

# November 6, 2022 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer

die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

-Luke 20: 27-38

## Love After Death

Death is hard to talk about. But life after death is even harder. Since both are in this week's readings, let's try it.

Death brings many images and experiences to mind. Often much suffering accompanies them.

I have been with a fair number of people as they died, and each time the event has seemed miraculous. Someone I had known and spoken with, someone whose every movement came from a mysterious source of life within them, burning bright as a candle in darkness, that someone has vanished. The body is the same one I knew before. The mouth is the same one that talked and laughed. But in the blink of my eye, the individual is gone.

"Where did she go?" "Where did he go?"

But even that way of talking is inaccurate. We "go" by means of walking, using our arms and legs, and thus changing locations. In death "going somewhere" is deceptive. It is accomplished by cessation of all motion whatsoever. Any "going" has to be at a much, much deeper level.

Only the thing called "hope" can tell us where these people go. One of the brothers in the First Reading says it this way: "It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him."

Hope, not surety.

And we have only to glance at the crucifixion to see that Jesus chose to die this way. He knew his Abba so well that he kept hope alive even when everything screamed against it. God is God of life, the Gospel says; "to him all are alive," even the dead.

Why are they alive? Because God keeps love. What?

Yes. Real love is like a piece of rich earth that nurtures great trees. Roots dig deep down in this earth for nourishment and moisture. The green selves grow out of this earth. And notice something obvious: the earth does not grow out of them! Life grows out of love, not visa versa. Their life and our lives are rooted in the rich loam of God's love.

It is difficult to say the last sentence correctly. Let me try again. Love is a force much deeper than life. When life ceases, love stays. It becomes the home, the embracing arms that enfold us. Love is the substance, life is the outgrowth. So the "place" dead persons go, leaving their bodies behind, is into the heart of love, into the arms of God who is love.

Here is how the poet Hopkins put it:

*Hither then, last or first,*

*... To hero of Calvary, Christ's feet—*

*Never ask if meaning it, wanting it, warned of it*

*—men go.\**

Christ's feet are where you and I will be, honoring the perfect fullness of love he has achieved. Oh yes, we have to release our tight grip on the treasures we have hoarded, things we have chosen instead of love.

If we have a hard time "meaning it and wanting it" during our lives, even so we are still folded into the luxuriant soil of God's love. Of course sometimes we refuse it, and then our roots go dry in the sun. Yet love forgives and invites us and helps us back.

It is hard to talk about. But worth it. -John Foley, SJ

## Readings For This Week

Reading I: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38

## Readings For Next Week

Reading I: Malachi 3:19-20a

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

## Finance / Stewardship:

First Collection = \$3,992

St Vincent/Betty Chinn = \$877

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next week is for Building & Maintenance.

## 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

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. Areas of his existence are awakened that spontaneously turn into song. 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: "Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds" (Ps 57:8f.)... 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 5 First Saturday Marian Devotion**

8:30 am +Amulfo Sandoval Luna Sacred Heart Church  
3:15 Confession St. Joseph Church  
4:00 pm Int. Marshall Carter St. Joseph Church

### **Sunday, November 6**

7:30 am Int. John Perrone, Jr. St. Joseph Church  
9:00 am Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church  
10:30 am Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church  
12:15pm +Brian Mendoza Camacho Sacred Heart Church

### **Monday, November 7**

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

### **Tuesday, November 8**

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

### **Wednesday, November 9**

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 +Gloria Ruiz (Cumpleanos) Sacred Heart Church

### **Thursday, November 10**

7:30 am Int. John Perrone, Jr. St. Joseph Church

### **Friday, November 11**

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

### **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

### **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 McBroom, 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

**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](http://www.optionsforpregnancy.com) Please visit [www.CAcatholic.org/Prop1](http://www.CAcatholic.org/Prop1) to find answers to common questions and resources to help defeat this misleading, expensive, and unnecessary ballot initiative.-CABishops*

### **Returning in November-Gospel Lecture Series**

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in November.

### **This Sunday St. Bernard Pancake Breakfast!**



A pancake breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus will be held this Sunday, November 6th 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!

### **Catholic Detention Ministries**

"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. Yes! they are welcoming the cards and candies this year. 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

### **Veteran's Day Dinner-Dance Gala in Oakmont**

The Star of the Valley Men's Club presents a Dinner-Dance in honor of all veterans who have served their country on Thursday, November 10 at the Monsignor Fahey Parish Center, 495 White Oak Drive in Oakmont 95409 **Featuring the fabulous Mack & Porter with a special tribute to our veterans** Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres at 5pm with dinner at 6pm. Cash Bar. Menu: Green salad, Chicken Cacciatore, Tortellini in Wine and Butter Sauce, Vegetables, a Dessert of Mini Tiramisu, and Coffee and Tea Cost: \$25 person Mail your check to SOV Men's Club (above address) Reservations close Nov. 6 Call Jim Warman 707-230-2682 Veterans show your pride-wear your uniform, service ribbons, badges medals, and hats!