Generations of Faith
St. Paul's Co-Cathedral Renovation

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2026

HOMILY FOR ST. DOMINIC'S FEAST - TWO NETS: THE EVIL ONE'S AND THE LORD'S

(August 8, readings: Habakkuk 1:12—2:4 ;Matthew 17:14-20)

So many people around us, like the epileptic in today's gospel, are casting themselves to and fro, frantically trying, in the midst of their lives, to find some sort of meaning, some sort of love, some sort of safe harbour. So, they throw themselves into all different difficult kinds of situations that leave them convulsing, and we can't cure them. We seem unable to respond. Jesus's word to us is, is that none of our ways of responding to the brokenness of the world, whether that be parishes, or hospitals, or schools, or colleges, or families, or missionary works, will do anything if it's not done out of faith in Jesus. Is this the reason why we feel ourselves so impotent today in the face of the challenges of the world? Do we rely too much on what has been built for us in the past by the faith of others, and not realize that it is our faith that is the key to bringing the good news in the world. Do we trust that nothing is impossible for those who stand in the Lord?

First, let us know whom we face? Habakkuk today is clear: he shows us how the evil one fishes for people who squirm in waters of their trial, who are drowning. So the enemy draws them out with his net, gathers them, and rejoices for now they are his. Habakkuk now speaks of the enemy sacrificing "to His net and makes offerings to his seine". The enemy worships the things he can use to trap people: Godless ideologies, institutions, structures, family hatreds, prejudices. These are his nets. He worships it. So do we when we worship what we've done, worship our works. 'Oh, our schools are marvelous'; 'Oh, look what I built with my hands'. Not realizing the enemy wants to take us away from the angels' net (Mt. 13:47) gathering us into the Kingdom. His nets are powerful: the military-industrial complex that sacrifices human beings to war and to money. It ensnares us and we become blasphemers before the face of Jesus. You and I, are caught And these fish, you and I, and the weak are caught. And we worship the institutions we have built, the governments we have founded, our family honour, "the way we have always done it" ... not knowing that these are the nets that has captured people. This is why our kids don't go to church, and why people are so fearful of the judgment of others 'truths'.

Habakkuk says, "I'm going to stand at my watch post and station myself on the rampart.". Prophets recognize the net of complacency that spits out people onto the streets where band-aid programs profit off of people's suffering. I stopped to sit with an older unhoused women last night, near to two people bent over with fentanyl. We told the stories of healing and happiness, watchmen over these until help came.

Saint Dominic was just such a prophet. He did not the Cathar heresy through war, the way of the evil one. The the "Dog of the Lord: (Domini-cane) tenaciously proclaimed the Lord truth. "Make this vision plain.... It speaks of the end and does not lie. Though it seems to tarry, there is an appointed time". Now is the appointed time. The Lord has already foreseen the moment of the end. And the end is not the rejoicing of the evil one, but the glory of God, who, having captured us into His net of love, reveals this to the whole world through us. So, you and I today must have the courage. Our job is to get others to heaven, not to make them feel comfy, neither to make them feel uncomfortably hopeless. We are to show, by our analyzing, truth-telling, and loving good humor, what is the real net woven by Jesus' power.

Brothers, sisters, let us live with that power. We do not worship the net of the evil one, instead we glory in this angelic gathering that is called the Church of Christ. We are His body now living, fulfilling the vision that Habakkuk wrote down. For the appointed time is now, and at the Eucharistic altar we taste the Truth beyond us, loving us. Surrender to be netted by His arms, the loving arms of Jesus that broken free from the Cross now and carry us into heaven. Let us be holy. Let us be saints.

MONDAY, August 17, 2026
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(† Neil Kirzinger)*

TUESDAY, August 18, 2026
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(SI Mary Morson)*
6:30 pm - Altar Server Training

WEDNESDAY, August 19, 2026
St. John Eudes (OM)
11:30 am - Confessions, & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(† Walter Kozakewich)*
1:00 pm - **Eucharistic Adoration**

THURSDAY, August 20, 2026
St. Bernard (M)
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(SI Edward Kolla)*
8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, August 21, 2026
St. Pius X (M)
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(† Glen Steffan)*
5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, August 22, 2026
Queenship of the BVM (M)
10:00 am - Baptism
11:30 am - Confessions & Rosary
12:10 pm - **Mass** *(† Mike Pawluk)*
1:00 pm - Lectio Divina

SUNDAY, August 23, 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am - **Mass**
10:00 am - **Mass**
12:30 pm - Eritrean **Mass**
8:00 pm - **Mass**

"A saint is not someone who never sins, but one who sins less and less frequently and gets up more and more quickly."
— St. Bernard of Clairvaux (Feast August 20)

St Paul's Parish BBQ at the forestry farm -
POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT SEPTEMBER, 2027

St. Paul's Altar Server Training - for anyone who wants to become an altar server

Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 pm

Show up, or contact Dan Joosten for more information at 306-715-9344

There will be **no Medjugorje Prayer Group** on Monday evenings for the month of August.

"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven."
Pope St. Pius X (Feast August 21)

Pursue the Power of Persistent Prayer with St. Monica – Thursday, Aug. 27, at St. Anne's parish with dessert, speakers, conversation and prayer for loved ones who have fallen, walked, or run away from the Church. Doors open at 6 p.m. for dessert; speaker at 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic adoration at 7:45 p.m. RSVP to rekindlecatholicministries@gmail.com

Summer Office Hours for July - August

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

CLOSED for the afternoon

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays 1 - 5 pm

OFFERING for August 9, 2026

Cash Donations	$ 1,565.00
Envelopes	$ 822.00