

March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent



As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is

coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam"—which means Sent—So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

...When Jesus heard that the Pharisees had thrown him (the blind man) out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains." - John 9:1-41

Jesus Heals the Blind Beggar In the story of Jesus healing the blind beggar, pride, the greatest of all sins, and humility, the greatest of all virtues are contrasted. It is seen that pride leads away from God and to spiritual blindness and death. Humility, on the other hand, makes it possible to see with the eyes of faith, to love and become children of God. The humility of the blind beggar enables him to attain a closeness with Jesus, understanding and trusting in what Jesus is telling him. He is able to receive the graces that Jesus means for him; not just the physical healing of his eyes, but the more important life-changing spiritual healing. The Pharisees however are blinded by their pride and their envy of the attention that Jesus is receiving. They are blinded by their love of the power and authority they wield. Their love of public opinion in the social sphere is more important to them than truth. Even though they know Jesus is right they refuse Jesus' correction. They arrogantly refuse to hear and accept evidence offered. They are so warped that they cannot even rejoice in a blind man receiving his sight and instead reprimand and interrogate him. Jesus condemns them for this pride and especially is harsh with them because they are religious leaders who are responsible for the spiritual well-being of their flock. Humility is simply knowing and acknowledging through our actions and words our place before God and His primacy in all things. He expects us to grow in humility always and Lent is an especially efficacious time to grow in the humility that is necessary for our redemption. The fruit of humility is gratitude for if we truly accept the reality of God who is the source of all love, goodness, truth and beauty, our creator and the Creator of the Universe, how can we be anything but grateful? The Church in her wisdom has provided the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent to grow in holiness and virtue, as we anticipate the high holy days of Christmas and Easter. And this growth is essential to a closer relationship with Jesus that will promote holiness and lead us to our heavenly home. Lenten practices are intended to steer us away from pride in

ourselves and to grow in humility always. After all, Jesus our Lord humbled himself in his Passion and death on the cross for love of humanity. He asks us to accept our crosses for love of Him and our fellow brothers and sisters. Whatever actions we perform during Lent should increase our humility and virtue.

Readings For This Week

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7, 10-13a

Reading II: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Readings For Next Week

Reading I: 1 Exodus 37:12-14

Reading II: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

FINANCE

1st Collection= \$2,256

Building & Maintenance = \$1,949

This week's 2nd Collection is for Catholic Relief/CCHD

Gospel Lecture Series This Sunday March 19th

You are invited to Deacon Frank Weber's popular Lecture Series on the Gospels. It features *The Messianic Prophecies of Jesus*. These are recorded lectures given in memory of Fr. Eric Freed in the Pinocchi Rm after the 10:30 mass on Sundays. **The last lecture of the series is today Sunday, March 19th.**

SACRED LITURGY CONFERENCE -May 28-31



As part of the 2023 Eucharistic Revival undertaken by the USCCB, Bishop Robert F. Vasa of the Diocese of Santa Rosa has invited the 11th annual Sacred Liturgy Conference to be held in Northern California.

The conference will begin on Pentecost Sunday and the theme will be "The Mother of God in the Eucharist". It will take place May 28-31, 2023 in Ferndale, CA with the Gregorian liturgies celebrated at the Church of the Assumption and the lectures at the Tish Non Village Center next to the Bear River Resort. We look forward to seeing you in 2023!

"The mission of this conference from its inception has been to foster greater devotion, understanding, and love for the beauty and meaning of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Through a deeper understanding of the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith and life in Christ, we find our mission, vocation and the true meaning of life." Distinguished speakers will include: Bishop Robert F. Vasa, Fr. Joseph Fessio, SJ, Msgr. Arthur B. Calkins, Hegumen Damian Higgins, Fr. Luke Buckles, OP, Sr. Mary Vianney, MSSR, Fr. Stephen Boyle O. Praem, Dr. Lynne Bissonnette-Pitre, Fr. Theodore Lange, Fr. Joseph Levine, Fr. Joshua Clifton, and Fr. Stephen Kenyon. The registration fee is \$325 (Layperson) or \$275 (Priest/Seminarian/Religious/Deacon) and includes 15 conference sessions, reserved seating at the liturgies, an opening reception, three catered lunches, coffee breaks and a concluding banquet dinner. * An optional chant workshop is also available on Saturday, May 27. **TO REGISTER ONLINE AND FOR MORE INFO: <https://sacredliturgy.org>**

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule:

Saturday, March 18

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00pm +Hans Burchardt St. Joseph Church

Sunday, March 19

7:30 am Int. Catherine Conway St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +John Moon Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am Int. Ryan Pepper St. Bernard Church
12:15pm Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

Monday, March 20 St. Joseph-Spouse of the Blessed

Virgin Mary Feastday

12:15 pm +Judy Williamson St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, March 21

7:30 am +Hans Burchardt St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, March 22

12:15 pm +Judy Williamson St. Bernard Church
1:00 pm Adoration & Confession St. Bernard Church
6:00 pm Adoration & Confession Sacred Heart Church
7:00 pm Sp +Evelyn Catron Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, March 23

7:30 am +Hans Burchardt St. Joseph Church

Friday, March 24

12:15 pm +Judy Williamson St. Bernard Church
*After Mass -Stations of the Cross St. Bernard Church
7:00 pm (Sp) Stations of the Cross Sacred Heart Church

Saturday, March 25

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00pm +Mark Hoffman St. Joseph Church

Sunday, March 26

7:30 am Mass for the People St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Alfredo Luzame Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am +Chad Kryla St. Bernard Church
12:15pm No Mass intention Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For:

Alex Anderson, Amber, Peter John A., Francis Roberts, Norma & Al Marty, Pat Kinsella, Dan, Stella, Sandra, Maureen Sullivan, Martha Fosnaugh, John Hinds, Marian Griffin, Margaret Knight, Julie Dolan, Winsome Miller, Margarita Martinez, Evangelina Martinez, M. Vargas, Neal Geving, Family of Mario Jesus Lopez, Jacob Rivera, Tici McCormack, Delores McBroome, Vickie B, Jean Murphy, 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:

Robert Kerr, Faith Reyna-Sanchez, Dave Silverbrand, Judy Williamson, Ahron Jurney, Rosemary Buss, Betty Lutje, Vivian LaMont, Chet Branum, Tom Bronchetti, Bernice Abreu, Delores Soares, Eveline B. Sutton, Yvette Logan, Avira Agata Concepta Gomes, Chad Kryla, & Fr. Gerard Brady

St. Bernard's Phone Prayer Line.

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 aren't needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love." ~ St. Teresa of Avila

St. Bernard Parish Rosary Program Totals

Rosaries this week= 68 Cumulative total= 948

Put your rosary totals in the marked baskets. Please join us for Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday Rosary @ 11:30am @ St Bernard.

CONFIRMATION-St Mary- March 25th at 11:00 A.M.

We welcome our beloved Bishop Robert F. Vasa on the joyful occasion of Confirmation for St Bernard, St Joseph, Sacred Heart, St Mary and Christ the King Churches that will be held at St. Mary Church in Arcata on Sat. March 25th at 11:00 A.M. *Please note that any offering made to the Bishop on the occasion of Confirmation should be made out to: *Benevolent Fund-Diocese of Santa Rosa*. May God bless and keep us.

TODAY -ICF St. Joseph Table Sunday March 19th

The Italian Catholic Federation will host a St. Joseph Table bake sale in the courtyard outside of the side door of St Bernard Church on Sunday March 19th from 10:00 AM until noon. Cakes, biscotti, cookies, muffins, brownies, and bread will be available on a donation basis. In addition, a limited number of religious items for the Lenten season will also be available.

40 Days For Life Has Begun

On February 22 -April 2, 2023 40 Days For Life is praying peacefully near Planned Parenthood at the corner of Wilson St & Walford Ave to help save the lives of unborn children and refer women to real no cost help, so that they may feel supported in having their precious babies. Please consider volunteering an hour or more to pray, fast and keep vigil. Vigil hours are from 7am-7pm daily until Holy Week. Contact Stephanie 707-498-7758 and/or learn more and sign-up at 40daysforlife.com/humboldtco Women and men who suffer from post abortion trauma can find healing at SilentNoMore and RachelsVineyard websites.

Baby Bottle Boomerang Invitation

Baby bottles for donations to the Pregnancy Care Center and J Rolpe are in the churches. Please take one home and support your catholic pro-life values by collecting monetary donations for the pro-life centers. This is a great Lenten project for the family: placing money in the bottle for the help of Moms and babies. Return to church office or PCC.

Natural Family Planning Class Information

Natural Family Planning classes teach a highly effective scientific method involving charting the individual body's system for the purpose of determining fertile and infertile times. . Please go to the Couple to Couple League website to compare classes, find classes near you or to register <https://ccli.org/> Natural family planning (NFP) can now be learned: self-paced, live online, or onsite. Cost is \$150 and taught either in Spanish or English.

Lakeport Passion Play -May 20th & 21st

The play is presented in its entirety on both days Saturday and Sunday in May in the beautiful foothills of Lake County by Clear Lake. Time: 4:00 p.m. The play lasts about 2 hours. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Your tax-deductible donation should be made payable to: Lake County Passion Play, P. O. Box 386, Lakeport, CA 95453. Call: 866-896-5277

For Sale Commercial Grade Stainless Kitchen Counter

St Vincent de Paul 9 foot commercial grade stainless steel kitchen counter for \$300. See Mary SVDP 3rd St