

JUNE 20, 2021
**TWELFTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Pope St. John Paul II, throughout his Papacy, used to refer to the words of the sacred Scriptures “Be not afraid”. He always lived with great hope and trust in God even in the midst his personal sufferings and crosses. He offered all his sufferings for the good of the Church.

Today we too are invited to live with hope and trust in God in the midst of all our sufferings and crosses.

In the First Reading God addresses Job to trust in him. In The Second Reading St. Paul tells us that whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

In the Gospel, before he acts to calm a violent storm, Jesus chastises his disciples for their lack of faith. There is a very important lesson for every one of us in today’s Gospel. Our lives are really a journey across the sea of time to the shore of eternity. There is no smooth and calm crossing for anyone. This is the will of God. Our Lord knew that a storm was going to blow up that night in the Sea of Galilee. He allowed his disciples to face that terrifying ordeal, because he wanted them to have faith in his divine power and assistance.

We too like the disciples go through storms of life through sufferings, sicknesses, loss of our loved ones and crosses. Many times we have no reasons for them. We do not know why God allows them in our lives. But God has his own plans and purposes which we human beings cannot understand. Let us always remember one thing that God is in charge of our lives and He is in control of everything. Let us not lose hearts. Let us not get discouraged. God will not abandon us. He will give us the grace, strength and consolation.

Let us pray that we go to God with faith and trust, as we pass through the storms of life.



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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	June 19
5:00 PM	Mass:
Sunday	June 20
8:00 AM	Mass: David Riendeau (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: 2021 Graduates
Monday	June 21
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Deacon Charles Andrade (RIP)
Wednesday	June 23
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Gloria Poirier & Dante Gabriele (RIP)
Friday	June 25
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Mass: Healing for Paul Arrighi
10:00 AM	Mass: Reginald & Bella Cragin (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
 A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

Prayer for Blessing of Graduates

May our Heavenly Father, through his Son Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, guide and protect you always and grant you comfort each day of your life! Amen.

Please offer your prayer for these young people from our parish:

2021 High School Graduates

Timothy Cook
Emily-Frances Del Signore
Paul Dunn
Liana Nerbonne
Emma Papa
Anna Santos
Sophie Tirrell

2021 College Graduates

Jillian DelPrete (URI)
Emily Craig (Roger Williams University)
William H. Kan (Spec. Basic Training)

A Father's Day Reflection

Fatherhood is one of the most amazing gifts from God. And it's time we men truly reclaim it for what it is: an opportunity to reflect the very face of the heavenly Father. Fatherhood has been framed by some feminists as an abuse, by Hollywood as a burden, by macho-men as a kill-joy.

But there is nothing more life-giving, more fulfilling, more honorable than to generate new life with one's wife... and then have the opportunity and privileged obligation to nourish, defend, and shape that new life into another image of God.

Fatherhood sets a man as a priest over his own home, which means to become a servant to his wife and children, to lay his very life down for them. And in this way, he shows them the face of Christ, who is the reflection of the Heavenly Father. Happy Fathers' Day... and God bless!

~ Father Doré

K of C Kandi Drive

After all Masses this weekend, Brothers of the Knights of Columbus will be collection donations for K of C Council 95 Annual Kandi Drive. All donations benefit local organizations that directly help individuals with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your generosity.

The Family Fully Alive

The Family Fully Alive program asks families to invite God into their homes and cultivates each family as a miniature domestic church. The monthly devotions are concrete ways that Knights of Columbus, in solidarity with Pope Francis, can support the growth of holy and loving families in the Church. To this end, the program provides monthly themes, scripture verses and activities. Through prayer and reflection, each family has opportunity to grow in holiness together.

The Christmas Bazaar

The Bazaar Committee has decided to go forward with this year's bazaar which will be held, **December 4/5**.

With that said, we will be asking for **input/support** from the parishioners.

What would be of interest to you on the Main Raffle?

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.

2021 Catholic Charity Appeal

There are two weeks left until the close of the CCA. **To date, we have \$10,826 so far of our \$15,000.00**

Please consider a gift to support the 2021 Appeal. Thank you. All donations made online or mailed directly to the Diocese are reported to the parish weekly included in our totals.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - June 12/13
\$ 3,075.00

Catholic Comm Campaign - June 12/13
\$ 185.00

Thank you for your support!

Letter from Bishop Tobin

Bishop Tobin has now signed a formal decree restoring the obligation to attend Sunday Mass in the Diocese of Providence, effective **Sunday, June 6, 2021**, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This means that Catholics, in observance of the Lord's Day and in fulfillment of the law of the Church, are once again obliged to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, unless they are otherwise dispensed for some serious reason such as health conditions. Attending Holy Mass and receiving the Holy Eucharist Sacramentally are serious obligations.

Update: Normal Liturgical Practice

In light of updated health guidelines by the CDC, the Governor & RI Dept of Health, the following changes in procedure should be considered in our parishes. Visit stpaulsfoster.org.

Indoor Seating Capacity

Seating **increased from 80% to 100%**

Face Masks

Fully vaccinated parishioners are no longer required to wear a facemask indoors and outdoors.

Those who are not fully vaccinated should be asked to continue to wear a facemask indoors.

However, any form of discrimination should be avoided against those who are not fully vaccinated and those who do not use a facemask.

Continue to Observe the Following

Sufficient hand sanitizing dispensers should be made available at the vestibule of the church which can be used by parishioners upon entering. Parishioners should continually be encouraged to practice proper hygiene.

The distribution of the Precious Blood at Holy Communion to the lay faithful should remain suspended.

Livestreamed Mass

The 10:00 AM Sunday Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook at facebook.com/foster.Catholic

Listen from your car

We will broadcast the Mass on 107.90 FM on car radios. Those who participate from the outside will be brought Communion if they choose to receive.