

July 2, 2017, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Love of the Lord: In the Gospel Reading, Jesus seems to recommend an inhuman attitude: you are not to love your mother or father or your child more than Jesus. In fact, you are not to love your own life more than Jesus. If you

do, you will lose what you love.

What does it even mean to compare loves in this way? If you have more than one child, you can love each one equally, can't you? Why think that your love of your child is in competition with your love of Jesus? But if it is, honestly, why wouldn't you love your child more?

The love you have for your child, the love you have for your mother or father—these all have their full home in your shared love of the Lord. Well, think about it this way. To love someone is to want to be united with that person somehow. If your mother sends you lots of gifts but never cares to be near you, you wouldn't think she loved you, would you? More than that, if when your mother came to visit you, she constantly opposed everything you yourself value, you would have a sense of your distance from her; and that distance would make you feel lonely with respect to her. And now you can see how loves can be in opposition to each other. If your adult son is selling drugs to teenagers, you can be at one with your son only if you no longer care about those teenagers. But then you will be at a distance from the Lord, because the Lord cares about each one of his people. So in wanting to be united with your drug-dealing son, you would be willing to be separated from the Lord. And then you would not be worthy of the Lord, would you?

The good news is that if you do love the Lord, then you will be united with him; and in being united with him, you will also be united with everyone else united with the Lord. The love you have for your child, the love you have for your mother or father—these all have their full home in your shared love of the Lord.

And that is why the Lord says that a person who loses his life for the Lord will find it. Real union, and the real love, peace, and joy that union brings, are possible only in the love of the Lord.
Eleonore Stump

Question: Who is blessed, the one who gives the help or the one who receives it? Are you always the giver or do you need to receive at times?

Today's Readings

Reading I: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Reading II: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Next Sunday's Readings

Reading I: Zechariah 9:9-10

Reading II: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

On Duty Sun - Sat: Fr. Eddy Mass and Intention Schedule with Celebrant

St Joseph

Sat. Jul 01	4:00 pm-FT/DT	For the People
Sun. Jul 02	7:30 am-FT/DF	+Henry Ramos
Tue. Jul 04	7:30 am FT	+Helen Gierek
Thu. Jul 06	7:30 am FE	+Lazio's Employ & Fam
Sat. Jul 08	4:00 pm-FE/DD	+Jerry Long, Jr.
Sun. Jul 09	7:30 am-FB/DF	+Anita Pera

Saint Bernard

Sun. Jul 02	10:30 am FE/DD	+Doug Williams
Mon. Jul 03	12:15 pm FE	+Gina Barsanti & +Mandy McCollister
Wed. Jul 05	12:15 pm FT	+Anita Pera
Fri. Jul 07	12:15 pm FE	+Pompoti Family
Sun. Jul 09	10:30 am-FT/DF	+Mary Hoffman

Sacred Heart

Sun. Jul 02	9:00 am FT/DT	No intention
	12:15 pm FE/DJ	For the Parish
	6:00 pm FE/DD	+Anne Holden
Wed. Jul 05	7:00 pm Spanish	No intention
Sun. Jul 09	9:00 am FB/DT	+Douglas Williams
	Spanish 12:15 pm FT/DJ	For the Parish
	6:00 pm FT/DT	No intention

Hospital

Tues. Jul 4	11:30 am FE	No intention
Thu. Jul 6	11:30 am FT	No intention

FT=Fr Tom, FE=Fr Eddie, FM= Fr Cloney, FB=Fr Brady, DD=Deacon Dance, DF=Deacon Frank, DT=Deacon Tony

If you want a mass intention at the hospital mass you need to go through Sacred Heart Parish Office 443-8429. To remind you that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick takes place at the hospital mass. Just let the priest know before mass.

Please pray for: Angelyn Flosi, Yvette Logan, Ashley Timmerman, Yara Hailey, Chet Williams, Gary Cormier, Matilde Vega, Benita Roman, Debbie McCollister, Mervyn Dody, Bill Bergesen, Jenie Wood, Steve Mill, Patricia Tritten, Sondra Lindstrom, Ryan Pepper, Edgar Dickinson, & Jack Macy

The office will be closed July 3rd and 4th, Monday and Tuesday, for the Independence Day long weekend holiday for our staff.

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate this week was **\$3,191**. **Please** put your parish number on all checks.

Independence Day Prayer



Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by, celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved. On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us.

We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come. We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice.

We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way. We ask You to forgive us for these times. On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You. Make us a generous people, a holy nation, a people set aside to love You forever.

Youth Ministry News: Any youth (grades 6-12) who are interested in summer events, volunteer work, camps, and other programs through the diocese, please contact me and or leave me a message and that also goes for getting your Confirmation certificates. In Christ, Analisa Alegria, Youth Minister (707) 442-6466 #1103

There is only a week left before Vacation Bible School begins **July 10-13th for grades K-5!** Please bring your child's registration form into either Parish Office or you can mail it. **We will also be accepting registrations on Monday July 10th!** Forms are located in English & the churches in Spanish. The cost will be \$20 per child or \$10 each for 2 or more for the school.



Peace in Christ, Melanie Broswick DRE of St. Bernard / Sacred Heart Parishes

St. Bernard Parishioners are the greatest! I've been working at St. Bernard office for over thirty five years and it never ceases to amaze me of your generosity. Thanks again for your donations to Pregnancy Care Center. For anyone who would like to donate, please put in the collection basket marked "Attn: Illeen", bring to the office or I can pick it up. 442-6844 Thanks again, Illeen

Humor: Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence. She made a mistake, however, when she accused Frank, a new member, of being an alcoholic and a playboy after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon and questionable women going in. She emphatically told Frank (and several others) that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing inside! Frank, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He said nothing.

Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house, walked home, and left it there all night. **The End! Last Joke for the Season**

Pastor's Corner: Please read and pray about the insert in the bulletin

Anyone want to help me pack?

Someone asked me last week what was the true reason I was leaving. With deteriorating vertebrates, problems sleeping and a lack of doctors so you do not have to wait six months, the bishop and personnel (who knew about my neck problem) thought my moving to warmer and less damp weather with the availability of doctors was a must. Moving is not on my desire list.

The frustration of putting things in the bulletin...A few people send me the jokes or what they think are jokes. Many times I will not publish them. Last week the heading was: Is this humor? I never said it was. Some thought "Yes" and others thought "No". Some thought it was a true satire of our system while others did not. It was a good source for conversation though and I did not take a side

A few weeks earlier I had the one about "customer support" put in. Someone wrote me and scolded me without signing the note (the person must be fainthearted, politely put) about speaking of Indians and Filipinos in that derogatory way. No country or people were mentioned in the joke. A few weeks ago I dealt with customer support for three hours straight and they were not from Asia.

I have put in jokes in four parishes I have had with the purpose of making us "Chill out, " as people thought I was too serious. Maybe others are too serious.

May the new priest find it fun to be here and remember, if you have a problem with him talk to him and do not send unsigned notes. This is the only parish I have had that does. One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is Courage. Fr. Tom



Here is the church and here is the steeple open the door and see all the people.

St Bernard Parish is very much identified by her church building that towers up into the Eureka sky. To keep the church building going we give to the collection. As to the people itself called to be church we need more than just the money. In order to have a parish life we need your time and talents.

I did not expect to leave so soon. There are many things that need to be done to assist Fr Bernard when he arrives. Parishioners need to come together and assist him in the life of the parish. At least I was here 33 years ago but things change.

1. Who would be interested in being on an advisory board to help Father Bernard get to know the parish by advising him. This would be something like an interim pastoral council, taking on the areas of parish life to discuss: the spiritual life of the parish, the religious education in the parish, the social (having fun), knowing the history of the parish and more. Would you like to be on this temporary group?
2. In the spiritual life of the church a program is coming up in the parish on Sept 8th, the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, called "33 days to Morning Glory." An extraordinary 33-day journey to Marian consecration with four giants of Marian spirituality: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Blessed Pope John Paul II. So, if you've been thinking about entrusting yourself to Mary for the first time or if you're simply looking to deepen and renew your devotion to her: can you assist by looking at this spiritual program and help organize it for the parish. This has been done in many parishes in the diocese. Many of you know about it already and the parish has the materials. Would you like to help organize it?
3. A parish needs to play together. Along with Sacred Heart Parish a date has been set for a parish picnic at Camp Bauer outside of Blue Lake. This would be a time to gather as a Catholic Community in Eureka and work with our sister parish of sacred heart to have fun. The date of the Picnic would be Sept 10th. Would you like to help organize it?
4. A welcome party for Fr. Bernard. I was told that this has usually not been done. It is vital. I wish I had a welcome here at St. Bernard but people were mourning Fr. Eric's death. We need to look to the present now.
5. Someone is needed to organize and train altar servers.
6. Some people to help with church environment and the flowers as we have one for flowers and a few for an altar society.
7. A group outside of St. Vincent de Paul to assist with how we care for the poor when they come to St Bernard's door.
8. A "Welcome Wagon" group to welcome new parishioners.
9. A Marian Visitors Group or whatever you want to call them, to visit the homebound.

Here are just a few areas that need our attention. We need to identify ourselves more than just a church building but as a family who are "Church" also. Let us see who will begin to sign-up next weekend.

In Christ.

Fr. Tom