

NOVEMBER 8, 2020
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

We are all called to be bearers of the light of Christ. But like the five foolish maids, we too are sometimes careless and irresponsible, and allow this lamp to go out or at least grow very dim. Through a spirit of prayer and watchfulness, let us pray to Christ to help us to keep his light burning brightly.

The First Reading sings the praise of wisdom. At the same time it says that wisdom can be found by all those who seek it.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul consoles the Thessalonians who are worried about the fate of their loved ones who have died. He tells them that God will raise them up as surely as he raised up Christ.

The Gospel urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour of the Lord's coming. The wise virgins represent those who live a life of piety, faith and charity and produce righteous deeds. The foolish ones are those who live without piety, faith and charity and therefore without righteous deeds. The difference between the wise and the foolish is all about one's fundamental spiritual or unspiritual attitude- a spiritual attitude that is formed by one's faith or an unspiritual attitude that is formed by one's own self. In brief, The Gospel invites us not to sleep through Christian discipleship but to live it until He returns.

Now is the time for all of us to say, "Lord, Lord open the door for us!" Open to us the doors of your divine mercy and kindness. Open to us the eyes of our understanding that we may see our defects and correct them while there is yet time for conversion. It is up to us now to decide, aided by God's grace, where we shall be found on the last day- with the wise virgins or with the foolish.

**My soul is thirsting for
you, O Lord my God.**
Psalm 63



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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 November 7
5:00 PM Mass: Mary Lou Guthrie (RIP)

Sunday November 8
8:00 AM Mass: Evelyn Cherry (RIP)
9:15 AM Rosary
10:00 AM Mass: Deceased Knights of Columbus

Monday November 9
8:35 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Mass: Intentions of the Dunn Family
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday November 11
8:35 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Mass: : Wodziak & Tarsa Families

Friday November 13
8:35 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM Mass: Healing of Patricia Monroe
8:00 AM Mass: Richard Blair, Jr. (RIP)
10:00 AM Mass: Deceased Members of the Parish

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

November—Holy Souls' Month

My Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the month of November, let us remember all our beloved departed souls. This whole month is a very meaningful time of prayer. We pray being in communion with Saints. It is a special time to remember our dear departed and especially to pray for those souls who left with no one to pray for them. By offering the Masses, praying the Holy Rosary and doing acts of charity, let us intercede for all the souls in Purgatory. Let us pray for them to reach God and may they enjoy eternal bliss. All our beloved departed souls need our love, care, prayers and Holy Masses. Rest assured that they will be praying for us as and when they reach the right hand of our Heavenly Father.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them! Amen.

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Commemoration of the Departed

The month of November we will continue with the commemorative book of names for our loved ones who've died. This book will be available at all Masses.

Mass for Deceased St. Paul's Knights
Sunday, November 8, at 10 AM

Recently Deceased Family & Friends
Mass: Sunday, November 15, at 10AM

Anyone whose loved one has passed in the last year, please call the office to have them commemorated at this special Memorial Sunday Mass.

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

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

Beautiful Ways of Giving

Will you consider designating memorial gifts or leaving a gift in your will to our St. Paul's parish?

"Being a Christian without the Church doesn't make any sense...To say 'I am a Christian' means to say 'I belong to the Church'...As Christians, we cannot disregard the Church; we cannot save ourselves." ~Pope Francis

Your parish has been a place where you have come together with family, friends and the Catholic community for the most important moments in your life. Through the Catholic Church you have met the person of Jesus Christ in times of joy and sorrow, especially in the Sacraments. Consider giving back to your St. Paul's parish in your estate planning or a memorial gift..

Thanks for your kind consideration and God Bless and reward you.

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The Christmas Bazaar Raffle

Thank you so much to those who have already returned their Raffle Ticket Stubs and money. We truly appreciate it. If anyone did not receive tickets and would like some please call or email the parish office. If you need more let us know and we can mail them or leave them in the office to be picked up.

Return date is November 29th.

Second Collection—November 7/8

This weekend's second collection will be used to help with **cost of utilities.**

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The weekend of November 21/22, the second collection will be in support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, founded by the U.S. Catholic Bishops to help end the cycle of poverty throughout America. With a tradition of improving education, housing, and community economic development, the CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Please Help!

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - Oct 31/ Nov 1
\$2,547.00

Thank you for your support!

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Open to all children in our parish including friends and relatives of our parishioners.

Winners will be judged in three age categories: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14 \$50 First Place prize awarded in each age group.

Submission deadline, Sunday December 6.

Application forms and full contest details can be found in the Narthex, or call the office for more information.

K of C Winter Coat Drive

The Knights of Columbus are organizing this year's annual coat collection. Please donate clean coats in good condition. There is a donation box available in the hallway.

Help Fill Thanksgiving Baskets

We are collecting food items in order to prepare Thanksgiving Food Baskets which have been so important and appreciated by some of our neighbors. As part of learning about faithfulness to Christ we are especially asking the children as well as all parish families to help fill these baskets. **Please drop off all items at church by Sunday, November 8.**

KIDS CORNER



Sharing the Gospel

Make sure your heart is ready for Jesus. One day Jesus will come back. If your heart is empty and dark without love you will be left out. But if your heart is filled with God's love for other people, Jesus will bring you into heaven with him forever.

Prayer

God, fill my heart with your love. I want to be ready for Jesus.

Mission for the Week

As a family, go through your closets and drawers. Take out all the clothes you don't wear anymore. Then donate them to charity.