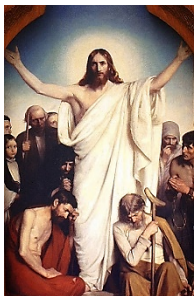


Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2024



Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - John 15:9-17

Ask in My Name

In the Gospel Reading, Christ suggests a remedy for any problem we have. The Father will give you anything you ask for, he says, if you will just ask for it in Christ's name.

But what is it to ask for something in Christ's name? It can't be a matter of simply tacking the name of Christ on to any prayer. "I would like a Porsche, please, in the name of Christ." Prayer isn't magic. It isn't a matter of using the right magical formulas in order to make God do what you want him to do.

It helps here to consider the homely cases in which one person asks something in the name of another. A secretary can ask for the mail in her boss's name: "I'm just here to pick up the mail for my boss!" A child can ask a neighbor for a cup of sugar in his mother's name: "Mrs. Murphy, my mother wants to know if you could lend her a cup of sugar."

In these cases, the person asking can ask in the name of another because he somehow identifies himself as in relationship with that other: my boss, my mother. Something—a connection of shared work, a family relation—binds the two of them together.

To ask in Christ's name is like this, too.

You ask in the name of Christ when you are in the kind of relation to him that lets you say "my" with respect to him. And what would bind the two of you together in this way? What should follow that "my"? It shouldn't be "my servant," as the magician in effect says in his heart of hearts. No, not "my servant," but "my Lord."

Take him as Lord, and you have to recognize that, as Lord, he loves and cares for his own. He knows what to give to those who are his in answer to their prayers. So if you ask the Father for something in the name of Christ, then you are doing the opposite of what the magician does: you ask being prepared to accept what your Lord wants to give you. What you are given will be a good gift if it is in accord with his will, even if it isn't in accord with yours.

To ask the Father in Christ's name, then, is to trust Christ with your life as you ask. -Eleonore Stump

"He who does not pray deprives himself of what is indispensable for life." -St. John Vianney

"Pray, pray well and pray a lot." -St Gianna Berreta Molla

Readings for This Sunday

Reading I: Acts 10:25-26,34-35, 44-48

Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Readings for Ascension Sunday

Reading I: Acts 1:1-11

Reading II: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

FINANCE

1st Collection = \$2,645

Next week's 2nd Collection is for Building & Maintenance.

St. Bernard Rosary Program Report:

God bless you...Over 5,000 Rosaries Prayed!

Rosaries prayed this week =68 Cumulative = 5,252

Please place your totals in the front table basket in the church. No names are required just a slip of paper with your total.

2024 Sacred Liturgy Conference

Assumption-Ferndale and Bear River Bishop Robert F. Vasa of the Diocese of Santa Rosa extends a warm welcome to the 12th annual Sacred Liturgy Conference, returning once more to the serene landscapes of Northern California. Under the theme "The Church on Fire in the Sacred Heart of Jesus" this inspiring conference will take place June 4-7, 2024, in the charming town of Ferndale, CA. Three sung Gregorian Liturgies and one Byzantine Catholic Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at the Church of the Assumption, while the conference lectures will unfold at the Tish-Non Center, conveniently located next to the Bear River Resort. The **registration fee includes 16 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 June 8. The chant workshop with Dr. Lynne-Bissonnette-Pitre is for anyone interested in learning more about Gregorian chant and singers of all levels may attend. To register or for info about speakers, schedules and fees online please go to <https://sacredliturgy.org/>

Marian Shrines Pilgrimage with Fr. Bernard D'Sa

Fr. Bernard will be leading a 13 day pilgrimage to Marian Shrines from July 7th – July 19th. The trip will visit shrines in France, Portugal and Spain. Some of the places visited will be Paris, Versailles, Chartres, Lourdes, Loyola, Oviedo, Santiago de Compostela, and Fatima. The price is \$4,595 per person (double occupancy). For more info contact Holy Land Tours and Travel at (1-800-655-8644, www.holylandtoursandtravel.com or info@holylandtoursandtravel.com)

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

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule:

Saturday, May 4

8:30 am First Saturday Marian Devotion Sacred Hrt

12:00 pm First Holy Communion St. Bernard Church

3:15 Confessions St. Joseph Church

4:00 pm No Intention St. Joseph Church

Sunday, May 5

7:30 am +Toni Lee Estevo St. Joseph Church

9:00 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church

10:30 am +Clarence Enos St. Bernard Church

12:15 pm(Sp) Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

7:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, May 8

12:15 pm No Intention St. Bernard Church

*Followed by Confessions & Adoration St. Bernard

6:00 Adoration & Confession Sacred Heart Church

7:00 pm (Sp) No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, May 9

7:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Church

11:30 am No intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Friday, May 10

12:15 pm Mass Int. Lisa Hall St. Bernard Church

Followed by Confessions and Adoration

Saturday, May 11

3:15 Confessions St. Joseph Church

4:00 pm +Jon Mitts St. Joseph Church

Sunday, May 12

7:30 am Mass for the People St. Joseph Church

9:00 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church

10:30 am +Clarence Enos St. Bernard Church

12:15 pm(Sp) No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Sharon Cranford, Cleenewerck Family, Mary Antolini, Jeremy, Leia and Cindy, Mary Murphy, Obdulia Walters, Paul Windham, Barbara Clement, Stephen, David Gerrman, Tate, Kayden and Naylor Family, Barbara Reese, Teri McNamara, Padilla Family, Adriana Barrett, Nancy C., 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, Martha Fosnaugh, John Hinds, Marian Griffin, Margaret Knight, Millie Perrone, Star Salazar, Barbara, Shawn, Lauriee Moralez, and Anderson Family..

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

Don Cloney, Clare, Gary Krietsch, Donald Burghart, Robert McCauley, Saturnina Tetrault, Patricia Lee Silva, 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, Robert Kerr, Merle Myers Jr, Dave Silverbrand, Betty Lutje Judy Williamson, Rosemary Buss, Vivian LaMont, and Chet Branum.

St. Bernard Pancake Breakfast This Sunday



The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast this Sunday, May 5th in St. Bernard Parish Hall. Breakfast is served 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 This will be the last pancake breakfast until the fall.

Fr. Bernard's 30th Ordination Anniversary On

Saturday, May 25, 2024, beginning with a bilingual 12:00 pm Holy Mass, St. Bernard, St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Churches will host a celebration for Father Bernard's 30th year anniversary of his ordination at Sacred Heart Church. After the Mass there will be a social with food, fun and entertainment in the parish hall! We are now looking for volunteers to help. More information will be announced in the coming weeks. If you can help, please text or call Sue Lehman at 347-446-5508.

First Holy Communion This Saturday

First Holy Communion is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th at 12:00 p.m. at St. Bernard Church. The Rehearsal will be at St. Bernard Church on Friday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Maria Romo, DRE for more info: 707 443-8429 or maryeromosacredheart@outlook.com

Lakeport Outdoor Passion Play - May 18th & 19th

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. Bring your own chair and sunscreen. No smoking, food drinks or pets allowed on grounds. Water is available and there are facilities for the handicapped. Time: 4:00 p.m-6pm. **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
LakeCountyPassionPlay.ORG

Worldwide Call To Prayer- Return to Our Lady

Beginning on March 12th and ending December 12th (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) there will be a nine month novena to the Virgin Mary to intercede "against the pressing crises of our age" – and calling on Catholics around the world and "especially in the Americas" to help. Prayers and spiritual nourishment are to be found on the website. In addition you can sign up for regular inspirational email messages. Sign up at <https://novena.cardinalburke.com/>

Catholic Bibles and Rosaries For Inmates and Recovery

There is a need for new Catholic Bibles and rosaries for inmates at the local Humboldt County Jail and for folks at the **Humboldt Recovery Center (bring to office)**. There are Bible paperback versions here: <https://www.christianbook.com/nabre-student-editionbibl/e/9780529064844/pd/9064847?event=Catholic-Resources/1006980> that are \$10 or less.