

AUGUST 2, 2020
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

The central theme of today's readings is the provident care of a loving and merciful God who generously shares His riches with us, giving us His Son Jesus as our spiritual food, preparing us for the Heavenly banquet, and challenging us to share our blessings with others.

In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies the return of the Israelites from their Babylonian captivity, promising that their caring God will bless them with fertile soil and abundance in their native land, will pardon their sins and will offer them participation in His eschatological banquet. The Psalmist praises the mercy, forgiveness and maternal care of a loving and providing God.

In the second reading, Paul argues that since God loves us, "nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In today's Gospel, Jesus demonstrates God's caring love for us by feeding the people, spiritually by his preaching and physically by the miraculous multiplication of five loaves and two fish, which the apostles brought for their lunch and which they gave Jesus to feed the people. The miracle shows the divinity of Jesus, the providing care of God and the compassion of Jesus for the crowd.

The Eucharistic wordings used and the promise made by Jesus on the following day that he would give his body and blood as food and drink (John 6:25-70), make the miracle a symbol of the Holy Eucharist. We nourish our souls with the word of God (by listening to God through reading the Bible) and with the bread of life (by receiving Jesus in Holy Communion).

We need to share our blessings with others around us generously and sacrificially in order to alleviate their spiritual and physical hunger. God lavishly blesses the large-hearted who generously and sacrificially share their resources with others.

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

Psalm 145



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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	August 1
5:00 PM	Mass: Healing of Paul & Ann Joseph

Sunday	August 2
8:00 AM	Mass:
9:30 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Clodomiro Gabrielle (RIP)

Monday	August 3
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Margaret J. Forrest, Charles T. Forrest, & Robert A. Nadeau, Sr. (RIP)

Wednesday	August 5
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Intentions of the Dunn Family

Friday	August 7
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory
9:30—10:30 AM	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Mass: Intentions of Richard Douglas & Family
8:00 AM	Mass: Dora Stewart & Claire Sabourin (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Anthony Kachanis (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who already shares the promised gift of resurrection in Christ. This year is not a Holy Day of Obligation but since it is the Solemnity we honor the Mother of the Lord at 9:00 AM Mass.

August Birthdays

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

Second Collection—August 1/2

This 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, and disasters. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe.

Parishioners submit contributions by means regular offertory envelopes, electronically www.peterspence.va, 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!

Congratulations!

Please join us in congratulating Anastasia Siedzik, Avery Rueb, Reese Rimoczy, & Scarlett Poznanski who received their First Holy Communion this 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.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bishop Tobin and the Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sorry to announce that the Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration will have to be cancelled. Every year the Mass draws a large number of couples and their families to the Cathedral for Holy Mass and a reception, but many of the attendees are advanced in age. The risks to the health of the participants would be significant. They certainly hope and expect that the Anniversary Mass will be scheduled again next year.

In the meantime, they would like to recognize those couples in the Diocese of Providence who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year (e.g., 25, 40, 50, 60 years or more) If you are one of these couples, please send your name and anniversary date, and we will forward it along to the Office of the Bishop and they will send along a personal letter and signed certificate.

In addition, Fr. Doré will be offering the 10AM Mass on Sunday, September 27 for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year. Please let us know if you will be able to join us for this celebration. A small reception will follow outside after Mass. Congratulations and Blessings!

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.

Grateful for God's Providence

As of July 2020, Our Parish has pledged a total of \$88,745 of our \$166,788 Parish Goal which puts us a 53% of our Goal. Envelopes are available in the entrance of the church. Consider making your pledge today!

Catholic Charity Appeal

Our gift to the annual CCA makes a real difference in the lives of so many Rhode Islanders. Thank you to those of you who have made a gift. If you have not already contributed, please consider making your pledge today. We are at \$11,753 of our \$17,500 Goal.

K of C Membership

Knights of Columbus founder, Father Michael McGivney will be beatified and officially declared Blessed later this year. In recognition of this historic event, the Supreme Council will be offering a special membership in honor of our founder.

Special Limited Time Membership

For a 2 week period beginning July 22 and continuing through 11:59PM on August 5, new members are being offered FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP. The Supreme Council will pay the first-year dues for every man who joins online during that time frame. Prospects simply need to visit kofc.org/joinus and enter the code MCGIVNEY2020 to take advantage of this special offer.

Father McGivney was faced with a pandemic in the 1880's as we are today. But he persevered in his efforts to grow the Knights of Columbus. Our pastors need the K of C, our fellow parishioners need the K of C. Those impacted by COVID-19 need the K of C. Please consider joining!

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 25/26
\$2,973.00

Thank you for your support!