name "faith." True, they believe that Jesus is present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, but they are not penetrated by the presence of God in such a manner as to feel themselves drawn to the Tabernacle when they enter the church. Their conduct in church and the way in which they make the genuflection show clearly their weakness and lack faith, typical of many Catholics.

Souls who are well grounded in faith on earth should bear a close resemblance to the Blessed in Heaven. What the Blessed in Heaven behold unveiled, the same we will behold on earth in the light of faith, if we are penetrated with a lively sense of the presence of God.

Lack of a lively faith in the Holy Eucharist is the reason lukewarm Catholics lose their faith and turn their backs upon the Church. We shall never be able to lead a spiritual life and attain to familiarity with God, nor draw abundant fruits from Holy Communion, if the virtue of faith is wanting. And alas, how many are lacking in a firm lively faith!

O Faith, thou marvelous virtue! O sublime virtue, how little art thou known! Oh, let us pray for a most fervent, lively faith! Then will the Holy Eucharist be our life and our All, and our souls will be enriched with heavenly treasures. The just man lives by faith. Experience has proved that lukewarmness in devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament precedes indifference to the practice of one's holy obligation.

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