

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

In The First reading, The Book of Wisdom describes that the virtuous man is a sign of contradiction- not by his severity, but by his gentleness. Such a man is tortured and condemned by his enemies, but declared just by the wisdom of God.

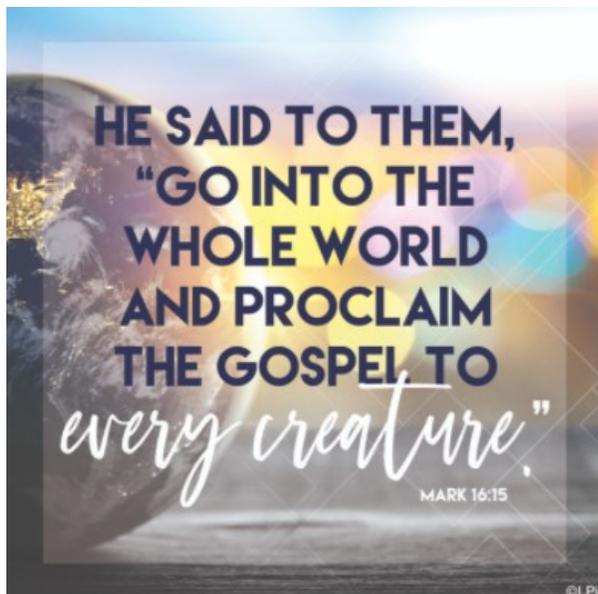
In The Second Reading, St. James informs us that the wisdom of God is manifested by men who are peacemakers. Persons who have deep peace in their hearts will be known by the virtues of kindness and humility.

In the Gospel of Today, Mark describes that Jesus as the gentle servant whose death will result in life for all. Last Sunday, Jesus revealed to the disciples his mission as suffering servant of the Lord.

By his life and actions, Christ has turned our values upside down. He has shown us that true greatness is not a matter of power and respectability, but is to be found only in the service of others.

If we call ourselves Christians, we too must live a life of service, not seeking any reward. It is easy enough to give when we feel in a generous mood. It is hard to be always willing to serve when this means constant drudgery or when we meet with ingratitude. Perhaps we will be encouraged if we remember that Christ is with us in our service, giving his love to others through us. If we are asked to share his cross, we can be sure that we will also share in his resurrection.

Let us pray for the grace to follow the example of The Servant Christ in our love and service of our brothers and sisters in need.



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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 18
5:00 PM	Mass:
Sunday	September 19
8:00 AM	Mass: Marie Raj (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Forgotten Souls
Monday	September 20
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass:
Wednesday	September 22
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass:
Friday	September 24
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	Mass: Dorothy & George Brayton, Sr. (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Eduardo Von Chong (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
 A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

Senior Priest Retirement Fund

After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living, or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this challenged fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many who have served faithfully for many years in ministry – some of whom continue to serve well after their ‘retirement.’ The collection is also our way of saying “thank you” for that service.

At Masses this weekend, September 18 and 19, our parish will join others throughout the Diocese in a collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.

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 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.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - August 28/29
\$2,944.00

Earthquake in Haiti - August 28/29
\$ 340.00

Offertory Collection - Sep 4/5
\$2,811.00

Monthly Second Collection - Sep 4/5
\$1,906.00

Offertory Collection - Sep 11/12
\$2,866.00

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

What to watch?

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



Episode 3 // Why A God?

Today we seem to think we’ve moved beyond the idea of God, but this secular view of life is a very new and unusual idea to humanity. All through human history man has looked to something outside himself for the answers to life. Why have we given up on God? Do we think science has disproven Him? Do we think society is better off without him? We talk with astrophysicists, chemists, Harvard professors, and more to make the case that it’s not only reasonable to believe in God, it’s essential if you want to have a truly amazing life. Our souls seek their creator, and we’ll never be truly happy unless we seek Him out. As St. Augustine famously said, “You have made us for Yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless. until they rest in Thee.”

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Living the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by god. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.



Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

God smiles when you help others. Take water to the thirsty. Donate your old clothes to the needy. Comfort those who are crying. Give one of your toys to a child with no toys. Share your favorite blanket with a child who is cold. If you spend your life helping others, God will take your hand and say, “Come, my child. Live with me in heaven forever.”

Prayer

Lord, fill my heart with love to help others, even when I would rather play a game.

Mission for the Week

Every day I will ask my parents, “Do you need any help?”