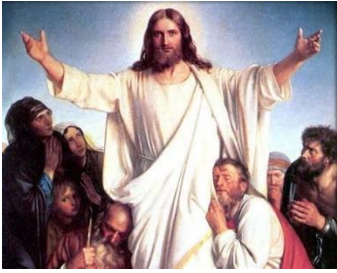


May 14, 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter



Jesus said to his disciples:
"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." - John 14:15-21

Loving the Lord and Keeping Your Conscience Clear

The Second Reading commands Christians to keep their conscience clear. But this commandment is hard to hear, isn't it? If we are honest with ourselves, we know how unclear our consciences are.

Of course, we might think confusedly, we do not need to be too worried about our unclear consciences, because, after all, no one is saved by doing good works or keeping one's conscience flawless. Our contribution to our salvation is not to try to do the works of the law. Our contribution to our salvation is just to love the Lord.

And this thought might be comforting to us when our unclear conscience hurts us, except for this uncomfortable, nagging question: what is love of the Lord?

In the Gospel Reading, the Lord himself explains the answer to this question: "whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me."

And now, unfortunately, we have come full circle. Christians are commanded to keep their consciences clear. To do so, they need to love the Lord. To love the Lord they need to keep his commandments. And to keep his commandments they apparently need to keep their consciences clear. What sense can be made of this?

Here it helps to consider Peter himself, who is the author of the Second Reading. Peter betrayed the Lord in the Lord's great hour of need. Is this keeping one's conscience clear? Is this keeping the commandments of the Lord?

But in the days after his Resurrection, when the Lord asks Peter, "do you love me?" what does Peter answer? He says, "yes, Lord, you know I love you."

In spite of his betrayal of the Lord, Peter does not let go of Christ. He is willing to affirm his commitment to Christ in spite of his own failings.

So here is the thing to notice. In saying that he loves Christ, Peter is keeping the commandment of the Lord. The first and great commandment is to love the Lord.

And this is why Peter, the rock on which the church is founded, is the pattern for all Christians. The way to keep one's conscience clear is to cleave to the Lord in love when one's conscience is not clear.

-Eleonore Stump

Readings For This Sunday

Reading I: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Reading II: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Readings For Ascension Sunday

Reading I: Acts 1:1-11

Reading II: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

FINANCE

1st Collection=\$2,835

This Sunday's 2nd Collection is for Building/Maintenance.
Next Sunday's 2nd Collection is for Cath. Home Missions.

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

Please Pray For First Holy Communicants and Their Families:

Natalie Biesecker, Sophia Reyna Sanchez, Elena Perez, Caityn Phelps, Jorge Moctezuma, Juan Carlos Fatima Burgoa-Rojas, Atzhiry Mojica, and Kenia Rubi Velasco Pena. May God grant them a true understanding and love of His real presence in the Holy Eucharist, and may they grow in holiness in the reception of the gift of His complete self.

St. Bernard Parish Rosary Program

Rosaries this week=52 Cumulative total= 1,668

Thank you to all those individuals who have placed your Rosary totals in the church baskets. Thanks to you our parish has reached over 1000 rosaries prayed and is approaching the 2,000 mark. Put your rosary totals in the marked baskets. Thanks to all who have been praying the rosary...counted and uncounted. May God bless you.

Lector & Eucharistic Minister Training

Are you interested in reading the scriptures at holy mass, or helping serve communion when the deacons aren't present? We would love to have your help! We will be having two training sessions after the 9:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart and after the 10:30 Mass at Saint Bernards on May 21st. Current Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are welcome, but not required to attend. Contact Deacon Dance at 707-442-2233 for more information.

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule:

Saturday, May 13

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

Sunday, May 14

7:30 am Int. Mildred Perrone St. Joseph Church
9:00 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am In Honor of Mother Mary St. Bernard Church
12:15pm Misa para el Pueblo Sacred Heart Church

Monday, May 15

12:15 pm Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, May 16

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

Wednesday, May 17

12:15 pm Celestina Cathey St. Bernard Church
1:00 pm Adoration & Confession St. Bernard Church
6:00 pm Adoration & Confession Sacred Heart Church

7:00 pm +Felipe de Jesus Silva Rodriguez y por las
necesidades de su familia Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, May 18

7:30 am Int. Pope Francis St. Joseph Church
11:30am No intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Friday, May 19

12:15 pm Int. Ashlyn Ford St. Bernard Church

Saturday, May 20

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Ann & Catherine Patten & their Families St. Joseph Church

Sunday, May 21 The Ascension of the Lord

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

Please Pray For:

Colleen Huddleston, Caden Naylor, Diane Kerr, Jim Mowery, Sharon P., Marie Giampaolo, Stormy Myers, Alex Anderson, Amber, Peter John A., Robert Francis, Norma & Al Marty, Dan, Stella, Sandra, Maureen Sullivan, Martha Fosnaugh, John Hinds, Marian Griffin, Margaret Knight, Julie Dolan, 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 Morales, Marilyn Ziblich, Anderson Family, Judy Mill, and Monika Rose Cleenewerck

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

John Eyeler, Patricia Kinsella Jurkovich, Jeff Hemsted, Robert Kerr, Faith Reyna-Sanchez, Dave Silverbrand, Judy Williamson, 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

Soon-Lakeport Passion Play - May 20th & 21st

The play of our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection is presented in its entirety on both days Saturday and Sunday in May in the beautiful foothills of Lake County by Clear Lake at 4:00 p.m. The play lasts about 2 hours. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Bring your own chair. Water is available and there are facilities for the handicapped. For information call: 866-896-5277 www.lakecountypassionplay.org

The Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21st rather than the 18th.

St. Bernard's Academy Graduation Masses and Celebration are coming Up Thursday, June 8th 2023.

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!

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>

Sacred Heart Filipino Festival - June 3 4 - 8 pm



On Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 4-8pm experience Filipino cuisine and culture. Come enjoy food, dances and musical performances and a 50/50 Raffle. Tickets are \$30. Proceeds will benefit Sacred Heart Church. Please call Myrna(707) 442-7138 or Julieta at (707) 444-3827 to purchase tickets or purchase tickets after masses.

2023 Holy Ghost Celebration

The Portuguese Community of the Eel River Valley will be celebrating their 99th Annual Holy Ghost Celebration May 27th & 28th in Ferndale. Saturday evening the Rosary will begin at 5:30p.m. followed by the Beans & Linguica Dinner at 6:00p.m. The Dance will be held at the Ferndale City Hall from 7-10p.m. On Sunday May 28th, the parade will proceed down Main Street beginning at 10 a.m. The parade will return to the hall after Mass. A traditional Sopa & Alcatra lunch and dinner will be served at 12p.m. & 6p.m. For more info: Pres.Stowe (707)497-9500 lexistowe14@gmail.com.