Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time– November 8, 2026



Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,brought no oil with them,but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed,they all became drowsy and fell asleep.At midnight, there was a cry,'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise,'Give us some of your oil,for our lamps are going out.'But the wise ones replied,'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'
While they went off to buy it,the bridegroom cameand those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said,'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply,'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake,for you know neither the day nor the hour."

-Matthew 25:1-13

Preparation For Christ Our Bridegroom

In today's Gospel reading we are reminded of the importance of marriage to Jesus, the creation of *a mini church* of man, woman and child. Marriage and family are the foundation of social life and order. Jesus knows the importance of marriage which is why he uses this parable of preparation, where Jesus is the bridegroom and the brides represent his church. We are reminded also of how many faithful have died defending the truth of marriage, people like St Thomas More and the 5 Georgian Martyrs declared "blessed" on Oct 31.

More than 400 years ago, Friars Pedro de Corpa, Blas Rodríguez, Miguel de Aňon, Antonio de Badajoz, and Francisco de Veráscola surrendered their lives standing for the sanctity of marriage.

The Georgia Martyrs are the first American martyrs for marriage and the first to be beatified in the southern U.S. Approximately 9,000 people streamed through the doors of the Savannah Convention Center, breaking city attendance records for an indoor event. They traveled from all over Georgia, the U.S., and around the world,

U.S. beatifications are a rarity. But it was more than that. The diocese has been educating the faithful about the martyrs for a decade. "The fruit and the story are resonating in people's hearts and minds," Father Migone said.

The Franciscans' story began in the 16th century when they arrived from Spain. By 1595, they had established missions along the Georgia coast, evangelizing the Indigenous Guale people. They succeeded where other orders had failed.

In two years, however, faith clashed with local custom. A baptized convert in line for chiefdom insisted on a second wife. When the friars refused to compromise Christ's teaching on marriage, a war party murdered the friars, mission by mission. A sixth friar, Francisco de Ávila, was tortured, but lived to tell the tale. The missions were eventually reestablished, and Catholicism thrived.

More than 200 clergy, including Franciscan Friars of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Cardinal Leo, 31 bishops and archbishops, over 100 deacons and seminarians, and the apostolic nuncio, were joined by nearly 200 members of the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of Malta, Knights (and Dames) of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Knights of Peter Claver.. Cardinal Leo read the apostolic letter and declared the Georgia Martyrs "blessed," by having "placed the saving truth of the Gospel before their own safety."

Atlanta Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer and Archbishop Joan-Enric Vives i Sicilia, bishop emeritus of Urgell, who represented the Spanish Episcopal Conference, read English and Spanish translations of the apostolic letter, respectively.The letter declared the martyrs' feast day as Sept. 22, the octave day of Friar Pedro's martyrdom.

By worldly standards, it might seem like the martyrs failed, Cardinal Leo said during his homily. "But it is not so." They succeeded by embracing "the call to holiness, which further led them to embrace the call to consecrated life, the call to the sacred priesthood, the call to missionary work, the call to evangelize, the call to share and defend the faith and, ultimately, the call to give their very life."But "how compelled are we" to "follow Jesus' call to follow him?" he asked.A holy life requires defending the truth and "always put[ting] Christ first," he stated, even while striving for unity in the world. "Polarization is not from God."

The martyrs also bore witness to "the Christian doctrine of marriage and held to that divine truth to the shedding of their own blood," he said, stressing the sacred nature of the family "founded upon the covenantal, sacramental, indissoluble union of one man and one woman."In his first public audience after recent surgery, Pope Leo said that protecting marriage and family "is more urgent than ever before."

The beatification itself was "perfect timing," said Christine Camp, who came from Atlanta with more than a dozen other Catholics who had just attended a three-day retreat to pray for restoration of their marriages. Moms and dads with children had traveled from near and far. "It's our pilgrimage," said Theodora Ferrant, who came from Pensacola with her husband and two children."I truly believe through the intercession of Blessed Pedro de Corpa and four companions there will be greater respect for the dignity and character of holy matrimony," Savannah Bishop Stephen Parkes said.

"May the witness of these holy men inspire fidelity between spouses called into the covenantal bond of holy matrimony and help create a renewed commitment to the growth of faith-filled families in the state of Georgia and beyond,"The celebration continued on Nov. 1 with a Mass of thanksgiving at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist.- Vatican News / NCR

Readings For This Sunday

Reading 1 Wisdom 6:12-16
Reading II: 1Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading 1 Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

St. Bernard Rosary Totals You may place your rosary counts in the collection baskets **Report: 14,025!**
~~Rosaries prayed last week =55 Cumulative= 14,025~~

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

First Saturday, November 7
3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Martha (HB 88) & Fosnaugh Family St. Joseph

Sunday, November 8
7:30 am Int. Mildred Perrone St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Elsie Berti Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Nathan Hawk St. Bernard Church
12.15 pm Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

Monday, November 9
12:15 pm Paul & Mark Hoffman St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, November 10
7:30 am +Stan Cloney St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, November 11
12:15 pm +Alma Bonino St. Bernard Church
6.00 pm Adoration/ Confession Sacred Heart Church
7.00 pm +Alfonso & Natividad A. Directo Sacred Heart

Thursday, November 12
7:30 am +Kathy Stringer St Joseph Church
11:30 am +Rosa & Marcelo Ayson Hospital Chapel

Friday, November 13
12:15 pm Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church
1-2 pm Confessions St. Bernard Church

Saturday, November 14
3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Mass for the People St. Joseph Church

Sunday, November 15
7:30 am +Kathleen Stringer St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Pablo Lima Pliego & Juan Pliego Sacred Heart
10:30am Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church
12.15 pm +Baby Gill Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Larkin Fay**,**Domingo Mendes Da Costa**,** Ashley Dennis, Maricela and Baby, 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, 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:
Judy Benedict Stopkowitz, Judy Navrocki, Bernadine Giannini Resso, Lloyd Page, Delores Long, 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 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,and Mary Antonelli

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

FINANCE

Regular =$3,781
This week's 2nd Collection= Building & Maintenance
Next week's 2nd Collection =Catholic University of America
AMA 2026 Goal=$34,900 Pledges=$24,694 **Rec'd=$23,725**

Interested in Becoming An Usher or Lector? Please call the St Bernard Office @707-442-6466

DEADLINE Catholic Detention Ministries Donation Boxes - Monday Dec.7th donation boxes will be in the churches for Catholic Detention Ministries. They are requesting donations of Christmas cards and small individually wrapped candies. Please only unused Christmas cards with envelopes for the use of the inmates of the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. The facility requests that candies remain in their unopened store packages in which they are sold for safety reasons. This is a combined effort of the local Catholic churches to put together 300 packages, one for each inmate. This has been much appreciated by the inmates in the past. Please leave donations at the church or church office **no later than Monday Dec. 7th**,. Info:call or email St Mary Church-Arcata (707) 822-7696

Thanksgiving Meal donations and volunteers for St. Vincent de Paul Dining Facility St. Vincent de Paul Dining Facility will host a Thanksgiving Holiday Meal on Thursday, November 26, 2026. Donations of both perishable and canned foods as well as volunteers for food prep and serving are needed. Food Donations – Turkey, Ham, Yams / Sweet Potatoes, Yukon Gold Potatoes, Bread Stuffing, Broccoli, Fruit Pies, Whip Cream (Spray Cans or Cool Whip Tubs)Canned Goods (large #10 size, if possible) – Green Beans, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Crispy Fried Onions, Cheese Sauce, Cranberry Sauce Volunteers are needed for the following: Food Prep: NOV 24-25, 12 – 4 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 PMBlack Nitrile Gloves- sizes M, L, and XL (US Chef's Store & Harbor Frieght) Drop-Off Winter Wear Donations – Wool Blankets, Gloves, Snowcaps, Heavy-Duty Socks, Winter Coats, Back-Packs, Ponchos / Raincoats, Tarps (4' x 6' or larger) Please contact Mary or Jeremiah at 707-445-9588 for donations or drop off at SVDP Dining Facility - 35 W. Third Street, Eureka 95501 To volunteer contact Liz at 707-599-6138

ALL SOULS DAY/ MONTH INTENTIONS

There are All Souls Day envelopes on the table by the side entrance. If you would like to have loved ones remembered at the Holy Mass please fill out the All Souls Day envelopes with their names. If you wish please include a donation and place the envelope in the collection basket.They will be placed on the Altar during the month of November.

Catholic Women: Are you called to lead? Called to serve? Apply to the GIVEN Leadership Program by December 1! The GIVEN Institute's Leadership Program offers leadership development, faith formation, and one-on-one mentorship for Catholic women ages 21–35 who want to live out their unique vocation and mission. This 16-month journey includes virtual formation sessions and the GIVEN Leadership Forum, June 17–20, 2027, at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. For information & registration: https://giveninstitute.com/2027givenleadershipprogram/