

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

In The First Reading, Two men not considered prophets by the people began to prophesize and this offended those who did not feel they were true prophets. But Moses explained that prophets are chosen by God, not by the people.

In The second Reading St. James speaks out strongly against people who become rich by cheating their workers. He claims the wealth they have dishonestly collected will be a testimony against them on the Judgment day.

In The Gospel, Jesus explains to his disciples that it is acceptable for a person who is not part of their group to speak in his name but He does warn them that anyone who causes scandal and tries to lead his followers astray will be severely punished. He also tells us that we should do everything to avoid sins. Jesus makes it clear that we are either for Him or against Him. There can be no middle ground. Either the life, teaching, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus compel us to follow Him or they don't.

Discipleship is an option. We have a choice in the matter of whether to follow Jesus. But once we have made that decision we are committed to follow Him wholeheartedly. We are committed to living our lives as good and faithful stewards of the many gifts God has so generously lavished upon us, especially the great gift of our faith. Following Jesus is a fulltime endeavor!

Jesus our Lord is our model. Let us pray that we are able to follow him, faithfully, by avoiding temptations and sins and loving him with all our soul, heart, mind and strength and also loving and serving 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 25
5:00 PM	Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday	September 26
8:00 AM	Mass: Dorothy & George Brayton, Sr. (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Eduardo Von Chong (RIP)
Monday	September 27
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass:
Wednesday	September 29
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: For the Grandchildren of Mary O'Reilly
Friday	October 1
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory
9:30—10:30 AM	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Mass: Peter Mroccka (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Milestone Wedding Anniversary

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
 A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

Blessings

COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Fr. Doré will be offering the **10AM Mass next Sunday, October 3** for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year. Congratulations & Blessings!

Baby Bottle Boomerang

After Masses next weekend, we will be distributing empty baby bottles. Please take a bottle home and fill it with your spare coins (cash or checks are also much appreciated) and return the bottle to church by October 17th. Your generosity helps Right to Life Services continue providing pregnancy tests and ultrasounds throughout Rhode Island in their Ancora Women's Mobile Care Center, and stocks the shelves of their maternity Hope Chest to serve mothers who have courageously chosen LIFE but need a helping hand caring for their precious little ones, whether it be diapers and wipes, clothing and blankets, and many other must have items. May the Good Lord Bless you many times over for your generosity.

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.

Second Collection- October 2/3

Next weekend, the second collection is for the Seminarian Education Fund. This fund ensures the continued formation of our seminarians, so the Church can be served by faithful priests in the future.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - Sept 18/19
\$2,109.00

Priest's Retirement - Sept 18/19
\$ 618.00

Thank you for your support!

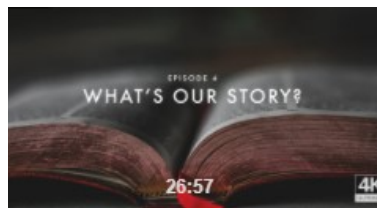
FORMED

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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 4 // What's our Story?

Your life is a story. And it's caught up in the great story of humanity. This great story, as we see it in the Scriptures, shows us the amazing love story that is God's pursuit of man. The God that is love created so we can ultimately be with his love. We were made to be with God. Union with God is so central to the purpose of life, we even see the afterlife in these terms.

Our definition of Heaven is union with God, and hell is absence of Him. Your life has a plot. Your life has purpose. Your life has value. We need to see how we fit into this big love story to begin to know why we exist. And that love of God isn't abstract. It has a face and name: Jesus.

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.

Living the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God's bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God's world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.



Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

If a girl is doing good things and helps you to do good things for God, she is a good friend. If a boy reminds you of how much God loves you, he is a good friend. If a child really is being helpful, don't push him or her away because he or she is not part of your family or church. God is very happy when you accept others even when they are not like you

Prayer

Lord, help me understand that everyone is part of your family.

Mission for the Week

I will invite a friend to come to Church with me and my family.