

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 4, 2026



Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."—Matt 21:33-43

Faith in Action—United In Mission—That the world may believe in Christ the Lord...

The unity of disciples is not an end in itself; it is directed towards mission. Jesus states this clearly: "So that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21). It is through the witness of a reconciled, fraternal and united community that the proclamation of the Gospel acquires its full communicative power.

From this perspective, it is worth recalling the motto of Blessed Paolo Manna, "The entire Church for the conversion of the whole world," which succinctly expresses the ideal that inspired the establishment of the Pontifical Missionary Union in 1916. On its 110th anniversary, I convey my gratitude and my blessing for its commitment to inspiring and forming the missionary spirit of priests, consecrated persons and lay faithful, promoting the unity of all evangelizing efforts. In fact, no baptized person is exempt from or indifferent to mission: everyone, each according to their own vocation and condition of life, participates in the great work that Christ has entrusted to his Church. As Pope Francis repeatedly reminded us, proclaiming the Gospel is an action that is always harmonious, communal and synodal.

For this reason, unity in mission means safeguarding and nurturing the spirituality of communion and missionary cooperation. By daily fostering this attitude, divine grace gradually teaches us to see our brothers and sisters through the eyes of faith. We also learn to recognize joyfully the good that the Spirit inspires in each person, to embrace diversity as a treasure, to bear one another's burdens and always to seek the unity that comes from above. Indeed, we all share in one mission in "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all" (Eph 4:5-6). This spirituality constitutes the daily expression of missionary discipleship. It helps us to recover a universal vision of the Church's evangelizing mission, and to overcome a lack of coordinated efforts and the creation of factions among the followers of the one Lord — such as "I belong to Paul," "I to Apollos" (cf. 1 Cor 1:10-12).

Needless to say, missionary unity should not be -

-understood as uniformity, but rather as the convergence of different charisms for the same purpose, namely to make Christ's love visible and to invite everyone to encounter him. Evangelization is achieved when local communities cooperate with one another and when cultural, spiritual and liturgical differences are fully and harmoniously expressed in the same faith. I therefore encourage all institutions in the Church to strengthen their sense of ecclesial missionary communion and to develop creative and concrete ways of cooperating with one another for and in the mission.

In this regard, I would like to thank the Pontifical Mission Societies for their service to missionary cooperation, which I experienced with gratitude during my ministry in Peru. These Societies — Propagation of the Faith, Holy Childhood, Saint Peter the Apostle and Pontifical Missionary Union — continue to nurture and form missionary awareness for the faithful of all ages, and to promote a network of prayer and charity that connects communities throughout the world. Here, it is worth noting that the founder of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, Blessed Pauline Marie Jaricot, established the Living Rosary two hundred years ago. Even today it continues to bring together many of the faithful throughout the world to pray for every spiritual and missionary need. It is also worth remembering that, following a proposal from the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, Pius XI established World Mission Day in 1926. The annual offerings collected on this day are distributed by the Society, on behalf of the Pope, to support the various needs of the Church's mission. The four Societies, therefore, as a whole and each in its own specificity, still play a valuable role for the entire Church. They are a living sign of unity and ecclesial missionary communion. I invite everyone to work with them in a spirit of gratitude. (Pt.2 for WMS 10/18)-Pope Leo XIV

October is Respect Life Month "When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat. In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the mother of life. Mary's acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices." Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month. Visit <https://srdiocese.org/respect-life>

Readings For This Sunday

Reading 1: Isaiah: 5:1-7

Reading II: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading 1: Isaiah: 25:6-10a

Reading II: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

FINANCE

Regular = \$2,690

Next week's 2nd Collection = Building & Maintenance

AMA 2026 Goal = \$34,900 Pledges = \$24,294 Rec'd = \$21,894

St. Bernard Rosary Totals You may place your rosary counts in the collection baskets **Report: 13,706!** Rosaries prayed last week = 57 Cumulative = 13,706

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

First Saturday, October 3

8:30am Marian Devotion Mass Sacred Heart Church
Int. Regina Fosnaugh

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church

4:00 pm +Juvenal Regalo St. Joseph Church

Sunday, October 4

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

9:00 am +Frances Freitas Sacred Heart Church

10:30am Int. John Jr. St. Bernard Church

12:15 pm No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Monday, October 5

12:15 pm Int. Michael Thomas St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, October 6

7:30 am Int. Carina & Basil's baby St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, October 7

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

6:00 pm Adoration/ Confession Sacred Heart Church

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

Thursday, October 8

7:30 am +Fran Wahlund St. Joseph Church

11:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Friday, October 9

12:15 pm +Norene Balderson Myers St. Bernard Church

Saturday, October 10

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church

4:00 pm Int. Julia DeMartini St. Joseph Church

Sunday, October 11

7:30 am Int. Mildred Perrone St. Joseph Church

9:00 am +Frances Freitas Sacred Heart Church

10:30am +Fred Pepper Sr. St. Bernard Church

12:15 pm Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Greg Bacigalubi, Rob Arkley, Ken White, Maria Santos, Basil, Bosco, Mario, Pio, and Mariano Mainus, Sylvia Clark, Martin Fosnaugh, Jean DeSimone, Marie Ruchards, Jim Hogue and Family, Kimberly Ennis, Terri, Marian Griffin, Johnny, Janina Dzieciol, Kathi Branum, Orion, Sidney Gabby, Zenssi, Olivia, Hunter, & C., Barbara Hill, Chet Williams, Maria Mendes Da Costa, Catie Biesecker, Stacy Cudney, Josephine Silva, Jo Ann Dellabalma, Ann Marie DeSimone, Bill King, Martin & Claudia Vess, Chris Miller, Mary Alpers, Nancy Allen, David Russell, Sonny, Garrett Anderson, Dottie Barrett, Harvey & Mary Anne Bennett, Mildred Perrone, Massimo Matteoli, & Gary Cormier

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

Leonard Guglielmina, Glen Schmidt, Helen Saunders, Lena Machado, Obdulia Walters, Derick Wyatt, Fran Hill, Dennis and Gina Costa, Joe Hohmen, Lucy Sokolow, Sandra Cofer, Lena Petty, Fred Emerson, John Gierak, Gloria Allen, Rebecca Bertain, Roseann Cooney, Lorraine Holland, Sandra Lingle, Sarah Mixon, Suanna Rowell, Erling Dellabalma, Paul Windham, Rosealee Schuler, Nick Giannini, Juvenal (John) Regalo, Evo Fannuchi, Dianne Luzzi, Rose Ann Hurst, Tom Long, Joe Thompson, Colleen Cruz, Rodrigo Reyna Sanchez, Mary Antonelli, Mary Ellen Hadley, Camille Regli, and Delores McBroome

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.. Teresa of Avila

Interested in Learning More About the Catholic

Faith OCIA classes began September 8 and **will continue every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Pinochi Room** at Saint Bernard's Church. There is no obligation—just an opportunity to ask questions, learn, and discover where God may be leading you. For more information contact Deacon Dance at 707-407-9298

Invitation To Public Square Rosary Rally Join us for a Public Square Rosary Rally Saturday October 10, 2026 at 12:00 noon by courthouse in Eureka on 5th street. Be a public witness for God's truth and love.

Pancake Breakfast This Sunday Oct. 4th !

The St. Bernard Pancake Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus will be held Sunday, Oct. 4th 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

The Italian Catholic Federation of Eureka Branch #145 is having an Italian pasta dinner fundraiser

on Sunday October 11th from 5:00 PM to 6:30PM at St. Bernard's Parish Hall in Eureka. A Dutch raffle with many unique prizes will also be held. Price is \$10 per person; \$5 per child; and \$25 per family. Tickets are available after Mass this weekend and next weekend and by calling: Call Joe Bonino at 707-445-5799 (landline no texting) or fjb504@gmail.com Or Mary Wheeler at 707-599-8110. Proceeds will help fund the ICF Jerry J. Colivas Scholarship Fund. In addition to its support to the St Bernard and Sacred Heart Parishes the ICF in Eureka awards four deserving high school graduates a scholarship each May and organizes the Betty Chinn peanut butter and jelly drive in January.

Sing A Song To The Lord with musician Jesse Manibusan whose music is included in many parish missalettes, including "Open My Eyes," and "Alleluia! Love is Alive!" Jesse and percussionist Rich Aguon, who has performed with many popular recording artists, will delight us with engaging storytelling and interactive religious and secular songs, as a benefit for Humboldt Redwood Cursillo. The festivities will be held at 7pm on Saturday, Oct. 10th in the St Sernard Parish Hall. For tickets contact Rene Brown (707-725-5040) or Ann Lynch (707-443-6741)

The Knights of Columbus Corporate Mass

The Knights of Columbus will be having a red, white and blue mass to honor all first responders and law enforcement agencies on Oct. 3rd, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Bernards Church. Everyone is invited. For more information, please contact: Faithful Navigator Assembly #56 Steve Payton at (707) 834-5609 or Faithful Captain Johnny Hufancia at 845-8935

165th Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be on October 3, 2026, at St. Bernards Church in Eureka, California. I strongly encourage all members of the Third Degree to prayerfully consider taking the next step in their journey as Knights of Columbus by joining the Fourth Degree, the most patriotic degree of our Order please contact SK Steve Payton 707) 834-5609 Viva Jesus!