

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

The First Reading from Isaiah The prophet presents several of the paradoxes that are so much a part of the Christian life. God is far away, yet very near. Man is helpless, yet bound to act decisively for what he needs. God's ways are as high as the heavens, yet they must become the normal pattern of action for man.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul, thinking aloud to the Philippians, solves a question we all ask at times: when one has a Christian view of death, is it really better to live or die?

In the Gospel, Jesus chooses to be generous to the last as well as the first. Jesus shows compassion more in detail. God's feeling for the laborers quite consciously passes beyond the fact that some deserve more reward than others. Inasmuch as the wage for those who worked only one hour would be insufficient for them to feed their families, they are all rewarded equally, so that all can be saved from hunger.

Jesus says that the men who worked longest grumbled about an unfair deal. But, he asks, are we going to censure God because his actions don't conform to our rigid and self-regarding standards? St. Paul shows us that Christ bridges the gap between God's ways and men's, for Jesus' own way of living and actions are God's ways expressed in a man. St. Paul loved Jesus and centered his life on him. Thus he was able to go on living for the sake of his fellowmen.

We, too, if our lives are centered on Christ, can offer men and women the compassion, understanding, and care which far transcend mere legal justice. Therefore, let us pray for the grace to have the compassion and understanding to meet the needs of others.

The Lord is near to all  
who call upon him .  
Psalm 145



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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**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 19</b>
5:00 PM	Mass: Intentions of Mary Joseph
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 20</b>
8:00 AM	Mass:
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass:
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 21</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Paul Joseph (RIP)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 23</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass:
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 25</b>
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Mass: Intentions of Deacon Fernando Botelho
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Mass: Wedding Anniversary

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING  
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

### 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.

### 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](http://stpaulsfoster.org), and click the "Donate Now" button.

Thank you!

### 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](http://www.stpaulsfoster.org)

Your information is never shared with anyone else and is only used to communicate with you about the parish.

# Blessings

COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

### Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Fr. Doré will be offering the **10AM Mass next 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!

### Living the Liturgy

*Inspiration for the week*

Think for a moment about the most special person in your life. Why do you love them? Many people will answer that question noting character traits they admire about the person, pointing to an indescribable compatibility that exists and describing a deep sense of connection and intimacy or even a sense of rightness about the relationship. In relationships that are authentic and true, rarely are the personal benefits gained from the relationship noted as motivating factors for its pursuit. If we truly love someone we do so simply because it is right and good to do so and not for some other self-serving reason. Why do you love God? The sense of happiness and the gift of mercy that come from that relationship are God's to give, regardless of when in life we come to him. God's ways are different than ours.

### Second Collection—Sept 19/20 Senior Priest Retirement Fund

Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. A collection during this weekend of September 19 & 20 will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests that provides for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades.

#### GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - September 12/13  
**\$2,171.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

### How to teach your child to pray

The prayers of children can be the most beautiful, heartfelt, and tender prayers expressed. Listening to how children address God, thank him, or ask him for things reminds us of how we should be approaching God — with childlike simplicity and trust. Whether your child already has an established routine of praying or is just getting started, adding prayer with Sacred Scripture can be a very fruitful and enriching experience for both their faith lives and yours.

Praying with Scripture should be an active and daily part of prayer for everyone, whether that entails praying with the readings from the Mass, reflecting on the mysteries of the Rosary, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, lectio divina, or any other kind of meditative prayer. There is no age requirement to begin praying with the Scriptures, so it is important to introduce children to this beautiful form of prayer as early as possible.

Ascension Press has put together a step-by-step guide to show you the way. Be sure to visit our website or pick one up in the entrance of the church. We will be continuing to share more about prayer in the coming weeks!

## KIDS CORNER



### Sharing the Gospel

Whether you work for God your whole life, or whether you just got started, God will reward you in heaven. God doesn't want you to compare yourself with other people. God just wants you to love him with your whole heart.

### Prayer

God, help me to be ready when you ask me to work for you.

### Mission for the Week

Say a special prayer for each person in your family.