

November 19, 2023 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two.

But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'" - Matthew 25:14-30

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Nov. 21st

Our Blessed Mother Mary, the first Saint, gives us the perfect example of what to do with our 'talents' all the love, gifts, and assets God has bestowed upon us; for she gave all, by her complete gift of self for God's mission of salvation for all humankind. In the Presentation of Mary by her parents to God there is an emphasis on the grateful preparation and cooperation of Mary's parents in salvation history. For there is a tradition that Mary was prepared for her holy mission from birth. The greatest treasure given to Anna and Joachim was Mary and they acknowledged that by offering her to God. This is an example parents should follow today.

Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless. Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

Reflection

It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They—we—too are temples of God, made in His image and likeness) and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work. This is a very sobering fact. Whatever we do to and with our bodies we do to Christ, for our personhood was intended to be holy and dedicated to Him. We are embodied souls that God has endowed with dignity and purpose. We were not meant to bury our gifts but to use them to increase God's kingdom, to share the Good News of Christ, the Living Word. -Franciscan Media

Readings For This Sunday

Reading I: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Exodus 34: 11-12, 15-17

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

St. Bernard Rosary Program Report:

Rosaries prayed this week=48 Cumulative total= 3,597

The St. Bernard Church Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 23rd) and Friday, Nov. 24th.

FINANCE

1st Collection= \$2,264

Building & Maintenance =\$1,046

This week's 2nd Collection is for Catholic University/ CC.

A Reminder: Eucharistic Adoration Dec. 1st will be during the First Friday Devotion from 1-5pm. Please sign up for an hour with our Lord or just stop by for a few minutes or more of quiet time with our Lord.

Eureka's Religious Education Conference 2023

Join us for a day of prayer, fellowship, and spiritual nourishment at the Diocese of Santa Rosa's event on **Saturday, Dec. 2nd.** It will be held at St. Bernard Catholic School, 222 Dollison St., Eureka, CA. The theme is Liturgy, Devotion, and the Most Holy Eucharist.

The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert F. Vasa. Speakers include Jesse Romero, Ruben Quezada, Deacon Dance Farrell, and Deacon Sergio Velazquez.

Admission to the event is **free.** "Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to deepen your faith and connect with others in the Diocese. Register now to secure your spot!" For more info: Carmen Aanenson at the Diocesan Dept. of Rel. Ed. dre@srdiocese.org 707-566-3366 There are sign up clipboards in the church entries and on tables and in the office.

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule:

Saturday, November 18

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Int. Andrew Allen St. Joseph Church

Sunday, November 19

7:30 am +Frank and Jay Sullivan St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Richard DeGuzman Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am +Oscar Camacho St. Bernard Church
12:15pm Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

Monday, November 20

12:15 pm +Merle Myers, Jr. St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, November 21

7:30 am +Merle Myers, Jr. St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, November 22

12:15 pm +Oscar Camacho St. Bernard Church
1:00 pm Adoration & Confession & Benediction St. B
6:00 pm Adoration & Confession Sacred Heart Church
7:00 pm No intention (Sp) Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving

7:30 am Int. Kathy Wood St. Joseph Church
11:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Friday, November 24

12:15 pm Int. Kayla Pepper St. Bernard Church

Saturday, November 25

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Lee Berning St. Joseph Church

Sunday, November 26

7:30 am Mass for the People St. Joseph Church
9:00 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am +Betty Albright St. Bernard Church
12:15pm +Mya Bednar Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Teri McNamara, Padilla Family, Adriana Barrett, Nancy C., Jeanette Moug, Esme & Isabel Lopez, Lily Ennis & Family, Joyce Marty, Karla Kincade, Caroline Brooks, Santos and Basil Mainus, Josephine Silva, Judy Weber & Family, Dn. Steve Justus, Biesecker Family, Hinton Family, Colleen Huddleston, Caden Naylor, Diane Kerr, Jim Mowery, Sharon P., Stormie C. Myers, Amber, Peter John A., Robert Francis, Dan, Stella, Sandra, Maureen Sullivan, Martha Fosnaugh, John Hinds, Marian Griffin, Margaret Knight, Millie Perrone, Star Salazar, Barbara, Shawn, Laurie Moralez, and Anderson Family

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

+ Marilyn Zibilich, Lee Berning, Marie Giampaolo, Stella's Siblings, John Conant, Maryanne Elise Biesecker, Felipe de Jesus, Manuel Machado, Bettie Albright, Deacon Frank Weber, Deborah Justus, Jon Albert Mitts, John Eyeler, Patricia Kinsella Jurkovich, Jeff Hemsted, Robert Kerr, Merle Myers Jr., Faith Reyna-Sanchez, Dave Silverbrand, Judy Williamson, Rosemary Buss, Betty Lutje, Vivian LaMont, Chet Branum, and Tom Bronchetti

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

Community Needs....Can you help?....

Victoria Harvey Needs Ride To 10:30 am Mass

Victoria Harvey(707-951-2226) living at Silvercrest, would deeply appreciate a ride to the 10:30am Mass She is visually impaired. Just give her a call and she will be waiting in the lobby of the living facility at the appointed time. God bless you for your help.

Betty Harvin needs assistance with small shed

Parishioner Betty Harvin with disabilities 707-442-7960 would like to purchase a shed for her backyard but needs help putting it together. Would anyone be willing to help her?

Karla Kincade is requesting prayers, non-fiction and Catholic books on the saints and women's spirituality, used L tops and M pants(long), unused greeting cards (Her ministry is sending cards of spiritual encouragement to others) and/or homemade bread and desserts. Please call first as she is disabled 707-267-3053. God bless you for your kindness

St. Bernard Pancake Breakfast Dec. 3rd



The St. Bernard Pancake Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus will be held Dec. 3rd in St. Bernard Parish Hall. Time is 8:30 am till 12. The menu includes pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs and all the usual wonderful trimmings! Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and \$25 for a family of 5 or more. The proceeds will go to the St. Bernard Parish Building Fund.

Memorial/In honor of Christmas Poinsettias...

There are envelopes in the churches for those people who would like to donate a memorial /in honor of poinsettia to grace the altar during Christmas. A donation of \$12 covers the cost of a poinsettia to beautify the altar. Simply insert your donation and write the name/s of loved ones to be remembered at the mass and place in collection or box provided. **Deadline is Dec.16th** to allow time to order/ purchase the plants. The names of those remembered on the altar will be published in a special insert Christmas week.

SVDP THANKSGIVING MEAL & VOLUNTEERS

St. Vincent de Paul Dining Facility will host a Thanksgiving Holiday Meal on Thursday, November 23, 2023. 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 Volunteers are needed for the following:
Food Prep: NOV 21-22, 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, Steven, or Desiree at 707-445-9588 SVDP Dining Facility - 35 W. Third Street, Eureka