

MARCH 7, 2021  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Conversion is the main theme of Lent. Because of His unconditional love and Divine Mercy, God invites us to conversion, very specially, during this season of Lent. He has given us His Commandments for our good and guidance.

Many times, we fail to keep them. Let us ask his forgiveness.

In The First Reading, God gives The Ten Commandments as The basis of The Religious Life of The Chosen People of The Old Testament. They are still the foundation of the spiritual life of all of us, Christians. The Ten Commandments can be summed up in two, Love of God and Love of Neighbor.

In The Second Reading, St. Paul tells us that Christ is The Power of God and The Wisdom of God, for those on the way to salvation in Christ.

The Gospel speaks of The Cleansing of The Temple of Jerusalem. Jesus calls the temple his Father's House, signifying a special relationship with God the Father. First, The Temple is a place of worship, not a market-place. We should remember that our Church is a house of God and a house of prayer and worship. That is why we should always behave in our Churches with respect and reverence. We should also remember that Jesus is truly, really, bodily and sacramentally present in The Tabernacle. Secondly, we are also The Temple of The Holy Spirit. We have to keep our bodies pure and holy, avoiding sins.

During this Season of Lent, more than ever God invites us for conversion. We have gone away from God's love and ways so many times. Let us sincerely feel sorry for our sins and pray to God for his grace so that we get reconciled with God and one another and remain always as The Living and pure Temple of God.

Lord, you have the  
words of everlasting life.

Psalms 119



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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

**ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 6</b>
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 7</b>
8:00 AM	Mass:
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Fr. John Paul (RIP)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 8</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Grandchildren of Mary O'Reilly
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 9</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Good Health of Allison
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 10</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Wodziak & Tarsa Family Members
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 11</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Healing for Cheryl Verchot
7:00 PM	Lenten Bible Study : Zoom Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 12</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory
9:30 AM	Stations of the Cross

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Mass: John Gould (RIP)

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Take advantage of these ways in which we can meet God's mercy this Lent at our parish:

### Daily Mass & Rosary

Daily Mass will be celebrated from Monday through Friday at 9 AM. The Rosary will also be prayed before Mass starting at 8:35 AM.

### Stations of the Cross

This traditional Lenten devotion will be prayed every Friday at 9:30 AM.

### Lenten Mission

with Fr. Paul Laporte  
Sunday, March 14 ~ 10AM Mass  
Sunday, March 21 ~ 10AM Mass

### Lenten Confessions

Sunday, March 21 ~ 11AM-12PM

## Knights of Columbus Takeout Italian Dinner

Enjoy an authentic Homemade Italian Dinner prepared by the Master Italian Chefs of St. Paul's Knights of Columbus and help support their charitable works at the same time!

### Italian Dinner at \$12/plate

Menu includes a generous serving of Pasta with Homemade Sauce, Meatballs, and Sausage (made from freshly ground beef and pork), with Salad and Bread.

### Order by Wednesday, March 17

Orders and payment must be made in advance by cash, check, or online with credit card. Place online orders using our secure donation portal at the parish website:

[stpaulsfoster.org/dinner](http://stpaulsfoster.org/dinner)

Fill out the order form (available at church entrance) and submit with payment by Wednesday, March 17. Make checks payable to St. Paul's Knights of Columbus.

### Pickup on Saturday, March 20

Drive up to the South Foster Fire Station for pickup on Saturday, March 20, between 4:30 – 6:30 PM.

### May 2021 Calendar Raffle

St. Paul's is having a FUNdraiser to offset our Christmas Bazaar Shortfall.

In April we will be selling Calendar Raffle Tickets for \$10 each. There will be a drawing every day during the month of May. All winning tickets will go back into the pot for another chance to **WIN!**

To make this fundraiser a success we are asking for \$25 gift card donations to help fill the calendar. **Please return donations by March 14.** Thank you!

As of last weekend, **we have 18 gift cards already donated** to various stores. **We need 13 more.**

*Thank you for your support.*

### Commitment to Sunday Offertory

To help the parish meet its financial obligations, we ask that you remain committed to the weekly offertory.

Please consider using the parish envelopes and mailing your weekly/monthly offertory contribution. Or consider the convenient option of setting up an automatic contribution online. Details below.

### Support St. Paul's

Set up a reoccurring donation (or make a gift at anytime) using our secure, online giving tool by ParishSOFT.

Visit our website at [stpaulsfoster.org](http://stpaulsfoster.org), and click the "Donate Now" button.

### Sustainability in El Salvador

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques— and a new generation of young farmers—are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world? Visit [csrcicebowl.org](http://csrcicebowl.org) to learn more.

### Second Collection—March 6/7

This weekend's second collection will be used to help with cost of **utilities.**

### GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - February 27/28

**\$ 2,462.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

## Lenten Bible Study

### The Parables of Jesus - Lessons of Mercy & Mission

Lent is a good time to do things we're not in the habit of doing but would like to do. If you believe reading the Bible more regularly is a good habit—so as to become better familiar with Jesus—then take part in this Lenten Bible Study on the Parables of Jesus.

We'll meet virtually using Zoom. On the day of the meeting, a Join the Meeting Link will be posted on the "bible" page of our parish website at:

[stpaulsfoster.org/bible](http://stpaulsfoster.org/bible)

Visit that web page for more information and study resources. The meeting dates and times are:

Thursday March 11 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Thursday March 18 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Thursday March 25 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Note: The Zoom Meeting will open 15 minutes before 7:00 to make sure everyone is able to start at on time.

### Living the Liturgy

*Inspiration for the week*

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the ten commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.