

MARCH 14, 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

This Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday, meaning “Rejoice” in English. Today’s Liturgy sets a tone of joyful anticipation of The Easter Mystery. Today’s Liturgy speaks of the great love of God for us and invites us to be ever grateful and faithful to this love of God.

The First Reading from The Book of Chronicles tells us of one of the many occasions when Israel turned away from God. Time and again his messengers were ignored, his prophets persecuted. So God allowed his people to be exiled to Babylon. But God in his love and mercy inspired Cyrus King of Persia to allow the Jews to return to Jerusalem.

In The Second Reading, St. Paul tells us very clearly that it is not through our own efforts that we are saved but through the love and mercy of God only.

In The Gospel, St. John speaks about the Father’s great love for us. This love is so great that He sent his Son into our world, not to condemn us, but to save us and to be the Light of our lives. St. John begins his Gospel by speaking of the light so powerful that the darkness could not overcome it. This is the light that we are privileged to bear, the light that our world longs to see.

Therefore let us sincerely pray to the Lord that we may be faithful to our Baptismal Promises and be good stewards of the light that has been entrusted to 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

**ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 13</b>
5:00 PM	Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 14</b>
8:00 AM	Mass: Fr. Frederick V. Slota (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: John Gould (RIP)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 15</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Good Health of Bill & Gloria Sabourin
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 16</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Mass of Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 17</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Special Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 18</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Love, Peace & Unity in our Family
7:00 PM	Lenten Bible Study : Zoom Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 19</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory
9:30 AM	Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross & Eucharistic Adoration

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Mass: Joseph Hawkins (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING  
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST



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.

**Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph**

This Friday, March 19th is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. In addition to the Stations of the Cross at 9:30AM, after the 9AM Mass we also will have the Stations of the Cross in the evening at 7PM, followed by the Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

Please come and join and pray to St. Joseph our Spiritual Father for his blessings.

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**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.

**May 2021 Calendar Raffle**

Thank you to all those who donated gift cards for our Calendar Raffle. Once we have all the cards we will be putting together the Calendar and selling Raffle Tickets during the month of April for \$10 each. There will be a drawing every day during the month of May. All winning tickets go back into pot for another chance to WIN!

**Trying New Foods in Timor-Leste**

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child’s growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit [csrcicebowl.org](http://csrcicebowl.org) to learn more.

**GIFTS RECEIVED**

Offertory Collection - March 6/7  
**\$ 2,601.00**

Offertory Collection - March 6/7  
**\$ 2,595.00**

**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 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*

God’s messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren’t they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God’s mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God.