

JULY 25, 2021  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Our faith works in cooperation with God's power to save and provide for critical human needs. God is powerful not because He works miracles, but He calls forth in us the sturdy faith, we need to choose those values and actions which will contribute to the world's betterment.

In The First Reading, we realize that God's concern for man is not limited to spiritual values and accomplishments. God cares intensely for the physical well-being of persons, too.

In The Second Reading, St. Paul tells us that since we Christians share one Faith and one Baptism, we have to preserve the unity of The Spirit through bonds of peace.

The Gospel begins five weeks of consecutive readings from Chapter Six of The Gospel of St. John. This Chapter is known for its Eucharistic emphasis, for it begins with this account of the multiplication of loaves and fish and continues with Our Lord's Famous "Bread of Life" discourse. From the five loaves and two fish brought by a young boy, Jesus provides a banquet, requiring twelve baskets for all of the left over. In a manner foreshadowing His Institution of The Holy Eucharist, Jesus takes bread, blesses and breaks it and distributes it to the crowd. Just as Jesus nourished the crowd with His powerful, heartfelt teaching, so too, He would feed them with the bread that satisfied their bodily hunger.

What Jesus did for the large crowd at the Sea of Galilee, He continues to do for you and me. Every time, we participate in the Holy Eucharist, we are nourished from the Lord's two-fold table. We experience the Lord's teaching through The Table of the Word. We experience The Substantial and Sacramental Presence of The Lord through the table and altar of His Sacrificial Banquet. How blessed we are to participate in so great a feast.

The hand of  
the Lord feeds us;  
He answers all our needs.

Psalm 146



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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
HOLY DAY MASSES	9:00 AM      7:00 PM
CONFESSIONS	4:00-4:30 PM, SATURDAY OR BY APPOINTMENT

**ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 24</b>
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass: Kathy Jubinville (RIP)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 25</b>
8:00 AM	Mass: Deacon James Walsh (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Erin Durfee (RIP)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 26</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Mary & Lionel Peloquin (RIP)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 28</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Grandchildren of Mary O'Reilly
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 30</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Mass: Healing Mass for Jackie
8:00 AM	Mass: For the Intentions of Brooke Knox Welch on the Occasion of her 30th Birthday
10:00 AM	Mass: Thanksgiving Mass for Essential Workers

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## Thanksgiving Mass: for Essential Workers

Next **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 sign up on the bulletin board if you are an essential worker, to be included in our prayers and thanksgiving.

## Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is hosting the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration to honor couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2021. The celebration will be held on Sunday, **September 26, 2021, 1:00PM** at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Providence. Please let the parish know if you will attend so we can make reservations for you.

## 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 - August 1

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe.

## Laying the Cornerstone of Your Domestic Church

To cultivate life as a domestic church, a family must deliberately welcome God into its home. This program has been created to help each family do this. In the pages that follow, you will find monthly themes, reflections, meditations, family projects and scripture verses designed to help each family place God and the Catholic faith at the center of its life. Through prayer and reflection each family has the opportunity to grow in holiness together. Adapting This Program to Your Family The family fully alive program is designed to be flexible to meet the continuously changing needs of your family. This booklet is laid out for the opening of the Church's liturgical year in December, with the season of advent, but you can start during any month of the year, completing projects and saying prayers at the times and places most suitable for your family. Some suitable times would be after family dinner or shortly before bedtime, making it easier to deal with the challenge of bringing the entire family together. You may wish to read a month's theme, reflection, meditation and scripture reading all at one time. Alternatively, you may set aside a regular time each Sunday of the month to go through the "breaking open the Theme" reflection, meditation, scripture passage and family project successively over four weeks. Please note that some family projects require advance time and preparation over the course of the month, so it is always a good idea to read those in advance. You can also choose to utilize the meditations and questions for spiritually engaging conversations with your children during family dinners. Another approach could include inviting over other families on Sunday to offer this prayer together and to build community among families. Whichever method your family chooses, we encourage you to set aside a regular time each Sunday to pray together as a family, using this book as a resource.

## 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.

The Knights are planning a Parish Picnic at the end of August to bring everyone together to share a meal, faith and friendship, including some music and reflection. **Please save the Date: Saturday, August 28th**

## Christmas Bazaar Raffle

We have our 4 Main Prizes and in upcoming weeks we will be asking for 30 parishioners to donate \$25 toward our \$1000 Gift Card Tree.

We are looking for:

**Jewelry**, new or gently used.

**NEW items for Penny Social Table.**

Thank you!

## Living the Liturgy

*Inspiration for the week*

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the body and blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing! Who made the promise is trustworthy.

### GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - July 17/18  
\$ 2,862.00

Thank you for your support!