

JUNE 21, 2020

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

We are called at our baptism to bear witness to the faith.

In every age, Christ and his Church have been persecuted. Despite his message of love and compassion (or perhaps because of it), Jesus was taunted by leaders and ordinary people alike.

Today we encounter the prophet Jeremiah who, in his youth, had been called by the Lord to be a prophet during times of great political upheaval. He says, I have committed my cause to the Lord. Despite imprisonment, scourging, threats from enemies and former friends, and his own interior crises, Jeremiah remained steadfast because he knew the Lord was with him like a mighty warrior.

Saint Paul reminds the Romans that Adam brought sin and death into the world and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned. He compares the effect of Adam's disobedience to God's will to Christ's total obedience to the Father's will – and the effect that each had on the human race. One is the cause of the human condition – the other, the source of our salvation.

Jesus carefully shared the Father's message of love and mercy with each of His Apostles. But at the same time, Jesus acknowledged that they would encounter a world that was hostile to that message. In today's Gospel, Jesus continues his instruction to them, cautioning them to fear no one ... speak in the light ... proclaim on the housetops. They would be protected by the same Father who cares for sparrows. Most of all, they should never deny Christ before others.

Like Jeremiah and the Apostles, Jesus has called us, too. At our baptism, we became his followers, and through the grace of the sacraments and the support of our Christian community, we have been called to share that same message of mercy, love and salvation through Christ. We, too, face a world that is very hostile to Christianity and is indifferent to its message. Let us continue to pray that God's grace will sustain us, and that we will give better witness to the truth of the Gospel and salvation to a world in need of hearing it.



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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 20

5:00 PM Mass

#### Sunday June 21

8:00 AM Mass: Marie Linda Iannuccilli (RIP)

9:30 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Mass: Domenic Aloise & Alfred DeDominicis (RIP)

#### Monday June 22

8:35 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Mass: Gilda Poirier & Dante Gabrielle (RIP)

#### Wednesday June 24

8:35 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Mass:

#### Friday June 26

8:35 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Mass: Souls in Purgatory

### NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM Mass: Intentions of Mary Joseph on the occasion of her 90th Birthday

8:00 AM Open for your Intentions

10:00 AM Mass: David Cherry, Sr. (RIP)

### PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING

A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

## Congratulations Peter!

Please join us in congratulating Peter Dunn who received his First Holy Communion last weekend.



Throughout the upcoming weeks/months, we will be celebrating the rest of the 2nd grade class as they receive their First Holy Communion.

Please pray that they continue to grow as close to Jesus as Jesus is to them. May God keep them safe, healthy, happy and holy.

## K of C Kandi Drive

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

## Commitment to Sunday Offertory

To help the parish to meet its financial obligations through the summer months, and to give us a strong start to the new fiscal year, which began on July 1, we ask that you remain committed to the weekly offertory through the summer months.

Please consider using the parish envelopes and mailing your weekly/monthly offertory contribution while you are away, before or after your vacation. 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. Thank you!

## 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

## The Christmas Bazaar Raffle

The Christmas Bazaar Committee is hoping to have their Annual Bazaar in December. The committee will be meeting soon to discuss options.

Ultimately no matter what is decided, we would still like to have the Main Raffle. We will be listing the prizes soon.

Thus as in years past, we are asking for 40 parishioners who are willing to donate \$25. If you would like to be one of the 40, we ask that you either call 647-3664 (leave a message if no one is here) or email the office [church@stpaulsfoster.org](mailto:church@stpaulsfoster.org) or signup on a sheet on the bulletin board on your way into or out of Mass. We will follow up with you regarding specifics. Thank you for your support!

### Let's Stay Connected

We've been emailing a weekly parish update to help us stay informed and to share resources. Please add your name and email to the list via our website:

**[www.stpaulsfoster.org](http://www.stpaulsfoster.org)**

Your information is never shared with anyone else and is only used to communicate with you about the parish.

## Reopening Guidelines

We are reopening church for public worship based on guidelines from the Diocese, developed in collaboration with public health officials. For details, visit [stpaulsfoster.org](http://stpaulsfoster.org).

### Stay home if need be

The elderly and those with weakened health conditions are encouraged to stay home. If you are ill or are just not feeling well, you must stay home.

### Livestreamed Mass

The 10:00 AM Sunday Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook at [facebook.com/foster.catholic](https://facebook.com/foster.catholic)

### Limited inside seating

Seating at each Mass will be limited to 43 people, which is 25% of our fire code capacity.

### 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.

### Wear a face mask

A face mask helps limit the potential spread of infection and provides fellow parishioners with a sign of assurance, we care for each other.

### Maintain social distance

Keep a distance at least 6-feet from one another unless you are with members of your household.

### Holy Communion

Father and Deacon will sanitize their hands before distributing Holy Communion.

Ushers will guide the procession lines to and from the two Communion stations at the side aisles.

Coming forward with your face mask on, when presented with the Body of Christ, respond "Amen."

Remove your face mask; receive and consume the Host; and replace your face mask.

You may choose to not receive Holy Communion and make an act of spiritual communion instead.

### GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - June 13/14  
**\$3,215.00**

Catholic Communications - June 13/14  
**\$ 132.00**

**Thank you for your support!**