

MARCH 21, 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Today we are called to remember God's faithfulness to us, his people. Mankind has rejected and betrayed God throughout history, and continues to do so today. In spite of this, God has never abandoned us. He continues to call us to turn away from sin and receive new life and salvation through his Son Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In The First Reading, The prophet Jeremiah tells a shattered people that God will not forsake them. The day is coming when he will make a new and more intimate covenant with his people.

The Second Reading speaks of the pain and anguish Christ endured during his life and especially during his passion. In this way He not only gave us an example but also became for us the source of eternal life.

In The Gospel, Jesus talks about his imminent death, how he fears it, yet desires it, for the hour of his shame will also be the hour of his glory. He talks also about how his followers will have to die to themselves. He foretells not only the kind of death, He was to die, but also gives us great insight into the meaning of His life, death and resurrection. Like the buried seed, His death would hold the promise of resurrection and new life. By submitting to a most cruel and humiliating death, Jesus would take upon His shoulders the weight of our sins and transgressions and open to us the gates of heaven. Never has the world known such unmerited, and unconditional love. And when we draw near to the cross of Jesus through the holy sacrifice of the Mass, we are embraced and renewed in that love.

Let us spend these last two weeks of Lent meditating upon the image of our crucified Lord, praying always that we might follow Him wherever He leads, being willing to serve and honor Him.

Create a clean heart
in me, O God.

Psalm 51



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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

Saturday	March 20
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass:
Sunday	March 21
8:00 AM	Mass: Sister Carol Hopkins (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Joseph Hawkins (RIP)
11AM—12PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday	March 22
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Grandchildren of Mary O'Reilly
Tuesday	March 23
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Intentions for a safe move for David & Gail Steere & Family
Wednesday	March 24
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Miriam Cunniff (RIP)
Thursday	March 25
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Sister Carol Hopkins (RIP)
7:00 PM	Lenten Bible Study : Zoom Meeting
Friday	March 26
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: For the Healing of Members of the Kachanis Family

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

Lent at St. Paul's

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

Daily Mass & Rosary

Monday— Friday 8:35 / 9:00 AM

Stations of the Cross

Friday 9:30 AM

Lenten Mission

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

Lenten Confessions

Sunday, March 21 ~ 11AM-12PM

HOLY WEEK

TAKE PART IN THE GRACE OF
CHRIST'S PASSION
AND RESURRECTION!

Saturday, March 27

Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 PM

Palm Sunday, March 28

Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 / 10:00 AM

Mon—Wed, March 29-31

Rosary / Mass, 8:35 / 9:00 AM

Holy Thursday, April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM

(Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM)

Good Friday, April 2

Way of the Cross, 3:00 PM

Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 PM

(With Adoration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion)

Holy Saturday, April 3

Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

8:00 PM (There is no 5 PM Mass)

Easter Sunday, April 4

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 / 10:00 AM

May 2021 Calendar Raffle

THANK YOU so much to all those who donated gift cards/cash for our Calendar Raffle. We actually ended up receiving more than needed so we plan to boost some of our daily winnings with the excess and will save the others for our Christmas Bazaar \$1000 Gift Card Tree Raffle in December.

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!

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, and click the "Donate Now" button.

Community in Madagascar

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others?

Visit csrcicebowl.org to learn more.

Second Collection—March 19/20

This weekend our second collection is for **Easter Flowers**.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - March 13/14
\$ 2,487.00

Lenten Mission - March 14/21
\$ 482.00

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

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

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

How do we convince people that God's law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God's people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God's deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, "Father, glorify your name," by this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.