

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

The First Reading of today's liturgy suggests that we carry a great share of responsibility for the salvation of our brothers and sisters. Our faith and our love above all, should be able to lead our brothers and sisters to God. Our experience of God should constitute an example for them to encounter and experience Him. God's love, God's care, concern and compassion should flow through our hearts and reach our sisters and brothers. If my faith and love, my lifestyle do not succeed to impress my fellow-travelers in life and do not bring them closer to God, I have failed my Lord and Master; I have failed as a Christian.

Our duty of bringing an erring brother or sister back to God (today's Gospel) stems from this great responsibility we have of working sincerely for his or her salvation. Any correction that is carried out with an air of superiority, and with a touch of judgment, can never win my brother back to God. Only a person who loves profoundly can rightfully dare to correct his brother. In addition it requires great humility and a special sensitivity of heart. The correction has to be carried out in private, with extreme discretion, and without any show of hypocrisy, pride or abuse of power, without any way doing violence to the person of my brother, without tarnishing his good name or honor.

In addition, to the duty and method of correction, the Christian motive for correction is love always, even when justice dictates correction. "Love is the one thing that cannot hurt (love) is the answer." As difficult as correction is, the corrector who is positively motivated by love can't do wrong. The worst is done by those who try to do good to their neighbors but do not love them. Christ's rules for correction are a lesson in love.

Today let us pray for the grace to look to Jesus, The Lord of Divine Mercy and Compassion and practice the virtue of

Lord, I love
your commands.



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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	September 5
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass: Paul Joseph (RIP)
Sunday	September 6
8:00 AM	Mass: Doris McAlpine (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: People of the Parish
Monday	September 7
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Intentions of Ted, Lonny, & David
Wednesday	September 9
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Wodziak & Tarsa Families
Friday	September 11
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Mass: Intentions of Fr. Doré
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Open for your Intentions

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

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!

Prayer During a Pandemic

Lord Jesus,

Hear our pleas, our good shepherd and divine physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.

Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear.

Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.

And may all you have called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

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 **Canned Tomatoes & Canned Vegetables, Dried Pasta, and Spaghetti-O's**. The Food Closet is open every other Saturday morning 9:30 – 11 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

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

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - August 29/30

\$2,809.00

Thank you for your support!

The Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist

Always stay close to our Lord, present in the tabernacle. Be completely absorbed by devotion to him there and never let go. ~ Saint Bernadette

1324 *The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."* 137

1327 *In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith:*

Catechism of the Catholic Church

My dearest friends,

My home is often empty. Very few of my friends come to see me and visit. And when they do, it is usually because of some obligation.

They rush around seeking wealth, health and pleasure and almost never stop to say 'hello', and to be with me, and maybe listen to me. I've given them so much and they don't even acknowledge the gifts, much less thank me for them.

I guess the only conclusion I can come to, is that either they don't love me anymore, or else they don't even believe I'm here.

It makes me sad and lonely and hurt—an no one seems to care.
Love, Jesus in the Tabernacle

Most Catholics no longer believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. If they did, they would often receive Him during the week and would frequently visit Him to praise, adore, thank, and petition Him for all their needs. Their reception of the Eucharist on Sunday is a mere cultural habit that produces little change in their lives. The reason for this is because of the most outrageous robbery in the history of Christianity—Satan has stolen our precious treasure of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We are all sinners, and because of the blockage of sin in our hearts, Jesus is unable to come in with all His peace, joy, love, and light to make us new, whole, and happy. Mary, in her frequent apparitions all over the world, has urged us to return to the frequent reception of the cleansing, healing Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pope John Paul ii also has urged us to return to this beautiful sacrament. If we do, we will really be renewed by Jesus in the Eucharist, and we will fall in love with Him, and all of the Catholic Church will be totally renewed! What a wonderful gift!
Thanks be to God!