

JULY 19, 2020
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Today's readings tell us about a very patient and compassionate God who is hopeful that the so-called "weeds" among us will be converted. They warn us that we should not be in a hurry to eliminate such elements from the Church or society or the family on the basis of unwarranted and hasty judgment.

The first reading shows us a merciful and patient God, rather than the disciplining and punishing God presented in the book of Genesis.

The second reading reminds us that the Spirit of God goes on empowering us in our prayers and in our weakness. So we should be patient with ourselves and others.

Finally, in the Gospel parable of the wheat and the weeds, Jesus presents a wise and patient God who allows the good and the evil to coexist in the world and blesses the evil ones for the little good they may have done, so that the evil ones may come to conversion before their time ends. "Let the seed and the darnel grow together till the harvest time." In other words, God awaits repentant sinners, giving them the strength to acknowledge their weakness. He calmly recognizes that there is evil in the world, but He sees that evil has no excuse for the good people, not to do good with the power of God at their disposal. Through the parable of the wheat and the weeds in today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be patient with those who fail to meet the high ethical standard expected of a Christian.

Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in this world? Why the wicked are allowed to prosper? Jesus answers these questions in the parable. The triumph and prosperity of the wicked are short-lived, whereas the reward of the Christian who suffers from their wickedness is everlasting. God uses the very wickedness and injustices of evildoers to perfect his elect.

We are called to recognize evil, name it and then to give it to God in prayer so He can take care of it, the way the farmer in the parable told his servants that he would take care of the weeds.

**Lord, you are good
and forgiving**
Psalm 86



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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 18
5:00 PM	Mass: For the Intentions of Robert John Guthrie and Family
Sunday	July 19
8:00 AM	Mass: Gerry Tufts (RIP)
9:30 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Healing of Paul Joseph
Monday	July 20
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Diane Clement (RIP)
Wednesday	July 22
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Claire Sabourin (RIP)
Friday	July 24
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Mass: Jeanne McGrath (RIP)
8:00 AM	Mass: Claire Sabourin (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Jeanne McGrath (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

The Christmas Bazaar

Given the uncertainty of the virus moving forward the Christmas Bazaar Committee has decided to cancel for this year. With that said we still plan to have the Main Raffle. Prizes include:

- \$1000 Gift Card Tree
- Stihl Farm Boss Chain Saw with Case, Gear Bag, and Gallon MotoMix
- Stihl Back Pack Blower
- Emeril LaGasse Pressure AirFryer

Thank you to the parishioners who have already donated \$25. **We have 34 so far, we only need 6 more!**

Peter's Pence—August 2

The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide each year to support the most disadvantaged including victims of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease. Due to the restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, those wishing to provide financial support for the Peter's Pence Collection may do so in alternative ways this year only. Parishioners may submit their contributions electronically www.peterspence.va, by means of the regular offertory envelopes to the parish during Mass or by sending contributions directly to the Diocesan Fiscal Office. Checks should be made payable to the Diocesan Service Corporation and be clearly marked "Peter's Pence Collection" on the notation line. The mailing address is:

Diocesan Service Corporation
Fiscal Office
1 Cathedral Square
Providence, RI 02903

Commitment to Sunday Offertory

To help the parish meet its financial obligations through the summer months, we ask that you remain committed to the weekly offertory through the summer.

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.

Thank you!

St. Paul's Sign on Route 94

A special thank you to Ernie Marquis for building and setting our new wooden frame for the new sign designed and donated by Michele McGrath and her family in loving memory of Jeanne and Jim McGrath!



Mother of Hope Camp

The Summer Camp Program is open! Families of children ages 5-12 have a choice of daily and weekly options now through August 14. Mother of Hope Camp's caring professional staff engage campers in daily prayer, weekly Mass, as well as many CAMPER FAVORITE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES, like swimming, hiking, arts and Crafts, nature education, canoeing, sports and more.! Sibling and multi-week discounts available! Secure online Registration available at www.motherofhopecamp.com

Call 401-568-3580 for information.
Live. Learn. Grow

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

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

Reopening Guidelines

We have reopened the church for public worship based on guidelines from the Diocese, developed in collaboration with public health officials. For details, visit 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

Limited inside seating

Seating at each Mass will be limited to 66% 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 with household.

Holy Communion

Father and Deacon will sanitize hands before distributing Holy Communion.

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

Remove 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.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my life. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally, come then spiritually into my heart. So that I may embrace you and unite myself completely to you. And never let me be separated from you.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - July 11/12
\$2,885.00

Thank you for your support!