

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Let us help others find the path toward life.

In writing to the Romans, Paul says that the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. He is reiterating the teaching of Christ, indeed, his greatest commandment. The commandment to love – inclusive of one another, oneself, and God – is found in all four of the Gospels.

Jesus is the love of God made flesh. He came out of love for love. He came to save us, to make us whole again, to make us holy. The love that Jesus commands, and that Jesus lives, is not a set of warm or fuzzy feelings. It is a profound willing of our good, and a selfless desire that we be who we are made to be.

This is the love we also are commanded to live. We are asked to will – to want, to seek, to make happen – the good of those God puts around us. This is not always easy, and it is not always pleasant. We see examples of this in both the reading from Ezekiel and in our Gospel.

The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that he will be held responsible for the death of the wicked if he does not speak out to dissuade him. In the Gospel, then, Jesus gives instructions on how we should correct those who sin against us; how to raise our voices against wickedness, speaking out and speaking up when we see others living apart from God. To do so is to love, and it is a commandment.

Yet, before this clarion call leads us too far, we must remember what is perhaps the most uncomfortable reality of this law of love. Jesus makes it clear that we are not asked to do this from afar – e.g., from behind computer screens or behind backs – but one-on-one at first and always face to face. We are called to be present, to correct [our] brother who has sinned against us in person. We are called to be in relationship – to know of this sin in the first place because it is “against us” – because we are close.

Call it tough love, accountability, charitable or fraternal correction, or even speaking the truth in love, as Saint Paul says elsewhere (Ephesians 4:15). It is a love that truly desires the good of the other, and will intervene out of love for the sake of another’s salvation – just as the Father did in sending his Son.

Ultimately, the one who chooses evil over good has forged his own path toward death. But in following the command to love one another in the ways just described, we can help others find the path toward life. And Christ, who is present here in this sacrament, gives us the grace to do just that.



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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	September 9
8:30 AM	Men's Coffee & Gospel
5:00 PM	Mass: Living & Deceased Parishioners
Sunday	September 10
8:00 AM	Mass: Mass of Thanksgiving
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: The Matterese Family (RIP)
Monday	September 11
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Healing for Fr. Laporte
6:30 PM	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday	September 13
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Living & Deceased Members of the Wodziak & Tarsa Families
Friday	September 15
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Mass: Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Mass: Therese Trofi (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Marie Tetreault (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
 A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

2023 Catechism Classes

We have mailed out Catechism registration forms for the 2023-34 session. If you have a child entering first grade, or if you are new to St. Paul's, please call or email the office.

On Sunday October 1, there will be a Family Meeting at 9am to discuss this year's catechism program. Families will receive the class schedule and catechism books. This will be followed by the 10AM Mass in which your young people will take part.

Catechism Registration Sponsor

Would you consider sponsoring a child in the Catechism program? If you are willing to be a sponsor, take a card from the bulletin board and fill it out and we will follow up with more information. Thank you!

Sr Priest Retirement Sept 16/17

After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living, or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many who have served faithfully for many years in ministry – some of whom continue to serve well after their 'retirement.'

At Masses on September 16-17, our parish will join others throughout the Diocese in a special second collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. The collection is also our way of saying "thank you" for that service. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, visit www.srpriestri.com. Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection – Sept 2/3
\$2,862.00

Monthly 2nd Collection – Sept 2/3
\$1,912.00

Thank you for your support!

Save the date: September 16 End of Summer Parish Picnic

sponsored by Council 95 Knights of Columbus. Saturday, September 16 at 6PM after the 5PM Mass, followed by a parish community bonfire. Council 95 will cook burgers, hot dogs, clam chowder, assorted salads, dessert, soda and water. Along with a bonfire, there will be games for the kids. Catechism families can bring their registrations and pick up a program schedule. All parishioners and their families are invited. As a thank you to our parishioners there is no charge for this. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex after Mass so we can get a head count.

Raindate: September 23

Silver Rose Prayer Service

Next weekend, Sunday, September 17 after the 10am Mass, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Silver Rose prayer service, which will include Rosary and Benediction of Blessed Sacrament. This will take the place of the 4th Sunday Eucharistic Adoration this month.

The Beauty and Truth of Catholic Teaching on End-of-Life Issues

Peter J. Colosi, PhD, Associate Prof. of Philosophy at Salve Regina University, and guest speakers, Dr./Deacon Timothy Flanigan, MD, Tracy Laignon, Esq., Chris Dilorio, and Fr. Bob Bailey, will present a series of three talks discussing the fullness of Catholic teaching on suffering, death, and dying, and will explain the false premises of the pro-euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide movements. This series will help us to better understand and carry out Christ's mandate to care for the sick and dying in a manner that honors God and respects the dignity of persons.

Dates are **October 5, 12, 19 - 7- 8:30 pm** at **St. Philip Church Parish Center**, 622 Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI.

Cost is \$15 per person. Please go to this link for more info on how to register: <https://www.saintphilipreled.com/deeper-discipleship-for-adults.html> or contact Veronica Plante, Director of Religious Education at 401-949-0330 or reled@saintphilip.com.

12 Quotes That Will Change the Way You Attend Holy Mass

1. When the Eucharist is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the divine victim immolated on the altar. ~ St. John Chrysostom
2. The angels surround and help the priest when he is celebrating Mass. ~ St. Augustine
3. The best time to ask and obtain favors from God is the time of the Elevation." ~ St. John Bosco
4. The celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross. ~ St Thomas Aquinas
5. St. Teresa was over whelmed with God's Goodness and asked Our Lord "How can I thank you?" Our Lord replied, "ATTEND ONE MASS."
6. "My Son so loves those who assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that, if it were necessary He would die for them as many times as they've heard Masses." ~ Our Lady to Blessed Alan.
7. When we receive Holy Communion, we experience something extraordinary – a joy, a fragrance, a well-being that thrills the whole body and causes it to exalt~ St Jean Vianney
8. There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us. ~ Saint Jean Vianney
9. Be eager to go to Mass on weekdays also, even if it costs a sacrifice. Our Lord will reward you with His Blessings and make you succeed in your undertakings ~ St. Don Bosco
10. When we have been to Holy Communion, the balm of love envelops the soul as the flower envelops the bee. ~ St Jean Vianney
11. It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass. ~ St. Pio of Pietrelcina
12. If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy.~ St Jean Vianney