

AUGUST 23, 2020  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Today's Gospel speaks of the personal experience and the Profession of the Faith of the first Pope St. Peter, in the following words "You are the Christ the Son of the living God."

In the First Reading, the master of the palace is told that he will be replaced. In his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to give glory to God forever.

In the Gospel, St. Peter at last recognizes in Jesus the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus assures him that he did so only with the help of the Father. And at once, Jesus promises to found his church, and to give it into the charge of Peter. "You are rock, and on this rock I will build my church." In the Greek, the word rock and the word Peter are one and the same. Simon's new name is Peter that is rock.

We have here a twofold revelation which underlies our Catholic faith. The God-man will build a Church and he will build it on Peter. First, The Church and the papacy originated from God. Secondly, God is the original lawgiver, and the source of all just laws both in the Church and all human society. Thirdly, the role of the Pope is to help us know the mind and heart of Christ. It is not easy, as St. Paul indicates, but he says to the Philippians, "Have this mind in you which is also in Christ Jesus." Certainly, Christ's promise to Peter gives assurance he will help Peter to know his mind as far as Peter must to do Christ's work. The Pope has to study, pray for the Spirit's guidance, and consult the revelation and the tradition and the Living Church. Only then he can make his pronouncements.

Today let us sincerely pray for the Pope that he guides Christ's Church faithfully.

Lord, your love  
is eternal;  
do not forsake the  
work of your hands  
Psalm 138



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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**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 22</b>
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass: Healing of Paul Joseph
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 23</b>
8:00 AM	Mass:
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass:
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 24</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass Joseph Petrucci (RIP)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 26</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Healing of Bill Sabourin
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 28</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Mass: Intentions of Ron Thurber
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Mass: Joseph Sinwell (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING  
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

### Fifth Sunday Rosary for Families

The St. Paul Council, Knights of Columbus invites everyone to join them in praying the Rosary outside in the Prayer Garden on **Sunday, August 30th at 9:30AM**. We are asking Mary's intercession to end the pandemic and bring peace to our country and families.

### The Christmas Bazaar

The Bazaar Committee will begin selling raffle tickets beginning in September. We will be mailing 10 tickets home to all parish families. Please consider purchasing or selling those tickets and or additional ones.

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

### 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](http://stpaulsfoster.org), and click the "Donate Now" button.

Thank you!

### 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 - August 15/16  
**\$2,137.00**

Assumption of Mary - August 15  
**\$ 219.00**

Peter's Pence - August 1/2  
**\$ 346.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

### 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 and 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!

### Mother of Hope Camp

Mother of Hope Camp thanks all the parents who entrusted their children to them this summer. It not only took trust, but a good dose of courage and hope, in the midst of this global pandemic. The support of the the camp and all the new policies and procedures was most appreciated. They hope all the campers enjoyed their adventures at camp and enjoyed getting back to some sense of normal. They cannot wait until next summer. They thank the counselors for their hard work, dedication, and flexibility this summer. Mother of Hope could not have opened without their dedication, drive and excitement for our summer programming.

#### 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](http://www.stpaulsfoster.org)**

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

### The Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist

*In every Cathedral  
Or church by the sea,  
The candlelight flickers  
For all to see.*

*It tells us He's there  
as in heaven above  
But we must trust Him  
and believe in His love.*

*He waits inside  
With A lonely heart,  
With outstretched arms  
and hands far apart,  
Longing to embrace  
His precious child,  
Who is lost in a world  
That is crazy and wild*

*Satan lies  
and the world cries  
That Jesus isn't there.  
But the old deceiver  
Can't fool a believer  
Who knows he's a gifted heir*

*Don't carry those burdens  
Of worries and fears.  
Come in and exchange  
Consolation for tears.*

*Tell the good news  
To all whom you meet.  
Come in and find peace  
At the Savior's feet.*

*The word of God  
Is a two-edged sword,  
But this is He Who spoke it.  
The bible is the greatest book,  
But this is He Who wrote it.*

*Of all majestic thrones there are  
Of kings and queens and sages,  
This excels them all by far,  
The King of endless ages.*

*So open the door  
And kneel on the floor  
And adore your God, so good.  
But, if it's locked  
Don't be shocked'  
Your prayer will pierce the wood.*

*All the angels and saints  
And Mary our mother,  
Are praising here  
And adoring their lover.*

*He's begged and pleaded  
And says you are needed  
To return His bountiful love.  
So come in and be still  
And receive your fill  
Of the Holy Spirit, the Dove.*