

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Edmond Bresh, Walter Isaacs, Tom Milos, Annette Krietler, Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, and Judy DiLorenzo.

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of all those affected by the Coronavirus.

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE – SECOND CORINTHIANS

Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians was written in response to the Corinthian church having been swayed by false teachers who stirred the people against Paul. They claimed he was fickle, proud, unimpressive in appearance and speech, dishonest, and unqualified as an apostle of Jesus Christ.

In response to this Paul sent Titus to Corinth to deal with these difficulties. Upon his return Paul rejoiced to hear of the Corinthians' change of heart. Paul wrote this letter to express his thanksgiving for the repentant majority and to appeal to the rebellious minority to accept his authority. Throughout the letter he defends his conduct, character, and calling as an apostle of Jesus Christ. It is widely believed that Paul was the author of this letter, written late in A.D. 56 or 57.

The three major sections of the letter are: Paul's explanation of his ministry (chapters 1 - 7); Paul's collection for the saints (chapters 8 and 9); and Paul's vindication of his apostleship (chapters 10 - 13).

NOTEABLE SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St. John Bosco, Patron of Editors, January 31

St. Brigid of Ireland, Patroness of Dairy Workers, February 1

St. Blaise, Patron of those with Throat Diseases, February 3

St. Veronica, Patroness of Dressmakers and Photographers, February 4

St. Agatha, Patroness of Nurses, February 5



Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

BrainyQuote

St. Joseph of Stratford National Catholic Church



January 31, 2021 –Septuagesima Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

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In today's second reading (1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1) Paul urges the Church in Corinth to do, "*everything for the glory of God.*" That's a tall order. As we look back over our day can we honestly say that everything we did was for God's glory? I struggle here. Fortunately, we have the capacity to look forward to tomorrow with determination that everything we do will bring God glory, with God's help.

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

Mass celebrations are Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm & Sunday Morning at 10:00am

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