

May 21, 2023 The Ascension of the Lord



The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."
-Matthew 28:16-20

Traveling Mercies

In the Gospel Reading, before his ascension Christ gives his disciples a last command. Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel. And he adds a list of things that will characterize those of his followers who obey this command: they will drive out demons, speak new languages, handle snakes safely, drink deadly things without harm, and heal the sick by the laying on of hands. Why this list? Isn't it supposed to be just love that characterizes Christ's followers?

Well, think of it this way.

Once when one of my children was traveling to Bangladesh, I made a list of dos and don'ts for him. It was a list intended to help keep him safe.

Finding housing with English speakers was on the list, so that there wouldn't be language problems. "Don't drink the water!" was definitely on the list, and so was "Stay away from people who are obviously sick!" The list finished with this prohibition: "Whatever you do, don't come into contact with the ground!" I know it sounds ridiculous; but hookworm is endemic in that part of the world, and you can get full of worms if you let a body part with an open wound come into contact with infected ground.

You can see that what was on my list of things to worry about are on Christ's list of things not to worry about: language problems, deadly drinks, sicknesses, even snakes—well, hookworms, anyway. (Demons weren't on my list, but maybe they would have been if I could have thought of anything to say about them.)

So the things on Christ's list are the things that you (or your mother) might worry about if you were traveling in dangerous places. Since Christ is commanding his followers to head out to all the world, maybe it is only fair of him to tell those who obey him that they don't need to worry about any of these things. Like a good mother, Christ has already thought about all these things for his traveling people, and in his mercy he has made provision for them all.

So here is one way to understand Christ's list of the things that characterize those who believe in Christ and obey him. Whatever roads the journey of their lives takes them on, the care of the Lord encompasses those who travel in his name. -Eleanor Stump

Readings For Ascension Sunday

Reading I: Acts 1:1-11

Reading II: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Readings For Pentecost Sunday

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Sequence: Veni Sancte Spiritus

Gospel: John 20:19-23

FINANCE

1st Collection=\$2,626

Building/Maintenance=\$1,051

This Sunday's 2nd Collection is for Cath. Home Missions.

St Bernard Office Hours for week of May 28th

The St Bernard Office will be closed Monday May 29th for the Memorial Day and Tuesday May 30th and Wednesday May 31st due to attendance at the Sacred Liturgy Conference. The office will be open Thursday and Friday at the usual times.

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, Caityln 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's Academy Graduation

St. Bernard's Academy looks forward to celebrating their senior and 8th grade graduations. We welcome community members who would like to attend. Our senior class will have their Baccalaureate Mass Friday, June 9th, 10:00 am at Sacred Heart parish, and will celebrate their graduation at 1:00 at Saint Bernard's Academy. Our 8th grade will have a mass celebrating their graduation Thursday, June 8th, 10:00 am at St. Joseph's Church and celebrate their graduation at 6:00 pm at St. Bernard's Church. Please pray for our graduates!

St. Bernard Parish Rosary Program

Rosaries this week=66

Cumulative total= 1,734

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.

Holy Trinity 150th Anniversary Celebration Mass

Holy Trinity Church in Trinidad is having a 150th Anniversary Celebration Mass on Saturday, June 3rd at 4pm followed by a reception at the Trinidad Museum.

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule:

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**

Monday, May 22

12:15 pm +Marianne Pinches **St. Bernard Church**

Tuesday, May 23

7:30 am Ann & Catherine Patton & their families **St. Joseph**

Wednesday, May 24

12:15 pm +Clarence Enos **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 25

7:30 am +Oma Burger **St. Joseph Church**

11:30am No intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Friday, May 26

12:15 pm +Larry Kirschner **St. Bernard Church**

Saturday, May 27

3:15 pm Confessions **St. Joseph Church**

4:00 pm +Larry Kirschner **St. Joseph Church**

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday

7:30 am +Johnny Kelsey **St. Joseph Church**

9:00 am +Victor Crisostome **Sacred Heart Church**

10:30 am +Catalina & Martin Paredes **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

Diocese Summer Youth Ministry:

Little Flowers Girls Summer Camp 27th annual summer camp Theme: Thy Kingdom Come ages 10 - 16 between July 24 - 28th in Guerneville. Registration & More Info Link >> [littleflowerscamp.com/...](http://littleflowerscamp.com/)

Youth on a Mission "Leadership Camp" for High School students at Camp Pendola, Sacramento between July 6-8th. For more info, costs, and registration: Stephen Morris email dsryouth@srdioocese.org

Sacred Liturgy Scholarship Funds Now Available

If you are interested in attending the Sacred Liturgy Conference, but are low in funds, please contact the Schola Cantus Angelorum at 503-558-5123 or <https://sacredliturgy.org/contact/> to apply for a scholarship.

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!

TO REGISTER ONLINE AND FOR MORE INFO:

<https://sacredliturgy.org>

May 25th St. Bona of Pisa pilgrimage. 8:00am Mass at St. Eugene's and walk 11 miles to St. Sebastian's (eta 2:30p). We pause for prayer, history lessons, and reflection as we honor the Patron of Pilgrimage and the kick-off to summer travel. More info and registration see the Diocese Facebook page or contact Stephen Morris via email dsryouth@srdioocese.org

Celebrate Corpus Christi June 8th starting with 5:00pm Mass at St. Rose of Lima Church, then follow the Eucharistic Procession through Santa Rosa to St. Eugene's Cathedral. No registration needed. More info or volunteer contact Stephen Morris via email- dsryouth@srdioocese.org

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.

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 Next Weekend

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 5:30 p.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 return to the hall after Holy 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.