

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

The cross is the measure of the world; it calls all human values into question by revealing a love forceful enough to bridge the terrifying gap between death and life. The cross is not an invitation to lead a miserable, dehumanizing life; it is rather a call to hope in the face of those suffering which are the normal accompaniments of human existence.

In the First Reading, the passage talks about the sufferings of the just man whose task it is to teach people the ways of God. He is sustained in all his trials by the firm belief that God is with him.

St. James reaffirms, in the Second Reading: Faith without action is simply dead faith. To believe means nothing if it is not expressed in charitable action for the sake of others. Faith without good works is dead.

In the Gospel, even though Peter declared his belief in Jesus as the Messiah, he had no idea what that implied. Throughout the early chapters of Mark's Gospel there is a progressive revelation of who Jesus is and what his destiny must be. Through his passion and death our Lord has provided us with a way through to the fullness of life that we long for. Christ has done this, not by avoiding suffering and death but by facing them, accepting them willingly out of love for us, and in doing so he was glorified by his Father. Christ has given meaning to all human suffering and death. They are still mysterious, but now they can be an expression of our love, the way through to human fulfillment. The cross is a sign of hope and life for each of us.



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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 11
5:00 PM	Mass: Helen Wilkie (RIP)
Sunday	September 12
8:00 AM	Mass: Diane Boisvert (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Fr. Leon Kachel
Monday	September 13
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass:
Wednesday	September 15
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass:
Friday	September 17
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	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Open for your Intentions

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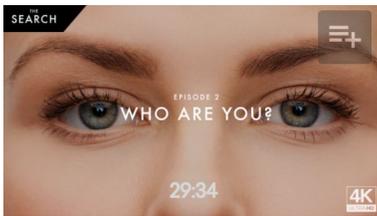
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Watch **The Search**, a 7-part video series that asks some of the important questions in life.



Episode 2 // Who Are You?

To find clues as to the meaning of life, we first look at ourselves. Who am I? Is there more to me than matter? Is there more to us than meets the eye? We talk with neuroscientists, psychologists, composers, and artists to examine the mystery of you. If you're just a body, then satisfaction in life should come from tending to simple bodily needs. Fill your stomach, be comfortable. But there's more to you than that. You are material and immaterial. And that unseen part of you craves for so much more. As C.S. Lewis once said, "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world."

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Prayer on The Twentieth Anniversary of 9/11

Holy God, Creator of all people and all nations, it is with sorrow and apprehension we remember the tragic events that occurred on this day.

We lift to You in prayer all those who died In the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon, and on United Airlines Flight 93 In Shankesville, Pennsylvania.

We entrust them to Your loving care. Console their families, friends, and all who mourn this loss In the hope that all who trust in You find peace and rest in Your Kingdom.

We pray for those who courageously responded to provide aid and comfort to the afflicted. May their painful memories of that day be healed and transformed into strength and positive resolution.

We also pray for ourselves as we seek Your strength and guidance. We live in the aftermath of this tragedy and under the shadow of future acts of aggression; we stand in need of Your assistance.

Enable us, dear God, to put an end to fear: by resolving to live lives that are based on respect for one another; by resolving to abide in a peaceful manner and never settle disagreements in our lives in a violent way; by resolving not to fall into the trap of blaming entire ethnic groups, races, or religions in response to acts of hostility; by resolving that justice, not revenge, prevail in our world.

Let us resolve that in the face of hatred, we will show love; that in times of despair, we will be voices of hope and creators of new dreams; that in times of darkness, we will be sources of light. Let us resolve that we never regard forgiveness as weakness, but rather as a source of strength in our lives and in our world.

And, let us honor the memory of nearly 3,000 individuals who died on September 11, 2001, by resolving, with Your help Almighty God, to truly live this way so You may be glorified and Your love made known to others through us. Amen.

- Bro. Darrell Burns, S.J. (Xavier University)

Silver Rose Prayer Service

In 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, wanted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. This group of young men in Monterrey, Mexico, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe near Mexico City.

The rose was chosen to commemorate St. Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, an important part of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This started a worldwide tradition in a which a Silver Rose is taken, from church to church, and placed at an image of Our Lady.

This has become an occasion for prayer, especially for the intention that our society grows to respect all of human life, from the moment of conception to natural death—and everyone in between!

Today, the Silver Rose will arrive at St. Paul's before the 10:00 Mass, after which we join in this special service of prayer.

Olive Wood Group

This 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!

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GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - Sep 4/5

TBA

Earthquake in Haiti - Sep 4/5

TBA

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