

AUGUST 30, 2020
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Our First Reading from the Book of Jeremiah describes the young prophet's passionate outbursts of anger against the God who called him to work against such hopeless odds. Jeremiah confesses that he cannot long maintain his angry refusal to prophesy. The word within him must burst forth regardless of his personal likes or dislikes

In the Second Reading St. Paul, in writing to the Romans, tells us that there are many patterns of life the world will hold out to us to make us happy. Avoid them all, he warns, and prefer instead God's pattern.

In the Gospel, Jesus predicts his passion, death and resurrection and explains about the challenges and difficulties of discipleship. Jesus does not want his disciples to have any kind of fancy notions of following him. Rather, he wants to put before them the harsh reality. Therefore, before giving them an open invitation to discipleship, he foretells his passion, death and resurrection. Here we see the frankness and sincerity of Jesus. We also see that Jesus is not a teacher who only preaches. He, himself, is willing to go through what he demands from his disciples. Peter's response to Jesus' prediction is but human. After all, it is human and natural to avoid suffering and seek happiness.

Suffering for its own sake should be rejected outright. But in the case of Jesus, what Peter fails to see is that Jesus' invitation of discipleship is also in the same line. It is an invitation to strive for the values of the kingdom of God, like justice, peace and love. If suffering comes as a result, then Jesus wants his disciples to face it with courage. Jesus however, does not stop at this. He makes his disciples aware that suffering and death are not the end. They take it to the resurrection. This is the wonderful paradox of Christian discipleship. Now it is up to us to accept Jesus' invitation or not. Jesus calls some to fulfill the demands of discipleship in the most radical way by giving up their lives. But Jesus calls most of us to fulfill the demands of his discipleship, by accepting the sufferings and errors of our daily lives with faith

**My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.**

Psalm 63



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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 29
5:00 PM Mass: Intention of Ron Thurber

Sunday August 30
8:00 AM Mass: James B. Toohey (RIP)
9:15 AM Rosary
10:00 AM Mass: Joseph Sinwell (RIP)

Monday August 31
8:35 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Mass Carlton Dixon (RIP)

Wednesday September 2
8:35 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Mass: Margaret J. Forrest, Charles T. Forrest,
Robert A. Nadeau, Sr. (RIP)

Friday September 4
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: Paul Joseph (RIP)
8:00 AM Mass: Doris McAlpine (RIP)
10:00 AM Open for your Intentions

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST



Eternal Rest and Perpetual Light!

Paul Joseph, son of Mary Joseph, passed away on Tuesday, August 25. Please pray for his eternal rest.

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 this **Sunday, August 30th at 9:30AM**. We are asking Mary's intercession to end the pandemic and bring peace to our country and families.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

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!

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

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.

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 August 2020, Our Parish has pledged a total of **\$88,745** of our \$166,788 Parish Goal which puts us a 53% of our Goal. Pledge envelopes are available in the entrance of the church. Please consider making your pledge today!

Catholic Charity Appeal

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

Food Closet Ministry

This month we are in need of **Tuna, Jelly,** and Canned Tomatoes & Vegetables. AnThe Food Closet is open every other Saturday morning 10 – 11:30 AM

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!

Second Collection—Sept 5/6

Next weekend's second collection will be used to help with the cost of **utilities**.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - August 22/23
\$2,108.00

CRS- Beirut Collection - August 22/23
\$ 674.00

Thank you for your support!

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.*