

September 25, 2022 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to the Pharisees:

"There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man

died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side." -Luke 16:19-31

Today, Luke's Gospel presents to us the parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus (Lk 16: 19-31). The rich man personifies the wicked use of riches by those who spend them on uncontrolled and selfish luxuries, thinking solely of satisfying themselves without caring at all for the beggar at their door.

The poor man, on the contrary, represents the person whom God alone cares for: unlike the rich man he has a name: "Lazarus", an abbreviation of "Eleazarus", which means, precisely, "God helps him".

God does not forget those who are forgotten by all; those who are worthless in human eyes are precious in the Lord's. The story shows how earthly wickedness is overturned by divine justice: after his death, Lazarus was received "in the bosom of Abraham", that is, into eternal bliss; whereas the rich man ended up "in Hades, in torment". This is a new and definitive state of affairs against which no appeal can be made, which is why one must mend one's ways during one's life; to do so after serves no purpose.

This parable can also be interpreted in a social perspective. Pope Paul VI's interpretation of it 40 years ago in his Encyclical *Populorum Progressio* remains unforgettable. Speaking of the campaign against hunger he wrote: "It is a question... of building a world where every man... can live a fully human life... where the poor man Lazarus can sit down at the same table with the rich man"

The cause of the numerous situations of destitution, the Encyclical recalls, is on the one hand "servitude imposed.... by other men", and on the other, "natural forces over which [the person] has not sufficient control" (ibid.).

Unfortunately, some populations suffer from both these factors. How can we fail to think at this time especially of the countries.. affected by serious floods? Nor can we forget the many other humanitarian emergencies in various regions of the planet, in which conflicts for political and economic power contribute to exacerbating existing, oppressive environmental situations.

The appeal voiced by Paul VI at that time, "Today the peoples in hunger are making a dramatic appeal to the peoples blessed with abundance" (ibid., n. 3), is still equally pressing today.

We cannot say that we do not know which way to take: we have the Law and the Prophets, Jesus tells us in the Gospel. Those who do not wish to listen to them would not change even if one of the dead were to return to admonish them.

May the Virgin Mary help us to make the most of the present time to listen to and put into practice these words of God. May she obtain for us that we become more attentive to our brethren in need, to share with them the much or the little that we have and to contribute, starting with ourselves, to spreading the logic and style of authentic solidarity.

-Pope Em. Benedict XVI

Readings This Next Week

Reading I: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Reading II: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Readings For Next Week

Reading I: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Finance / Stewardship:

First Collection =\$2,544

Mission Co-Op.=\$567

2nd Collection this week is for Diocesan Seminarians.

Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus with Fr. Bernard

You are invited on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Bernard D'Sa from Feb. 24-March 7, 2023 through Holy Land Tours and Travel. There is limited seating at \$3,895 per person (double occupancy). Price includes round trip airfare (from SF), deluxe accommodations in hotels, daily breakfast and dinner, land transport by deluxe motor coach, sightseeing with Christian guide, & all outside fees and taxes. For more information please call 1-800-655-8644 info@holylandtoursandtravel.com or www.holylandtoursandtravel.com

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The human heart seems ultimately to manifest itself in the desire to be loved and to love in return. Until then, as St. Augustine said, our hearts are restless until they rest in God who is Love. As Catholic Christians, we are privileged to share God's love through Mass, the sacraments and how we live our lives. Do you know someone thirsting for God? Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a different Christian tradition thirsting to know what it means to be Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but who has not yet received Confirmation or the Eucharist? They may be thirsting, too! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Weekly "no strings" inquiry gatherings are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the back classroom of Sacred Heart Church. We would love for you to invite /accompany anyone you know whose heart is restless for the God who loves them. For more information, please contact Ann Lynch (443-6741) or call the rectory office at 707-443-8429.

Care of the Church and Sacristy Presentation

The Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa hosted by Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will offer an educational presentation about *Care of the Church and Sacristy* on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 1:00-4:00pm . The presentation will be located at St. Eugene's in Santa Rosa in person and also offered by ZOOM online. Part 1 Topic will be *Care of the Church and Sacristy* and Part 2 topic will be *Care and handling of sacred linens*. For reservations and ZOOM information contact SantaRosaDCCW@gmail.com Questions: Char Mayclin 707-331-3126 or email above.

Please Note: CCD Classes have begun

English: 6-7pm Tuesdays @ St. Bernard Academy

Spanish: Sundays 10:30- 11:30am @Sacred Heart

Please contact Maria Romo 707-443-8429.

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule:

Saturday, September 24

3:15 Confession St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Paul Hoffman St. Joseph Church

Sunday, September 25

7:30 am +Chet Branum St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Yvette Logan Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am Int. Beth Jordan St. Bernard Church
12:15pm Sp +Felipe de Jesus Silva Rodriguez Sacred Heart Church

Monday, September 26

12:15 pm +Christopher Weber St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, September 27

7:30 am Int. Mike Cahill St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, September 28

12:15 pm +Ramon Torres St. Bernard Church
1:00 pm Adoration & Confession St. Bernard Church
6:00 pm Adoration & Confession Sacred Heart Church
7:00 pm Sp +Felipe de Jesus Silva Rodriguez Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, September 29

7:30 am +Chet Branum St. Joseph Church

Friday, September 30

12:15 pm Int. Dennis Rohrbach St. Bernard Church

Saturday, October 1 First Saturday Marian Devotion

8:30 am First Saturday Marian Devotion Sacred Heart Ch.
3:15 Confession St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Tom Bronchetti St. Joseph Church

Sunday, October 2

7:30 am Int. Mildred Perrone St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Yvette Logan Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am Mass for the People St. Bernard Church
12:15pm Sp +Felipe de Jesus Silva Rodriguez Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For:

John Hinds, Marian Griffin, Margaret Knight, Julie Dolan, Winsome Miller, Margarita Martinez, Evangelina Martinez, Anne Hamant, M. Vargas, Neal Geving, Family of Mario Jesus Lopez, Jacob Rivera, Tici McCormack, Delores McBroom, Ahron Jurney, Eain Graham, Timmerman Family, Kenneth Burns & Family, Vickie B, Jean Murphy, Nikkie, Donald Whitehead, Millie Perrone, Star Salazar, Barbara, Shawn, Laurie Moralez, Marilyn Ziblich, Anderson Family, Judy Mill, Monika Rose Cleenewerck, & Basil & Santos Mainus

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

Chet Branum, Tom Bronchetti, Bernice Abreu, Dan Freitas, Delores Soares, Eveline B. Sutton, Yvette Logan, Avira Agata Concepta Gomes, Chad Kryla, Colby Arnett, Mario Jesus Lopez, Joel Cudney, & Fr. Gerard Brady

"Prayer is an act of love, words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love." ~ St. Teresa of Avila Call Toni 24/7 at 445-3616

VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION 1

Proposition 1 promotes an unlimited expansion of abortion here in California, while its defeat would keep all abortion laws as they are, including our common-sense limits on late-term abortions. Options United trained call responders, or visit www.optionsforpregnancy.com Please visit www.CAcatholic.org/Prop1 to find answers to common questions and resources to help defeat this misleading, expensive, and unnecessary ballot initiative.-CABishops

St. Bernard Pancake Breakfast on October 2nd

A pancake breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus will be held October 2nd in St Bernard Parish Hall. Time: 8:30 am till 12pm. Menu is pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs and all the usual wonderful trimmings! Cost \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12. The proceeds go to the St. Bernard's Building Maintenance Fund. We need volunteers to help cook and serve. Please call Alan @707-442-6844. God bless you!



Join Us for the Public Rosary Crusade - Oct. 15th

What: The Holy Rosary

Where: Outside St. Bernard Church, 615 H Street, EKA

When: Saturday, 10/15/2022 at 12 pm

For more information, contact Halina (707) 362-5291 Or go to the *Rosary Rally Central* website.

Pregnancy Care Center Harvest Banquet Invitation

The Pregnancy Care Center of the North Coast will host their annual fund-raising Harvest Banquet on Thursday, October 13th, 2022 at the Fortuna River Lodge. For more information on how you can sponsor a table for eight, or purchase tickets, please call (707) 444-0423. Thank you and God bless you for your help.

Thank you for your support! The Pregnancy Care

Center offers compassion, direction, and hope to those facing life decisions. All services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL. 24/7 Option line: 800-712-4357

*Pregnancy testing	* Ongoing support
*Prenatal education	*Childbirth education
*Maternity and baby clothing	* Community referrals
*Equipment and supplies	* Parenting education
*Healthy relationships education	*Prenatal vitamins

Open: Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri: 10-3 707-442-2345

2022 Our Lady of Fatima Celebration

The 2022 Our Lady of Fatima Committee wishes to invite all Portuguese families and friends to our celebration. It will be held October 9th starting at the Assumption Church in Ferndale. At 10:30am we will start with the Rosary followed by mass at 10:45. Come help us to celebrate the Lady of Fatima. It will be followed by lunch at the Portuguese Hall at 12:15. A fabulous lunch of Sopas and Alcatre will be served. An auction will be held after lunch with a variety of donated items. We hope to see you there, it will help make our celebration a success. If you need anymore information please call Kelly Victorine at 768-3932.

2022 BLUE MASS-St. Eugene Cathedral on Oct. 9

You are invited to a Blue Mass at St. Eugene Cathedral on October 9th @10:30am in honor of our First Responders and Military Service Members. Please join Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa and other parishioners from around the Diocese of Santa Rosa in recognizing the heroism and service of these precious and dedicated community members and to pray for them and those who have fallen in the line of duty. God bless them!

The Italian Catholic Federation Jerry J. Colivas Memorial Scholarship Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

is on Sunday, October 9th from 4:00 PM to 6:30PM at St. Bernard's Parish Hall. Price is \$10 per person; \$5 per child; and \$25 per family. Tickets or reservations are available by calling Marian at 707-298-8006 or Joe at 707-445-5799. Proceeds fund the Colivas Scholarship Fund in addition to providing assistance to St. Bernard & Sacred Heart Parishes.