

November 13, 2022 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your

giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." - Luke 21: 5-19

The Good News

In the Gospel Reading for this Sunday, Jesus talks about things that will happen to his followers at some end time. The Greek word translated "gospel" means "good news." And what good things is Jesus predicting? Well, earthquakes, famines, plagues, wars, persecutions, betrayals, imprisonment, and executions. A person could be forgiven for wondering what happened to the good news.

But what makes a life good for Christians? Isn't it being Christ-like?

What was Christ like?

In his infancy, he lived through the war that King Herod waged against the children of Bethlehem. In his childhood, he lived in a country that was conquered by the Romans. In his adulthood, he was betrayed by his intimate friend Judas. And at the end of his life he was persecuted and put to death by the rulers of his society. All the things—well, virtually all the things—that Jesus predicted for his people in the end time were part of his own life, too.

So if you were hoping for a life of ease, leisure, and video games, you weren't hoping to be Christ-like, were you?

But what is good about Christ-likeness, you might think to yourself, if this is what it turns out to be? Why isn't Jesus' prediction just depressing?

Well, look at the First Reading. It seems to be depicting an end time, too, doesn't it? Only this end time must come after the time Jesus is describing. In the time Jesus is talking about, the bad guys win. In the end time that the First Reading portrays, the bad guys lose; and they lose big. They don't manage to hang on to either their past—their roots, or their future—their branches. Everything that goes to make them up is lost by fire.

Who would want to be them?

In the final end time that the First Reading predicts, everyone will be able to understand what is good about being Christ-like. At that time, Christ will come as the Sun of Justice. All those who are like him will live forever with him; and, like him, they will shine like the sun.

So if we are like Christ in his first coming, in his suffering, we will be found like him at his second coming, too.

That is good news, isn't it? -Eleonore Stump



Readings For This Week

Reading I: Malachi 3:19-20a

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

Readings For Next Week

Reading I: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Reading II: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

Finance / Stewardship:

First Collection = \$2,898

2nd Collection this week is for Building & Maintenance.

Next week's 2nd Collection is for Catholic University & Catholic Communications.

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

St. Bernard Parish Rosary Program

On the feast day of *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* Sunday, November 20, 2022, our parish will begin The St. Bernard Parish Rosary Program. Each week parishioners are requested to either mail to the parish office or drop in the St. Joseph/St. Bernard baskets, marked *St. Bernard Parish Rosary Program*, a slip of paper with the number of rosaries they and /or their family prayed the previous week. Weekly, year-to-date, and grand totals will be printed in the church bulletin. There are many reasons to pray the rosary: reparation for sin, world peace, political civility, the end of abortion, souls in purgatory, the intentions of the Holy Father, vocations, lukewarm and fallen away Catholics, marriages, and those in the most need of God's mercy. But perhaps the best reason of all is by praying the rosary as Blessed Mother has requested, is that she will bring us closer to Jesus and in the process we will become more Christ-like. All adults and children are asked to participate.

Music Ministry Thank you... We wish to express our gratitude for all those individuals involved in the music ministry of the parish, who under the leadership of Mikey & Rebecca, work hard to bring beauty to the Holy Mass and lift our souls to God.

The importance of music in biblical religion is shown very simply by the fact that the verb "to sing" (with related words such as "song", and so forth) is one of the most commonly used words in the Bible. It occurs 309 times in the Old Testament and thirty-six in the New. Indeed, man's own being is insufficient for what he has to express, and so he invites the whole of creation to become a song with him: ... The singing of the Church comes ultimately out of love. It is the utter depth of love that produces the singing -Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule:

Saturday, November 12

3:15 Confession St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Int. John Perrone, Jr. St. Joseph Church

Sunday, November 13

7:30 am +Henry Lutje St. Joseph Church
9:00 am Int. Genoveva Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am Mass for the People St. Bernard Church
12:15pm Int. For Our Priests Sacred Heart Church

Monday, November 14

12:15 pm +Hugo Pompati & Family St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, November 15

7:30 am + Phil Souza St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, November 16

12:15 pm +Hugo Pompati & Family St. Bernard Church
1:00 pm Adoration & Confession St. Bernard Church
6:00 pm Adoration & Confession Sacred Heart Church
7:00 pm Sp Int Religious Education Teachers/Volunteers Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, November 17

7:30 am Int. Mildred Perrone St. Joseph Church

Friday, November 18

12:15 pm +Hugo Pompati & Family St. Bernard Church

Saturday, November 19

3:15 Confession St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Int. Mildred Perrone . St. Joseph Church

Sunday, November 20

7:30 am +Henry Lutje St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Arnulfo Sandoval Luna Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church
12:15pm +Ramiro Jr. Melecio Gonzalez Sacred Heart Ch.

Please Pray For:

Sandra, Maureen Sullivan, Ron Dorito, Martha Fosnaugh, 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 McBroome, Ahron Jurney, Eain Graham, Timmerman Family, Kenneth Burns & Family, Vickie B, Jean Murphy, Nikkie, Donald Whitehead, Millie Perrone, Star Salazar, Barbara, Shawn, Laurie Morales, Marilyn Ziblich, Anderson Family, Judy Mill, Monika Rose Cleenewerck, & Basil & Santos Mainus

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

+Vivian LaMont, 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

Thank you, Toni Estevo, for the many years of handling

St. Bernard's Phone Prayer Line.

We are very grateful for all your time and prayers. For those who are interested in joining the prayer chain or anyone with a prayer request, please call Alan/Illeen at (707)442-6844. "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

Christ the King Annual Christmas Bazaar

Christ the King in Mckinleyville is holding their annual Christmas Bazaar, Friday through Sunday, November 18-20, 2022 from 10am-4pm Friday & Saturday and from 10am-2pm on Sunday at 1951 McKinleyville Avenue in-

(Christmas Bazaar cont...) McKinleyville. We have hundreds of homemade and handmade items, Christmas decorations and gift items. Join us with your family and friends to usher in the holiday season.

Flower Arrangement Appreciation Thank You Esther Allen on 40 years of making sure that St. Joseph Church was beautifully adorned with flowers for our Lord Jesus Christ. Enjoy a well-earned break. Your dedication and perseverance is an inspiration to all and well-befitting the honor due our Lord. All our gratitude for your years of volunteer service for God and His Holy Church.

St. Vincent de Paul Dining is asking for donations of blankets and sleeping bags. A box or a barrel will be placed in the church entrance. Thank you for your generosity. -Fr. Michael Cloney

November-Gospel Lecture Series Begins Today

Deacon Frank Weber's popular Lecture Series on the Gospels is returning and will feature Matthew. These are recorded lectures given in memory of Fr. Eric Freed in the Pinocchi Rm at **11:45am** on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays in November.

SVDP THANKSGIVING MEAL VOLUNTEERS/HELP

St. Vincent de Paul Dining Facility will host a Thanksgiving Holiday Meal on Thursday, November 24, 2022 and needs your help:

Food Donations: Turkey, Ham, Yams / Sweet Potatoes, Yukon Gold Potatoes, Bread Stuffing, Broccoli, Fruit Pies, Whip Cream, Canned Goods (large #10 size if possible) – Green Beans, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Crispy Fried Onions, Cheese Sauce, Cranberry Sauce, Black Nitrile Gloves – sizes M, L, and XL (sold at US Chef's Store and Harbor Freight)

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Food Prep: NOV 22-23, 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Thanksgiving Day:

Serving Table Set-Up & Kitchen Help: 8:30– 10:45 AM

Meal Service & Kitchen Help: 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Clean-Up: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Drop-Off Winter Wear Donations: Wool Blankets, Gloves, Snowcaps, Heavy-Duty Socks, Winter Coats, Back-Packs, Ponchos / Raincoats *Please contact Mary or Steven at 707-445-9588 SVDP Dining Facility - 35 W. Third Street, Eureka 95501* Thank You for your support!

Catholic Detention Ministries-Deadline Mon. Dec.5

"Catholic Detention Ministries is requesting donations of Christmas cards and small individually wrapped candies. Please only unused Christmas cards with envelopes for the use of the inmates of the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. The facility requests that candies remain in their unopened store packages in which they are sold for safety reasons. This is a combined effort of the local Catholic churches to put together 300 packages, one for each inmate. This has been much appreciated by the inmates in the past. These people do not have a source of cards to send to their families, so these cards are very welcome. The candies provide a little something nice for these people who find little joy on Christmas. Please leave donations at the church or church office no later than Saturday December 3rd for pickup. For information or questions call Bob at (707) 677-1952 or (707) 601-8784