

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

People without spiritual vision are usually people without hope, because they fail to see the possibility of meaningful change in their lives. Faith is both a new kind of understanding and a new way of seeing things.

In the First Reading, Isaiah's hopeful message was addressed to a nation that experienced the crushing bitterness of exile. But even the blind, the deaf, and the lame will dance and rejoice at the approach of God's salvation.

In the Second Reading, St. James remarks that the poor of this world are often those chosen by God to be rich in faith and heirs of Christ's Kingdom.

Mark's Gospel tells how Jesus cured a man who was deaf and who also had an impediment in his speech. It shows that Jesus' work of healing means the reign of God has now taken hold of the world.

Faith does not mean seeing clearly and knowing the answer. It means trusting God amid doubt and uncertainty; being open to truth as far as we can discern it in God's word in Scripture, and in the reality of our lives.

Let us pray for the grace that the poverty of our faith may be enriched by the mercy of the Father who saves us in Christ.

*Speak,
for your
servant is
listening.*
- 1 SM 3:10 -



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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	September 4
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass:
Sunday	September 5
8:00 AM	Mass:
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass:
Monday	September 6
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Grandchildren of Mary O'Reilly
Wednesday	September 8
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Wodziak & Tarsa Families
Friday	September 10
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Mass: Helen Wilkie (RIP)
8:00 AM	Mass: Diane Boisvert (RIP)
10:00 AM	Open for your Intentions

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

150th Anniversary of the Diocese

Beginning September 8, 2021 and lasting until June, 26, 2022, the Diocese of Providence will have 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 from 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 feast day of SS. Peter and Paul.

Olive Wood Group

Next weekend, Sept 11 & 12, a group from Bethlehem, the holy city of Christ's birth, will be at St. Paul's to sell religious articles hand carved by Christian artisans from Bethlehem and Jerusalem. As you may know, the situation is very difficult. It is hard for the Christian minority to make a living in the Holy Land, and tourism has come to a halt with COVID. The sale of these items benefit the Christian families there and helps to provide opportunities for them. Thank you and God bless 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 convenient option: setting up an automatic contribution online.

Support St. Paul's

Set up a recurring 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.



In 2022, The Diocese of Providence will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1872.

St. Paul's campaign began in April of 2019 and will allow us to accomplish many of our own parish needs while helping raise monies to reach the Diocesan goal. As of today, our Parish has pledged a total of **\$88,745** of our **\$166,788** Parish Goal which puts us a 53% of our Goal.

FORMED

The parish has a subscription to FORMED, an online platform with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio books, e-books, and even animations for children. And it's free. You have **free and easy access** to all of the material on FORMED to support your own faith journey and that of your family members. Please sign up:

1. Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish's zip code
3. Enter your name and your email

What to watch?

Start with episode 1 of **The Search**, a 7-part video series (approx. 30-minutes each) that asks some of the important questions in life.



What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination - a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.

ORDER OF MASS

The concluding rites of the Mass appear rather brief—even though the Optional Announcements part can seem longer than the homily sometimes! But the conclusion is, in a way, meant to have a "let's get going already!" urgency to it. That's because we come to Mass to go!

The Dismissal in Latin is "*Ite missa est*"—which means, "Go, you have been sent." "Missa" is where we get the word Mass; and it's related to the word "mission".

So, we come to Mass—to be strengthened by Word and Sacrament—so that we can go out on a mission. (In fact, even the Optional Announcements, when needed, are meant to bring to our attention some particular need within the community, or to focus on a particular concern of our mission.)

THE MASS PARTS IN OUTLINE

Introductory Rites

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Concluding Rites

Optional announcements

Greeting and Blessing

Dismissal

In the form for the Dismissal we use today, there are four options:

- 1) *Go forth, the Mass is ended.*
- 2) *Go, and announce the Gospel of the Lord.*
- 3) *Go and glorify the Lord by your life.*
- 4) *Go in peace.*

Each of these are our "marching orders" if you will. And when we respond, "Thanks be to God," we're not saying, "Thank God it's over"! Instead we're concluding our Eucharist—our Thanksgiving—by giving God thanks for the grace to *go out to our world and families to share God's grace, mercy, and peace.*

September Birthdays

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

Christmas Bazaar Raffle

Thank you to the 30 parishioners who have already donated \$25. Everyone one who donated will get a Free Raffle Ticket in their name.