

OCTOBER 3, 2021

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Today's Scriptures draw us into the biblical images of faithful love between spouses and the care that we must extend to children.

The First Reading, from The Book of Genesis tells us that God created many different animals in an attempt to make a suitable partner for the first man. Then he took a rib from the man as he slept and built it up into a woman. At last God created someone who equaled the man,

as she was bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh and they proved to be suitable partners for each other.

In The Gospel, The Pharisees began to ask Jesus if it was acceptable for a husband to divorce his wife. Jesus tells them that two people who have been joined together by God, should not be separated. People began bringing their children to Jesus, but the disciples tried to send them away. Jesus grew angry and told his disciples to allow the children to come to him. By their matrimonial covenant, a man and a woman establish a partnership of the whole of life. This covenant is by nature ordered to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children. Between the baptized, Christ has raised this covenant to the dignity of a sacrament.

The Second Vatican Council calls The Christian Home as The Domestic Church. Parents are the first educators of their children and must give them the fruits of a moral and supernatural life. The home is the first school of the Christian life where all learn love, repeated forgiveness and prayerful worship. The disorder in the relationship does not come from the nature of man and woman but from sin.

Today let us pray specially for all those in married life that they grow daily in love and fidelity towards each other and that they have God as the Center of their life and find their courage, strength and consolation in prayer, The sacraments especially in The Holy Eucharist which is The Sacrament of The Greatest Divine Love.



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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

CONFESIONS 4:00-4:30 PM, SATURDAY OR BY APPOINTMENT

ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday October 2

9:30—11 AM Food Closet Open

5:00 PM Mass: Healing for Cheryl Verchot (RIP)

Sunday October 3

8:00 AM Mass: Peter Mroczka (RIP)

9:15 AM Rosary

10:00 AM Mass: Milestone Wedding Anniversary

Baptism: Eloise Sederback

Monday October 4

8:35 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Mass: Esther Belcher (RIP)

Wednesday October 6

8:35 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Mass:

Friday October 8

8:35 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM Mass: Continued Good Health of Ron Thurber

8:00 AM Mass: Richard Blair, Sr. (RIP)

10:00 AM Mass: Robert Carnevale (RIP)

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 today Sunday, October 3** for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year. Congratulations & Blessings!



Baby Bottle Boomerang

After Masses this 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

This 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 25/26
\$3,004.00

Thank you for your support!

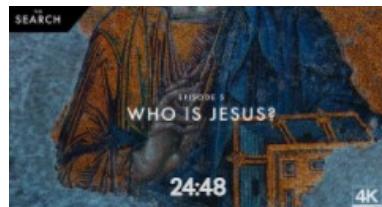
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What to watch?

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



Episode 5 // Who is Jesus?

The most beautiful part of this story is this we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

Christianity isn't simply a philosophy for life – the center of Christianity is a person. We look at the life of Jesus and what he came to do. Ultimately, we need to decide if Jesus really was who he said he was. We can't sit on the fence. Because if Jesus really was who he said he was, we need to make him the Lord of our lives, and everything changes.

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BAPTISM

Please welcome into the family of God's People, **Eloise Sederback**, who will be baptized Sunday morning. She is the newest member of Christ's Body--the Church.

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

Living the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

"What God has joined together." We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.

Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

In beginning, when God created Adam and Eve, he created marriage to be good, holy. God wanted husbands and wives to love God and help one another. Because of sin, some marriages started to fall apart. Divorce is difficult for everyone. God always wants marriage to be good and holy.

Prayer

Dear God, help people who are married to love you and care each other.

Mission for the Week

Pray for kids you know who have been hurt because their parents are not living with each other. Ask God to heal their broken hearts.