

JANUARY 24, 2021
**THIRD SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

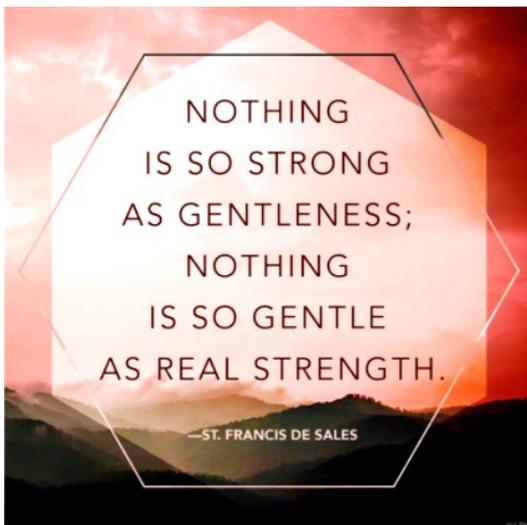
We continue our reflection on Christian Discipleship. All our saints are great examples of Christian Discipleship.

In The First Reading, The story of The Prophet Jonah has two important points: It reveals the universal nature of God's mercy and forgiveness and it shows the effects of true repentance. If we answer God's call to renounce evil, his mercy will overshadow our lives, bringing them true peace and joy.

In The Second Reading, St. Paul tells us that we Christians should live totally for God.

In The Gospel, Peter, Andrew, James and John are called by Christ to leave all and follow him. Their response was immediate. They were unlikely people- simple, humble and uneducated fishermen-to tell the Good News to a sophisticated world empire. Yet because they responded, by the strength of The Holy Spirit, they were responsible for preaching Christ and His Gospel and finally giving their lives as martyrs for Christ.

Today we too are called to follow Christ through our Baptism. We too are called to share Christ and His Gospel, to love and care for others and forgive others and if needed, to die as martyrs for Christ. But many times we all fail in our call to be faithful followers of Christ. Let us sincerely beg the Lord for his forgiveness for all our failures and pray for the grace to live our Christian Discipleship faithfully and sincerely.



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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 23
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass:
Sunday	January 24
8:00 AM	Mass: Ida Blair (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Karl Kostrum (RIP)
Monday	January 25
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Agnes Boffa (RIP)
Wednesday	January 27
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Patrick Dragon (RIP)
Friday	January 29
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM	Mass: James Finnegan & Jeffrey Laliberte (RIP)
8:00 AM	Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM	Mass: Daisy & Raymond Frois (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
 A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

Fifth Sunday Rosary for Families

The St. Paul Council, Knights of Columbus invites everyone to join them in praying the Rosary next **Sunday, January 31st at 9:15AM**. We are asking Mary's intercession to end the pandemic and bring peace to our country and families.



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.

Rhode Island Catholic Subscription

In March 2020, COVID-19 changed everything and your diocesan newspaper responded immediately moving all publishing online to the RI Catholic website, TheRICatholic.com. Now more than ever, your diocesan newspaper depends on its faith readers to continue its 145 year mission of bringing the good news. Please subscribe or renew online or see newspaper for more info.

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

The Promise of This Book

This book is about that habit of prayer. Every book makes a promise... The promise of this book is that it will teach you how to pray and introduce you to a world of spirituality that most people have never experienced. I specifically want to teach you a form of prayer that will help you develop a vibrant habit of daily prayer.

Finding Your Reason

You may be asking: Why should I pray? It's a great question. It is also the answer. We have so many questions, and all too often we turn to the people around us as we look for answers, instead of turning to the one who has all the answers to all the questions. Your questions are the gateway to the answers you seek.

Habit and Potential

Our lives change when our habits change. For better or for worse, habits are one of the most powerful influences in our lives. Here is something worth pondering: The being of something changeable-you is not only what it is, but what it still can be. You are not only who and what you are today; your essence or being also includes who you are capable of becoming-who you still can be. It expresses the basis for hope in our potential, and potential is a beautiful thing.

~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 30/31

Next weekend is the collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of rural terrain and a lack of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for them to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - January 16/17
\$2,060.00

Catholic University - January 16/17
\$ 131.00

Thank you for your support!

Living the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

"Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

KIDS CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

There's a colorful envelope addressed to you on the kitchen table. You see it's from your friend. You open it and find a party invitation inside. Your parents say you can go! When Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James and John to come along with him, they were just as excited to go. Jesus was the Savior and a good friend. They couldn't wait!

Prayer

Jesus, I thank you for inviting me to spend time with you.

Mission for the Week

Jesus wants you to come to his home in Heaven. Make a party invitation from Jesus to you. Use this invitation as a bookmark in your Bible.