



## St. Paul's Co-Cathedral Parish

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 2021

"We need to hear what the Spirit is saying about *shalom* and unity in the crisis – not simply peace for peace's sake but the peace of the Gospel." (Bishop Mark Hagemoen, "We need to hear what the Spirit is saying about *shalom* and unity in the crisis – not simply peace for peace's sake but the peace of the Gospel." (Bishop Mark Hagemoen, September 29, 2021)

### An Appeal from Father Penna

My Dearest Family,

**"What God has joined together, let no one separate."** (Mk. 10:10)

Over four hundred times I have turned from a couple who have just pronounced their wedding vows to repeat these Gospel words of the Saviour in the hearing of all gathered. It is a warning and a plea: a warning to those present not to be stumbling blocks – *scandals* – for this couple's journey of becoming a family and a plea to God to be the source of their "joining". By far, this warning and plea has been attended to – sadly, separation and division has sometimes ensued. Marriage and family life are not easy. It requires constant resistance to the 'text messages' sent by the Divider – messages that call for anger, judgment, and resentment and cause people to 'separate'.

Today, I repeat these words, "What God has joined together, let no one separate", to all of us: God's family at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral. My father-heart is breaking. I see families divided within themselves, from other families, and within this parish family. We are all exhausted by this COVID crisis. With tiredness comes irritability, with sadness comes anger, and with fear comes resentment. I understand how natural are the first two, but I am concerned about the source of "fear". We are being sifted in a new way. People fear this virus. People fear the vaccine. People fear for their futures. People fear for the future of our society and world.

Do we allow our fear to shape our way of seeing other people? Do we allow our fear to crowd out our inner peace and prayerfulness? Do we allow our fear to make us less compassionate and more self-righteous? Do we allow our fear to make us less loving?

Forty-four times in the New Testament we are told **"Do not be afraid!"**

**"Do not fear, only believe"** (Mk. 5:36) Jesus commands in the face of sickness and death.

**"Take heart, it is I; Do not be afraid"** (Mk. 6:50) Jesus assures those terrified by storms.

I believe with all my heart that Jesus is saying this to us today. I beg you – my precious family – to hear His voice. While the Divider tell us to be afraid so that he might have power over us, Jesus tells us to surrender to His Love that we might not fear and be free.

**"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear"** (1 Jn 4:18) Jesus loves us perfectly. When we know His perfect utter love for us fear is cast out. Cast out also is separation.

Our Heavenly Patron, St. Paul, knew well what a divided community looks like – and proclaimed how the Love of Christ becomes flesh and heals. It is a proclamation that most couples choose for their weddings. I know one married couple who have this proclamation on a painting and who stand before it whenever they are arguing.

I ask you. I beg you. Read this every day. Read it over and over every day.

**"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Cor 13:4-7).**

Ten times every day read it.

Hear Jesus' voice, **"Do not be afraid, little flock"** (Lk 12:32)

How I love you.

Father Stephen

### MONDAY, October 4, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - Mass († **Andrew Levesque**)  
7:00 pm - Illness Support Group in Hall

### TUESDAY, October 5, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - Mass († **Mark Buettner**)

### WEDNESDAY, October 6, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - Mass († **George Levesque**)  
5:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice  
7:30 pm - Choir Practice for 8:00 and 10:00 am  
8:30 pm - Choir practice for 8:00 pm

### THURSDAY, October 7, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - Mass († **Albert & Germaine Levesque**)

### FRIDAY, October 8, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - Mass († **Souls in Purgatory**)  
4:30 pm - Wedding Rehearsal  
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group  
6:30 pm - Chanted Evening Prayer  
7:00 pm - Gregorian Chant Mass

### SATURDAY, October 9, 2021

9:30 am - Martha & Mary Women's Retreat  
11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary  
12:10 pm - Mass (**SI Rolando Salud**)  
2:00 pm - Loi/McMillan Wedding

### SUNDAY, October 10, 2021 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - Mass  
10:00 am - Mass  
\*Holy Communion will no longer be distributed after 10:00 am Mass  
7:15 pm - Divine Office - Vespers  
8:00 pm - Mass  
Compline (following Mass)

Live Stream every Sunday at 10 a.m. at  
<http://www.stpaulscc.com/>

### Communion for the Homebound

Deacon Donat will be coordinating and providing  
communion for the homebound.

Please contact us at 306-652-0033 if interested.

## Schools Win Twice Lottery

is back bigger and better than ever –  
and it's now **online!** Tickets go on sale

**October 1** draw date **December 1**

Purchase tickets at [schoolswintwice.ca](http://schoolswintwice.ca)

You could win BIG & support your local Catholic School

**Illness Support Group:** Do you have an acute illness or living with a chronic illness or know someone who is? Come & share or come and just listen to inspiring stories that show that there is always hope! Drop in on Monday October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral. (Zoom available.) Contact Angela at 652-0033 for more information.

**Receive Life Abundant  
Discover Christ's Church  
Become Roman Catholic - RCIA  
Thursday Evenings 7 – 9 pm  
Starting October 14, 2021  
Contact Office @ 652-0033**

*"I came that they may have life, and have it abundant." John 10:10*



**Electrified Garage Parking** is available at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral. Please contact Ray @ 306-652-0033 if interested.

**Sponsorship Needed.** We have couples needing financial help to attend the marriage preparation.

*Please consider helping in this way.*

*Contact Angela @ 306-652-0033*

### LITTLE SISTER PARISH

For the week of **Oct 10th to 17th** we are asking for **REGULAR TEA BAGS/JAM/RICE**. Guadalupe Parish always needs Ziplock storage bags. Drop-off bin is in the welcome area.



### OFFERING FOR September 26, 2021

Loose	\$ 813.10
Envelopes	\$ 2,469.00