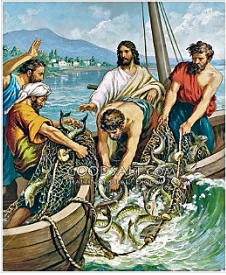


Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 9, 2025



While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him - Luke 5:1-11

St. Scholastica Pray For Us - Feast Feb.10

In the Gospel reading for this week Jesus tells Simon Peter to lower his nets and go out fishing after a long period of fishing to no avail. Even though the tired Simon thought it would be useless, he nevertheless trusted in Jesus and was rewarded with a tremendous catch of fish. Obedience to God leads to a fruitful relationship with Him. And in the context of what these fishermen knew, Jesus was preparing them for a much more important task of fishing for human souls. St Scholastica was also obedient to God's will, choosing a contemplative religious life.

Twins often share the same interests and ideas with an equal intensity. Therefore, it is no surprise that Scholastica and her twin brother, Benedict, established religious communities within a few miles from each other.

Born in 480 of wealthy parents, Scholastica and Benedict were brought up together until he left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies.

Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery.

The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters.

According to the Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day.

He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own Rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey.

Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it.

Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself. EWTN

Readings For This Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

FINANCE

1st Collection = \$4,127.74

This week's 2nd Collection = Building and Maintenance.

Next week's 2nd Collection = Parish Religious Education

St. Bernard Rosary Program Report: 8,234!!

Rosaries prayed this week =59 Cumulative = 8,234

Please pray the Rosary on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays before the 12:15pm Mass. Thank you.

Annual Ministry Appeal 2025

The Annual Ministry Appeal, One Family in Mission, will be conducted February 22 and 23. Our parish target this year is **\$31,700**. Our parish receives 100% of what we raise over this goal. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help individuals and parishes throughout our diocese each year; the Catholic education of our children and Seminarians, Religious Education and Youth Ministry, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Funds donated to the AMA are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law and restricted funds for the ministries only. For more information, please visit the diocesan website: www.srdiocese.org

Interested in Helping with the Lake County Passion Play?

Our 42nd annual Lake County Outdoor Passion Play is drawing near; May 17 and 18, 2025. The first meeting **potluck** for the cast of the Passion Play will be on Sunday, March 2, 2025, at 4:00 PM at St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, 801 North Main, in Lakeport - and it is important you all attend. All practices will be held at the Passion Play grounds at 7010 Westlake Rd. in Upperlake, CA. Practices start at 1:30 PM and will finish at 4:00 PM. Please contact us or show up for the rehearsal schedule. 707-263-0349. (See www.lakecountypassionplay.com).

ICF Chicken & Polenta Dinner Fundraiser for

Scholarship Fund We will be having a "hybrid" dinner on Sunday, March 2. You have the option to reserve a seat/table or can do take-out. Sit-down (5pm) with Basket Raffle Take-out (4-5pm) Only 200 tickets will be sold!!! \$20/dinner. Pre-paid orders only. Call Toni @ 707-633-5679. 1730 Janes Rd - St. Marys Church-Leavy Hall. Arcata . .

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule:

Saturday, February 8

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Leon Freitas St. Joseph Church

Sunday, February 9

7:30 am +Michael Cunningham St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +James McElroy Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am +Clarence Enos St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp) Misa Para el Pueblo Sacred Heart Church

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

7:30am Harvey & Marianne Bennett St. Joseph Church

Wed. February 12

12:15 pm +Chad Kryla St. Bernard Church
followed by Adoration & Confession St. Bernard Church
6:00pm Adoration & Confession Sacred Heart Church
7:00 pm (Sp) No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, February 13

7:30 am +Marilyn Keating St. Joseph Church
11:30am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital

Friday, February 14

12:15 pm +Joy Pastori St. Bernard Church

Saturday, February 15

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Mass for the People St. Joseph Church

Sunday, February 16

7:30 am Int. Tom Halliday (HB) St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Betty Hercher Sacred Heart Church
10:30 am +Clarence Enos St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp) No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Harvey & Marianne Bennett, Mildred Perrone, Marian Griffin, Massimo Matteoli, Jeanne Michael, Gary Cormier, Cheyenne, Butch, Nancy Anderson, Thanh Strelow, Family of Sharon and Husband, Len Guglielmina, Clare Corridori, Antonio Vieira, Eain Graham, Dusty Lange, Therese Grella, Tate Naylor, Sharon Rose Cranford, Jeff Slack, Cleenewerck Family, Mary Antolini, Jeremy, Leia and Cindy, Mary Murphy, Obdulia Walters, and Paul Windham.

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

Camille Regli, Fred Avelar, Delores McBroome, Gus Cricchio, Barbara Madaras, Barbara Clement, Julie James, Jeff Osborne, Sharon, David Martinez, Mary Walsh, Donna Domingo, Jan Guglielmina, John Francis Lehane, Janelle Roberts, John Dixon, Don Cloney, Clare, Gary Krietsch, Donald Burghart, Robert McCauley, Saturnina Tetrault, Patricia Lee Silva, Marilyn Ziblich, and Lee Berning.

TODAY ICF Super Bowl of PB&J Competition

Deadline Donation boxes to collect the jars of peanut butter and jelly for Betty Chinn are at the church entrances from now **until February 9th Super Bowl Sunday!** The winning parish will be revealed at the ICF Eureka Branch meeting on Feb 11th at 1:30PM in the Pinochi Room at St. Bernard Church Parish Hall.

Radiate Love - World Marriage Day Feb. 9th **Marriage Is a Trip and God Has the Map!**

When a young couple falls in love, the fascination they have for each other seems boundless. The joy they share is like the "new wine" generously poured out for the guests in the Wedding at Cana. As time goes by, the pressures of raising children, making ends meet, and the routine of daily life sets in, sometimes leaving the couple to wonder, "what happened to our wine?" Through the sacramental grace of Marriage, Jesus still turns the ordinary water of daily routine into the best wine for our abundant life. Please check out these marriage resources: <https://srdiocese.org/radiate-love>

Catholic Schools Week-Aquinas Fund Information

This week is Catholic Schools Week, a special time to celebrate the gift of Catholic education and its role in forming our young people in the faith. Did you know that over 3,300 students are enrolled in our Catholic schools, and our religious education programs serve more than 5,000 students across the diocese? We'd also like to highlight the Aquinas Fund, established in 2007 with a \$500,000 donation from the Leavey Foundation. Managed through the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, this endowment has grown to \$2.5 million through contributions from the Diocesan Capital Campaign and private donations. Each year, a portion of the fund's interest is awarded to our elementary schools to support tuition assistance. This year, \$97,000 was distributed to support our schools and their mission of faith-based education.. Thank you for joining us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week and supporting the mission of Catholic education. Gratefully, Dr. Adrian Peterson- Superintendent of Schools

Baby Bottle Boomerang Invitation Baby bottles for donations to the Pregnancy Care Center and J Rolpe may be returned to boxes/bags in the churches or to the St Bernard office. Thank you for your family monetary support of our catholic pro-life beliefs. God bless.

The Pregnancy Care Center offers compassion, direction, and hope to those facing life decisions. All services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL. 24/7 Option line: 800-712-4357 Open Mon, Tues, Th, Fri 10-3 707-442-2345 *Pregnancy testing *Ongoing support *Prenatal education *Childbirth education *Maternity and baby clothing *Community referrals *Equipment and supplies *Parenting education *Healthy relationships education *Prenatal vitamins

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

Knight's Korner: Join the Knights of Columbus Eureka Council #1067. Annual dues are only \$35 per year. K of C membership provides access the K of C's affordable AAA rated life insurance policies and its AAA rated investment funds that 100% adhere to Catholic

teachings. To obtain a membership application please
email Frank Ferreira at Ferreirakoc1067@gmail.com