

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

In the church, we have so many saints. They were not born saints. Many of them were like us, struggling with temptations and sins. But they were all humble, accepted their sinfulness, cooperated with God's grace and became saints. Today we are called to do the same.

The First Reading from The prophet Ezekiel tells us that each one of us is responsible for our own conduct. The good person who falls away will have to answer for it. The evil person who repents will win pardon and eternal life.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul tells us that Christ came on earth to give us an example of humility which we all should imitate.

In the Gospel, The parable seems simple and straightforward. Christ is telling the leaders of the Jews that the fact that they were God's Chosen People, and that they were proud of their observance of the laws of Moses is not a guarantee that they will possess the Kingdom of God. Rather, because of their pride and their refusal to obey God's call to repentance, they will exclude themselves, while the tax-collectors and sinners, whom they despised, will repent of their sins and will be accepted into God's Kingdom. Let us remember that what God in his divine mercy did for the tax-collectors and sinners who are all now saints in heaven, he can also do for us. We answered the call to God's vineyard by accepting baptism and membership of his Church. But many times, we all fail to be faithful and grateful followers of Christ. Yet God in his divine mercy and love constantly invite us for conversion.

Therefore, let us sincerely pray for the grace to become humble and accept God's call for conversion and change our sinful ways and become worthy to enter into his heavenly kingdom.

Remember
your mercies,
O Lord.
Psalm 25



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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 26
5:00 PM	Mass: Intentions of Deacon Fernando Botelho
Sunday	September 27
8:00 AM	Mass: Barbara Vickers (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Wedding Anniversary
Monday	September 28
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass
Wednesday	September 30
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass
Friday	October 2
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	Mass: Paul Joseph (RIP)
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Mass: Robert Carnevale (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

Vatican Urges Catholics to Return to Public Sunday Worship

Kindly read this Very Important Letter from Rome about Our Sunday Obligation to attend The Holy Mass. Those who have real health issues and are elderly, are always exempted. But others should return to attend Sunday Mass in Person and receive The Holy Eucharist Sacramentally as The Letter stresses very clearly that Online Streaming of The Holy Mass is no substitute for Public Worship of God. This Coronavirus Pandemic is not just a health and medical problem and it is also a Spiritual problem. When God allows sufferings, He also gives The Solution. The Holy Eucharist is The Best Solution and Medicine for all sufferings and sicknesses. The Eucharistic Lord Jesus Christ is The Divine Physician and He and He alone can cure all illnesses and sufferings. Please don't be afraid and Put all your Faith and trust in The Eucharistic Christ and Our Blessed Mother Mary The Health of The Sick. Please return to The Sacraments of The Holy Eucharist and Penance.

May Our Lord Jesus Christ and Blessed Mother Mary bless and keep you all safe and healthy.

Thanks for your understanding and with my love, prayers and blessings always.

Fr. M.J. Bernard Doré

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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

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BAPTISM

Please welcome into the family of God's People, **George D. Sederback**, who will be baptized Saturday morning. He is the newest member of Christ's Body--the Church.



Please pray that he and his family be strengthened by the Holy Spirit's gifts of faith, hope and love.

Living the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

When making decisions, we often struggle with what voice to follow. We acknowledge the presence of God, the existence of the Trinity, the priority of the Gospel, and the virtues and values they embody. Yet, even with all of that truth, knowledge, and tradition behind us, we think we know better. When confronted with a decision, we easily dismiss what we know we ought and need to do and entertain responses that stem from lesser desires and wants. We eventually may come around and realize that what God asks us to do is what we need to do, even if it wasn't our original intention. God accepts our return to him with joy. What becomes dishonest is deceiving ourselves, God, and others by originally saying yes to what we know we need (and are asked to do) and willfully doing something else. That is blatant hypocrisy.

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GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - September 19/20
\$1,785.00

Priests Retirement - September 19/20
\$ 702.00

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Teaching your child to pray

Become familiar with story of Bible

Children are delightfully curious and want to know all about how the world works and why things are what they are. Perhaps the story of the Bible has become familiar or routine to you. You have heard Gospel stories hundreds of times at Mass. But can you answer a child's favorite question to ask, "why?" While you do not have to be a Scripture scholar, it will be helpful for you to have a general idea of the story of salvation history. Use your child's curiosity, and now your own, as an opportunity to spend more time getting to know the richness and beauty of the Bible.

Pray with Scripture

Children learn best by example.. Make a point to explain to your child what you are doing and why, explaining that you are reading the Word of God and listening to him in your heart plants the seed that you are doing something different than reading the newspaper or a novel. Use imaginative prayer and explain how you imagine the scene, the sights and sounds, they people and the interaction with Jesus.

(Continued next week...)

KIDS CORNER



Sharing the Gospel

Maybe you have heard that actions speak louder than words. It means that the things you do are more important than the things you say. Show kindness to others. Trust god. He wants what is best for you, so find out how to work for God. Then do what he asks.

Prayer

God, I want to show you that I love you.

Mission for the Week

Show kindness to a friend. Help someone pick up a mess they made, just because you love Jesus.