

JANUARY 31, 2021  
**FOURTH SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré**

Today's Liturgy and The Readings speak of The Authority of God.

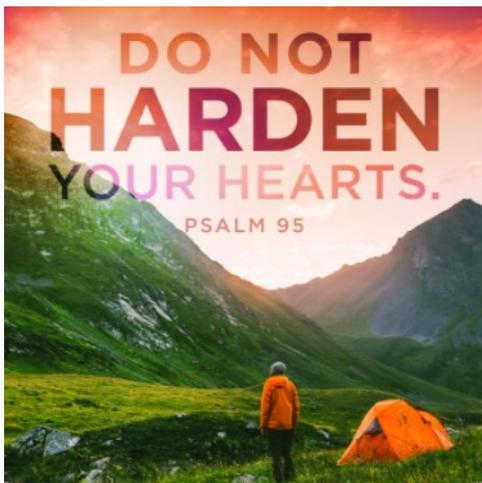
In the First Reading, Moses tells the people the coming of a prophet into whose mouth God will put his own words.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul tells that Every Christian is called to devote his or her best energies and talents to the service of Christ and his brothers and sisters. St. Paul suggests that some may do this more easily, by remaining unmarried.

In the Gospel, we see the prophecy of Moses fulfilled, in the teaching of Christ. Jesus speaks "with authority", that is, with the full power of God, at work in him. Jesus was a man of authority, not because he ruled people, but because he was able to call forth the best in each man. Like every genuine prophet, Jesus knew how to read the signs of the times and, though he lived as a servant his teaching had the authority of love and truth behind it. Jesus' authority flowed from a heart, altogether responsive to the Father's word and will. His authority was expressed in service.

The Words that come from the mouth of Jesus have a powerful and lasting effect. Jesus is The Word of God. Just as the Bible begins with the account of God creating the universe through the power of His Word, so too does this account from the first chapter of The Gospel of St. Mark emphasize the restorative power of the words that come from the Lord. Jesus speaks and great things happen. At every celebration of The Holy Eucharist, The Gospel is proclaimed and we hear words of Jesus, words that contain within them the power to effect tremendous change within us.

Let us pray that we open our hearts and ears to the power of The Word of God and love and serve our brothers and sisters.



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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 30**  
 5:00 PM      Mass: James Finnegan & Jeffrey Laliberte (RIP)

**Sunday      January 31**  
 8:00 AM      Mass: Robert Abrams (RIP)  
 9:15 AM      Rosary  
 10:00 AM      Mass: Daisy & Raymond Frois (RIP)

**Monday      February 1**  
 8:35 AM      Rosary  
 9:00 AM      Mass: Arthur Robillard (RIP)

**Wednesday      February 3**  
 8:35 AM      Rosary  
 9:00 AM      Mass: Deceased Members of Fernandez Family

**Friday      February 5**  
 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      Open for your Intentions  
 8:00 AM      Open for your Intentions  
 10:00 AM      Mass: Ferdinand Fernandez (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 this **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](http://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 visit [www.theRICatholic.com](http://www.theRICatholic.com) for 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

## BAPTISM

Please welcome into the family of God's People, **Aiden Charles Welch**, who was baptized Saturday afternoon. 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.

### Help with Altar Flowers

St. Paul's is looking for volunteers to help once a month with altar flowers. Call the office for more details.

### End of Year Statements

2020 End of Year Statements were mailed out this week. Please let us know if you haven't received one or if there are any discrepancies. Thank you.

### 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](http://stpaulsfoster.org), and click the "Donate Now" button.

Thank you!

### Second Collection—January 30/31

This 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 23/24  
**\$1,667.00**

**Thank you for your support!**

## Living the Liturgy

### Inspiration for the week

We must use mercy for the present and have hope most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try?

## KIDS CORNER

### Sharing the Gospel

Grass stains. Tomato sauce. Brightly colored fruit drinks. When these nasty stains stick to your clothes, it is tough to get them out. Regular soap won't work. You need something stronger. Jesus is really strong, too. In today's gospel, a nasty evil spirit screamed when it saw Jesus. Jesus was so powerful, he cleaned that evil spirit right out.

### Prayer

God, you are much stronger than evil. Nothing is too hard for you to clean.

### Mission for the Week

Make a new label for your family's stain pretreatment bottle. Trace around the bottle, write Mark 1:21-28 in big letters, and decorate your label with a picture of Jesus. Tape your new label to the bottle so you and your parents remember how strong Jesus is.