

JANUARY 17, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Today's Readings speak of our vocation as the disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We have to follow Christ with true love, faith and devotion.

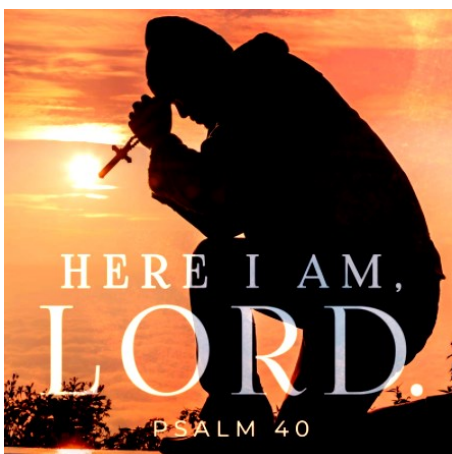
The First Reading gives the story of the call of the boy Samuel to be a prophet. We see the persistence of that call and Samuel's ready response to it.

In the Second Reading St. Paul tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, and we must use them, not for sin, but for the glory of God.

The Gospel speaks of the call of Andrew and his brother, Peter, and of their first encounter with Jesus.

Discipleship is far more than an acceptance or adherence to Christ. It means becoming part of God's family. It requires an abandonment of the past and a "willingness to see and to stay". Jesus dwells with the Father and The Holy Spirit and we are invited to make our home there as well. St. Paul speaks of our union with Christ in very bold and vivid terms. We are joined with others at every turn in our Christian life and it is from our union with God that we define our beliefs, our conviction, our way of living each day of our life. It is from this home in God that we are missioned to the world. As St. Paul reminds us today, this has all been made possible at a great price. We in God and God in us: "Glorify God in your body".

Today let us sincerely pray for the grace that we follow Christ faithfully with more dedication and commitment.



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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	January 16
5:00 PM	Mass: Rhonda Poole (RIP)
Sunday	January 17
8:00 AM	Mass: Paul T. Copp (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Ferdinand Fernandez (RIP)
Monday	January 18
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: MaryLou Guthrie (RIP)
Wednesday	January 20
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Linda Stockwell (RIP)
Friday	January 22
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory
7:00 PM	Special Eucharistic Adoration

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Mass: Ida Blair (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Karl Kostrum (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

Special Eucharistic Adoration

This Friday, January 22, at 7PM, we will have a special Eucharistic Adoration for the legal protection of unborn children.



GRATEFUL
for God's Providence
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS
Diocese of Providence

In 2022, The Diocese of Providence will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1872.

St. Paul's campaign began in April of 2019 and will allow us to accomplish many of our own parish needs while helping raise monies to reach the Diocesan goal. As of today, our Parish has pledged a total of **\$88,745** of our **\$166,788** Parish Goal which puts us a 53% of our Goal.

There are pamphlets available in the narthex with additional information. Pledge envelopes are available in the entrance of the church. Please consider making your pledge today!

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.

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.

Food Closet Ministry

This month we are in need of **Canned Soups, and Chef Boyardee Spaghetti-O's. And also Plastic Bags.** The Food Closet is open every other Saturday morning 9:30- 11 AM

I Heard God Laugh

Nothing will change your life so completely, absolutely, and forever like really learning how to pray.

A Question to Begin

Is your life working? It's a simple question really. We cannot look at another person's life and know, but most of the time we know who well our life is (or isn't) working...

The Missing Piece

Trying to put together a jigsaw puzzle without an important piece is incredibly frustrating. That is the story of millions of people's lives. Day after day they are frustrated but they don't even realize they are missing a piece. The essential piece most people are missing is a vibrant spirituality. ..

The Habit

There are an unlimited number of ways to feed your soul. The best place to start is with daily prayer. It is the cornerstone of the spiritual life...

Are you open to trying something new? This book is an invitation to flourish and thrive like never before. **Are you ready to open yourself up to see and embrace what's next?**

~Matthew Kelly

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.

Thank you!

Second Collection—January 16/17

This weekend's second collection is for the National Collection for Catholic University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C.

End of Year Gift

This year, the Finance Council has asked Fr. Dore to allocate the End of Year Gift for the *Food Closet Ministry and needed Tree Removal*. Please consider making a gift toward this fund.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - January 9/10
\$2,684.00

End of Year Gift - To Date
\$ 9,352.00

Thank you for your support!

Living the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.



KIDS CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

Mexican families share a special treat called a kings' cake on January 6th. Hidden inside the cake is one tiny little doll shaped like the baby Jesus. if you find Jesus in your piece of cake, you tell everyone. In today's gospel, Andrew met Jesus for the first time. Andrew was so excited to find the Savior, he ran to tell his brother he had found Jesus.

Prayer

Jesus, help me tell my family and friends about you.

Mission for the Week

Ask your family if you could include Kings' cake in your holiday celebrations next year.