

JULY 4, 2021
**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Sufferings, pains and rejections are all our human experiences. But these experiences should lead us closer to God. We should find all our hope, consolation and strength in God.

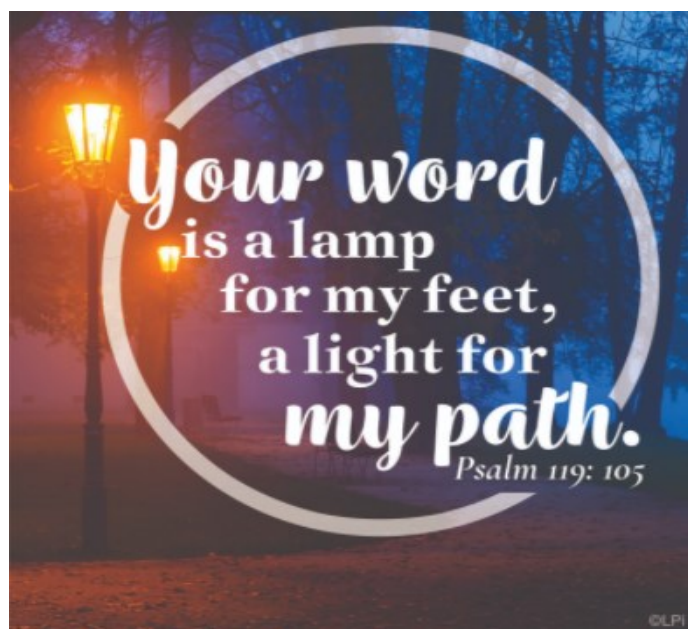
The First Reading from The Prophet Ezekiel tells us that God keeps sending his prophets to preach faith, conversion, peace and love.

In The Second Reading St. Paul tells us that human weakness becomes evidence of Christ's power to save us.

The Gospel speaks of Jesus' experience of rejection by his own villagers. His villagers could not accept him or his message. He was telling them only what he had told others: of the need to change, to repent, to be converted, to love God with one's soul, heart, mind and strength and to love one another. But they failed to listen to him and so they were left in a terrible darkness. He would also experience betrayal by one apostle and denial by another. He would be mocked by His own people who would cry out for His crucifixion. All this, He would endure so that we might have life and have it to the full.

We are never alone in all our sufferings. Should we experience the anguish of being ridiculed or rejected by our own family and friends, we are never alone. The Lord Jesus always stands with us in our times of trial, giving us the grace we need to bear patiently with our suffering.

May the grace of the Most Holy Eucharist bring us consolation and courage as we carry our daily crosses?



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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 July 3
 5:00 PM Mass: Cosé Russo (RIP)

Sunday July 4
 8:00 AM Mass: Mass of Thanksgiving
 9:15 AM Rosary
 10:00 AM Mass: John Fahey (RIP)

Monday July 5
 8:35 AM Rosary
 9:00 AM Mass: Margaret J. Forrest (RIP)

Wednesday July 7
 8:35 AM Rosary
 9:00 AM Mass: Living and Deceased Members and Friends of the Forrest and Nadeau Families

Friday July 9
 8:35 AM Rosary
 9:00 AM Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM Mass: Claire Sabourin & William Sabourin (RIP)
 8:00 AM Mass: Dora Stewart (RIP)
 10:00 AM Mass: David Riendeau (RIP)

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Mission Co-Op:

Brothers of the Christian Schools

Brother Robert Hazard, FSC, is a De La Salle Christian Brother born in Rhode Island. He is a graduate of LaSalle Academy in Providence. Over the years his Educational work has included LaSalle Academy and Ocean Tides School in R.I. as well as schools in New York and Connecticut. He also served as a Missionary in Guatemala. He will speak about his experiences in Guatemala next **weekend July 10/11**, as part of the Mission Co-Op Appeal. The Brothers, commonly known as the De La Salle Christian Brothers, are an international community of men religious founded by St. John Baptist de La Salle in France in 1691. The Brothers look now to us for our prayers and our generosity to assist with their very important work.

Mission Co-op Appeal Collection

A separate box will be available for all donations to support the Mission

Monday July 5

The church office will be closed Monday July 5 in observance of July 4th.

Thanksgiving Mass: for Essential Workers

On Sunday, August 1, 2021 at the 10AM Mass St. Paul's will be offering a Mass of Prayer and Thanksgiving for all those who served as a much-needed essential workers in a time of crisis; including police, firemen, members of the National Guard, CNAs, nurses, doctors, teachers, grocery workers and truck drivers. There are many that we know but so many that we do not, so please let the office know that you are one of these essential workers, so you can be included in our prayers and thanksgiving.

July Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all parishioners who will Celebrate a birthday in the month of July. May your Birthday be touched with His presence, your heart filled with His love and joy!

Catechism Updates

As we prepare our Catechism program, we are reminded how important sharing experiences are with each other. It has been too long since we have been able to join together as a parish family. So we are planning a few gatherings this summer that we hope you will join us for. Stay tuned for more details.

Prophetic Mission: Domestic Church

As family members grow in prayer and trust, a domestic church becomes a sanctuary from the hardships of the world. Within this sanctuary members are able to live out the prophetic mission of the family, which is announcing together the word of God and witnessing to the faith. Their witness of faith begins with spouses offering witness to each other and continues as parents witness to their children. It is to their parents that children first look for guidance and explanation; because of this, parents have a grave responsibility to teach them about what is true. They must share with them not only academic and practical knowledge, but also provide solid religious catechesis centered in the reality of Jesus Christ and opportunities for practicing virtue. as Pope Francis reminds us, "Parents always influence the moral development of their children, for better or for worse. It follows that they should take up this essential role and carry it out consciously, enthusiastically, reasonably and appropriately."

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.

Second Collection—July 3/4

This weekend our second collection will be used to help with **the cost of air conditioning**.

Living the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.

KIDS CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever felt left out? Jesus did. In today's Gospel, Jesus visited his relatives and old friends. These were the people he grew up with, the people who knew Him the best. All of a sudden Jesus was not acting like he used to. They heard that Jesus was healing people, raising people from the dead, and telling evil spirits to leave. Jesus was even teaching about God's kingdom, like he really knew what he was talking about! Well, Jesus' old friends and neighbors did not like it one bit. How sad for them. God's own son wanted to help them, but they didn't want it.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to listen to you and to accept the help that you want to give me. Amen.

Mission for the Week

Read today's Gospel with your family. Talk about ways that people sometimes turn Jesus away. Pray together, asking God to keep you close to Jesus.



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Offertory Collection - June 26/27

\$ 2,294.00

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