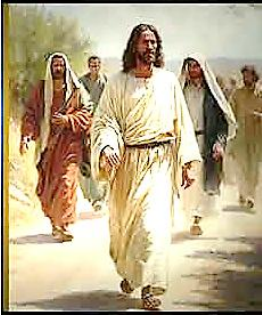


# Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time- June 14, 2026



At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are

these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him. Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."—Matthew 9:36-10:8

## **The Harvest is Abundant But the Laborers are Few**

In today's Gospel we see Jesus directing his disciples to the Jewish people and to lost Christians. This makes us think about how much easier it sometimes is to talk to and forget about our interactions with strangers and/or those who have no background in the faith. The most difficult mission field is often with our families, friends, in our neighborhoods and in our own country. But this is precisely where Jesus directed his disciples first! Jesus directs us to start with our own homes and communities. This mission field can be the most uncomfortable, but it also has the advantage of knowledge and similar life experience and understanding.

Catholic apologist G. K. Chesterson expresses it well when he states that people may say they travel for adventure and because their lives at home are dull but that is not entirely true. Often they are attempting to get away from personal excitement: *He is really fleeing from his street because it is a great deal too exciting.* We may not know anyone in a foreign land and can easily relax. In travel we may not have to get involved with anyone, unless it is comfortable to do so. However, at home if you or I *stares at the elderly lady in the next garden she becomes active.* We are forced to flee, in short, from the *too stimulating society of our equals...* You might have more adventure than you could possibly desire, up close and personal.

Jesus directs us in this Gospel to to give freely, for without cost we have received the greatest gifts of all from Christ. We have the privilege of sharing those gifts and fruits of our faith, first in our homes and neighborhoods, and then with the world. The gifts of the holy spirit were meant to be shared and multiplied: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God. The standard interpretation has been the one that St. Thomas Aquinas worked out in the thirteenth century in his *Summa Theologiae*:

Wisdom is both the knowledge of and judgment about "divine things" and the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth (I/II.1.6; I/II.69.3; II/II.8.6; II/II.45.1–5).

Cont... Understanding is penetrating insight into the very heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation—in effect, the ability—to "see" God (I/II.12.5; I/II.69.2; II/II.8.1–3).

Counsel allows a man to be directed by God in matters necessary for his salvation (II/II.52.1).

Fortitude denotes a firmness of mind in doing good and in avoiding evil, particularly when it is difficult or dangerous to do so, and the confidence to overcome all obstacles, even deadly ones, by virtue of the assurance of everlasting life (I/II.61.3; II/II.123.2; II/II.139.1).

Knowledge is the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action, so as to never wander from the straight path of justice (II/II.9.3).

Piety is, principally, revering God with filial affection, paying worship and duty to God, paying due duty to all men on account of their relationship to God, and honoring the saints and not contradicting Scripture. The Latin word *pietas* denotes the reverence that we give to our father and to our country; since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety (I/II.68.4; II/II.121.1).

Fear of God is, in this context, "filial" or chaste fear whereby we revere God and avoid separating ourselves from him—as opposed to "servile" fear, whereby we fear punishment (I/II.67.4; II/II.19.9).

These are heroic character traits that Jesus Christ alone possesses in their plenitude but that he freely shares with the members of his mystical body (i.e., his Church). \* *Catholic Answers*

Jesus did not love a mob. He loved each person in the *crowds* mentioned in the Gospel reading as a precious unique individual made by him. Likewise, He wishes us to love people one by one, by getting to know each person; speaking to their souls by going through their hearts and minds.

We are reminded by our Savior here of the great work he lays out for each of us. The labor is endlessly fulfilling because it is God's work, but likewise filled with trials, self-denial and sacrifice. *The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.* How will you answer God's call to labor in the fields of salvation? Will you invite a neighbor to Mass? How many people are waiting for that loving invitation from a friend or family member to visit Jesus in his church, tabernacle, in the confessional and in the eucharist? -A Halliday

## **Readings For This Sunday**

Reading 1: Exodus 19:2-6a  
Reading II: Romans 5:6-11  
Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

## **Readings For Next Sunday**

Reading 1: Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Reading II: Romans 5:12-15  
Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

## **FINANCE**

**Regular = \$3,277**

This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection = Building and Maintenance.

Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection = Peter's Pence.

AMA 2026 Goal=\$34,900 Pledges=\$21,524 **Rec'd=\$18,269**

## Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

### Saturday, June 13

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

### Sunday, June 14

7:30 am +John Gierek Sr St. Joseph Church  
9:00 am Int. Silvia Clark Sacred Heart Church  
10:30am Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church  
12:00 pm For the People Rosary of the Sacred Heart  
Followed by Mass in Spanish Sacred Heart Ch

### Monday, June 15

12:15 pm +John Gierek Sr. St. Bernard Church

### Tuesday, June 16

7:30 am Kelly Cahill St. Joseph Church

### Wednesday, June 17

12:15 pm Int. John Jr. St. Bernard Church  
6:00 pm Adoration/ Confession  
7:00 pm No Intention (Sp) Sacred Heart Church

### Thursday, June 18

7:30 am +Milner Herrera. St. Joseph Church  
11:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

### Friday, June 19

12:15 pm +Mildred & Edwin Ruess St. Bernard Church  
1-2pm Confessions and Adoration St Bernard Church

### Saturday, June 20

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church  
4:00 pm +Milner Herrera St. Joseph Church

### Sunday, June 21

7:30 am +John Gierek St. Joseph Church  
9:00 am Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church  
10:30am +Chad Kryla St. Bernard Church  
12:15 pm No Intention Sacred Heart Church

**Please Pray For:** Jim Hogue and Family, Wilma D'Sa and Family, Kimberly Ennis, Terri, Marian Griffin Sharon Ferreira, Johnny, Lucy Sokolow, Janina Dzieciol, Kathi Branum, Orion, Sidney Gabby, Zenssi, Olivia, Hunter, & C., John Johnston, Barbara Hill, Chet Williams, Maria Mendes Da Costa, Martin Fosnaugh, Sylvia Clark, 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, and Obdulia Walter

### **Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:**

Fran Hill, Dennis and Gina Costa, Joe Hohmen, Sandra Cofer, Lena Petty, Fred Emerson, John Gierek, 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, - Cont... Mary Antonelli, Mary Ellen Hadley, Sara & Carmen Scrivner, Camille Regli, and Delores McBroom

"The complaint we commonly have to make of our neighbors is that they will not, as we express it, mind their own business. But we do not dislike them because they have so little force and fire that they cannot be interested in themselves. We dislike them because they have so much force and fire that they can be interested in us as well. What we dread about our neighbor, in short, is not the narrowness of their horizon, but their superb tendency to broaden it." -G. K. Chesterton

## CHURCH SAFETY COMMITTEE:

There will be a meeting for all Church Safety Members and all Ushers on **June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** at St. Bernards Church. Sharyl Vant will be giving a presentation on the *New AED Devices and First Aid Kits*. Louis Altic will present an introduction on *Responding to Disruptive / Hostile Behavior*. Both of these presentations are to enhance the Safety and Security of all our church members. We look forward to seeing everyone on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

## Rodeo Parade Walkathon "Darn Tootin' Life is

**Good!"** Benefitting the Pregnancy Care Center and J Rolpe Medical is on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @10:30am. Meet at Calvary Chapel 914 9<sup>th</sup> St. Fortuna. Come walk for life or sponsor someone who walks. All donations are tax deductible To sponsor a walker you may sign up at the St. Bernard office 707-442-6466 [www.pcceureka.org](http://www.pcceureka.org) [jrophemmedical.org](http://jrophemmedical.org)

## IT'S FIREWORKS TIME! The Knights of Columbus



**will be selling Fireworks @ 115 Henderson St.** in front of Pacific View Charter School (formerly St. Bernard Elementary School) in Eureka. The booth will be open from 10 am until 8 pm, June 30 through July 4<sup>th</sup>. We can sell fireworks beginning June 28<sup>th</sup>. So if you need fireworks on the 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> please call Alan (707-442-6844) and he will meet you at the booth. Proceeds go towards K of C Charities, including donations to Sacred Heart and St. Bernard Parishes and St. Bernard Academy. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year there is the [www.tntfireworks.com](http://www.tntfireworks.com) support **where you can preview items, order ahead for pick up and pay online.** For more information please call 707-442-6844. Thank you for your support.

## 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. ...only a will to love ~ St. Teresa of Avila

## Bilingual Women's Retreat – Diocese of SR

All women ages 18 and older are warmly invited to the Diocese of Santa Rosa Women's Retreat on **Saturday, July 18, 2026**, at Cathedral of St. Eugene. This year's theme, "Where Do You Find Your Worth as a Daughter of God?", invites women to rediscover their true dignity as beloved daughters of God. For more information and registration, visit [www.srcatholicwomen.org](http://www.srcatholicwomen.org) or QR

## St. Mary's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Plans are starting for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of St. Mary's Church (September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1996)) Plans include a Mass, parish picnic, concert and a yearbook. All interested in planning for the anniversary, which will be August 30<sup>th</sup>, please contact Anne@707-845-7699 or [acarlisle15@yahoo.com](mailto:acarlisle15@yahoo.com) or notify the parish office.

## Congratulations Eagle Scout Peter Worsley

Peter Worsley, 7 yr. member of Scout Troop #54 and a senior at St. Bernard Academy, has attained the Eagle Scout rank. For his 200 hr. service project he chose the renovation of the St. Bernard Academy Chapel. God bless him and his family.