

AUGUST 22, 2021
**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

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If it does not please you to serve the Lord, Joshua says to the tribes of Israel, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

This instruction from Joshua was given in the face of his impending death. Moses and he had brought the Israelites through the Exodus and into the Promised Land, always under the providential and merciful hand of God. God had promised to be faithful, and he had kept that promise. Now it was time for the people of the covenant to decide then and there who they would be.

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the Bread of Life Discourse in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. This is the fifth Sunday in a row where we have reflected in the Mass on just this one chapter in the Gospel. No other chapter receives such attention in the Sunday liturgy. In this chapter, Jesus has walked on water and fed thousands with the loaves and fishes. He has announced himself as the true bread sent down from heaven, and made it clear that those who do not eat his flesh and drink his blood will not have eternal life.

This is where the crowds took issue with Jesus. This is where they had to decide what they were going to do – whether they would choose to continue following him or not. And, for the first and only time in any of the Gospels, some disciples chose to stop believing in Jesus and would follow him no further: This saying [about him being the bread of life] is hard, they said, who can accept it?

Do you also want to leave? Jesus asks the Apostles. Perhaps he is asking the same thing of us. Jesus' life is about servant leadership and a total commitment to the fulfillment of the will of the Father. He gives himself to God and to us completely, especially on the cross and in the Eucharist.

In Jesus, there is no room for self-doubt, a divided heart, or a lackluster effort. We must give an account of our faith. To express our belief in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, we come to the altar offering our Amen to his Truth. Thus, it is the grace of the Eucharist that gives us the strength to say with Peter, Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.



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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

Saturday	August 21
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday	August 22
8:00 AM	Mass: In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Joseph Petrucci & Joseph Hawkins (RIP)
Monday	August 23
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: For the Intentions of Claire DeDominicis on the occasion of her birthday
Wednesday	August 25
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: For the Grandchildren of Mary O'Reilly
Friday	August 27
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Mass: Kathleen M. Jubinville (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Anthony Kachanis (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
 A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

Fifth Sunday Rosary for Families

The St. Paul Council, Knights of Columbus invites all families to join us in praying the Rosary after the 10AM Mass next **Sunday, August 29, 2021**. Please join us in asking for Mary's intercession for an end to abortion in our country and the world, for peace in our families and country, for an end to the pandemic and healing of all affected.

150th Anniversary of the Diocese

Beginning September 8, 2021 and lasting until June, 26, 2022, the Diocese of Providence will host an ongoing celebration of the sesquicentennial of its founding in February, 1872. The central theme of the celebration - embossed on the anniversary logo beneath the welcoming outstretched arms of Christ - is rooted in the sacred scripture of Psalm 126: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Our diocesan celebration will begin on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady, with "A Night to Honor Mary" at 6 p.m. in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, and will continue through Sunday, June 26, 2022, when the commemoration of the 150th anniversary will conclude with a solemn closing Mass at the cathedral at 1 p.m. That Sunday is the closest to the patronal feast day of SS. Peter and Paul.

In the months between the opening and closing celebrations, an extensive, multi-faceted program of dynamic guest speakers, concerts and artistic events is being planned by the diocese's 150th anniversary Cultural and Educational Events Committee. Dates will be added to the calendar below, showcased in the Rhode Island Catholic and shared across our diocesan social media.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - Aug 14/15
\$ 2,871.00

Assumption of Mary - Aug 14/15
\$ 456.00

Thank you for your support!

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

This weekend we are happy to share in the joy of David and Rachel Haruza, as we celebrate the sacraments of initiation for their two, youngest daughters. We know this is a big day for their big sister, **Holly**, too!

So, please welcome into the family of God's People, **Ewelina Haruza**, who will be baptized this weekend. She is the newest member of Christ's Body—the Church. Please pray that she and her family be strengthened by the Holy Spirit's gifts of faith, hope and love.

And please join us in congratulating **Bridget Haruza** who is receiving her First Holy Communion this weekend. With her First Communion, Bridget joins us at the Lord's Table as a member of the Family of God. Please pray that she continues to grow as close to Christ Jesus as the Lord is to her. May God keep her safe, healthy, happy and holy.

Parish Cookout

Saturday, August 28th at 6PM

Share food and fun with old and new friends. The Knights of Columbus are doing the cooking: hamburgers, hotdogs, homemade chowder, dessert, and drinks. All you need to bring is yourself and a lawn chair. Your guests are welcome too! This will also be an opportunity for families to get Family Catechism Resources. Invitations have been sent out. **Please RSVP by August 25**. You can sign up online or fill out and drop off the form in the entrance of the church.

Christmas Bazaar Raffle

Thank you to the parishioners who have already donated \$25. **We have 21 so far, we only need 9 more!** Anyone who donates will get a Free Raffle Ticket in their name.

You can leave your donation in an envelope labeled Bazaar either in the office or in the collection box.

Thank you for your support!

Special Collection- August 28/29

A special collection will be taken up next weekend for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

ORDER OF MASS

The second main part of the Mass is the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**—from the Greek for “thanksgiving”. It’s related to the Hebrew word (*todah*) for “thanksgiving sacrifice”. At the last supper with his disciples, Jesus forever joined their communion at table with his sacrifice on the cross: “*Take this all of you, and eat it, for this is my body which will be given up for you.*” And with his promise in John 6:51, Jesus forever joins our communion with him to eternal life: “*I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.*” Those who heard Jesus, found what he said farfetched. But from the beginning, the Church has taken Jesus at his word: “*We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving*” (St. Justin Martyr, c. 150).

THE MASS PARTS IN OUTLINE

Introductory Rites

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

First half of prayer, including Consecration

Mystery of Faith

Second half of prayer, ending with Doxology and Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rite

The eucharistic bread and wine *are* not symbols of Jesus' body and blood—nor are they scraps of muscle and dribbles of blood. *They are the Body and Blood of Jesus—the Risen Christ himself*. In other words, what we behold or hold in Communion is not something, but someone.