

Second Sunday of Advent – December 7, 2025



A SHORT ROAD TO PERFECTION

IT is the saying of holy men that, if we wish to be perfect, we have nothing more to do than to perform the ordinary duties of the day well. A short road to perfection — short, not because easy, but because pertinent and intelligible. There are no short ways to perfection, but there are sure ones.

I think this is an instruction which may be of great practical use to persons like ourselves. It is easy to have vague ideas what perfection is, which serve well enough to talk about, when we do not intend to aim at it ; but as soon as a person really desires and sets about seeking it himself, he is dissatisfied with anything but what is tangible and clear, and constitutes some sort of direction towards the practice of it.

We must bear in mind what is meant by perfection. It does not mean any extraordinary service, anything out of the way, or especially heroic — not all have the opportunity of heroic acts, of sufferings — but it means what the word perfection ordinarily means. By perfect we mean that which has no flaw in it, that which is complete, that which is consistent, that which is sound — we mean the opposite to imperfect. As we know well what ^perfection in religious service means, we know by the contrast what is meant by perfection.

Pie, then, is perfect who does the work of the day perfectly, and we need not go beyond this to seek for perfection. You need not go out of the round of the day.

I insist on this because I think it will simplify our views, and fix our exertions on a definite aim. If you ask me what you are to do in order to be perfect, I say, first — Do not lie in bed beyond the due time of rising ; give- your first thoughts to God ; make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament ; say the Angelus devoutly; eat and drink to God's glory; say the Rosary well ; be recollected ; keep out" bad thoughts ; make your evening meditation well ; examine yourself daily; go to bed in good time, and you are al ready perfect.-From *Meditations & Devotions* p.285 by St. John Henry Newman

Readings For Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Isaiah 11:1-10
Reading II: Romans 15:4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Readings For Third Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Reading II: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

FINANCE Office Closed Mon. Dec. 8th

1st Collection= \$2,950

-This Week's 2nd Collection is for Major Restoration Projects

-Next Week's 2nd Collection is for Building Repair & Maintenance



AMA 2025 Goal: \$19,700 Gifts Recieved: \$17,023
Blance Due: \$2,677

Sacred Heart Rosary

**Please join us! We are here every Tuesday at
11:30am in the Chapel**

~ Upcoming Events ~

Pancake Breakfast THIS Sunday Dec. 7th



The St. Bernard Pancake Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus will be held on Sunday, Dec 7th 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
Christmas cards will be sold during breakfast!

Christmas Pageant Call Out For Children's Mass Participation

You are invited with your children to come and participate in the Christmas pageant mass. Please contact Maria Romo or Maria Freitas if you would like your child to be in the pageant. They will be taking names and phone numbers after masses at 9am, 10:30am, and 12:15pm. The children's mass will be Dec. 24th at 4pm at Sacred Heart. Thank you, Maria Romo DRE

Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner

The Eureka Knights of Columbus invites all local and retired Knights and wives to the Christmas celebration on Saturday Dec. 13th at the Pinochi Rm at St Bernard. The cost is **free** for all local Knights and wives and \$20 for guests. As of Dec 3rd it will be the 120th anniversary of the Eureka Council(*one of the oldest in the state*) and we want to make this a special celebration. If you know of any Knights who need a ride please call and we will provide it. Please call Johnny Hufancia (Grand Knight) with any questions or requests. (707) 845-8935



Come One Come All To our first ever Christmas Carol Sing Along!

Followed by treats and hot drinks! December 14, 2025 5pm in Sacred Heart Church. Bring a plate of goodies to share. Bring you friends. Open to all! The more the merrier!!!

Invitation To Monastic Retreat For Young Men

"Come, Lord Jesus, come!" I extend a special invitation to any of our college students (or other young men) who have some free time over Christmas break to make a *Come and See* retreat here at the monastery. Consider a monastic vocation as we rejoice in the birth of the Eternal Word into the family of the chaste St. Joseph and the Virgin Mary. **I am proposing that we begin on Saturday, December 29, 2025, and conclude on Monday, January 8, 2026, but I will readily accommodate your individual college schedules.**

Please contact me as soon as possible if you may be able to attend this vocation retreat, or even if you simply want to spend some quiet time in prayer and healing here at the monastery. I would appreciate it if all of you would pray for this retreat and extend this invitation to other young men who might benefit from attending. -Fr. O'Hara Holy Family Monastery, 764 Centerville Rd, Ferndale, CA 95536, 509-530-8730, HolyFamily4u2.com

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 6 - First Saturday Marian Devotion

8:30am +Lilia Hornilia Sacred Heart Church
3:15 Confession St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Betty Lutje St Joseph Church

Sunday, December 7

7:30 am +Janet Fellingham St. Joseph Church
9:00 am Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Donna, Ernie and Lisa Domingo St. Bernard

*11:00am Procession to Sacred Heart Church

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

Monday, December 8

10:00am Mass St. Bernard Academy
12:15pm Souls in Purgatory St. Bernard Church
5:00 pm Mass Sacred Heart Church
6:30pm Rosary (Sp) Sacred Heart Church
7:00 pm Mass (Sp) Sacred Heart Church

Tuesday, December 9

7:30am + Marilyn Zibilich St. Joseph Church
6:30 pm Rosary (Sp) Sacred Heart Church
7:00pm Mass (Sp) Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday, December 10

12:15 pm Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church
6:30 pm Rosary Sacred Heart Church
7:00 pm (Sp) No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, December 11

7:30 am Souls in Purgatory St. Joseph Church
11:30am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel
6:30 pm Rosary(Sp) Sacred Heart Church
7:00pm Mass Sacred Heart Church

Friday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 am Las Mañanitas Sacred Heart Church
12:15 pm Souls in Purgatory St. Bernard Church
*Followed by Adoration & Confessions

6:00pm Guadalupe Feast Mass Sacred Heart Church

Saturday, December 13

3:15 Confession St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Don Michael St Joseph Church

Sunday, December 14

7:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Rosita Luzame Sacred Heart Church
10:30am Mass for the People St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp) No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Rosemary Murphy, Eliana Omei, Pat Rider, Duane David, Thanh Strelow, Sally-Ann Thomas, Chaz Desoteau, Nagee Ellis, Theresa Martin, Jackeline Williams, Diane Kerr, Karla Kincade, Tammie Startare, Lynn Agajanian, Gary Agajanian, Linda Brown, Eliot Cabreon, Michael Arnold, Hatsue Riecke, Ray Moisa, Marion Adams, Adriana

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

+Colleen Cruz +Joe Thompson +Gina Costa +Stella Reyes
+Mary Walsh+Rolly Luzame +Brenda Zwiefelhofer +
Louise Y. Russo, +Bernadette Chapman +Saturnina
Tetrault +Marie Giampaolo, +Tony Siström, +Marilyn
Zibilich, +Diacono Frank Weber +Felipe de Jesus Silva
Rodriguez +My-Hieu Venema +Avira Agata Concepta
Gomes +Colby Arnett +Lorraine Cooney, +Chris Scott,
+Sharon Omei, +Jim Cruz, +Deacon Jim Hercher, +Susan
Bonomini, +Peggy Kirkpatrick, +Paul McNally,
+Richard Kerr, +Ernestine Josephine
Hawthorne, +Adelena Ramos, +Msgr. Gerard
Brady, +Raul Moctezuma, +Robert Kerr



ST. VINCENT de PAUL THANKSGIVING THANK

YOU SVdP thanks everyone who has continued to support our Outreach efforts in the community. Because of your generosity at Sacred Heart, 50 families enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner this year. We thank Theresa Evans, Richard Graey, Linda Bareilles, David Vina and Georgeanne Fulstone-Pucillo for purchasing, assembling and delivering these food bags. Thanks for your prayers, also, and may God continue to bless us all.

A Thank You From Betty Chinn Dear generous supporters, Once again you have been Christ's Heart and hands, providing for our most vulnerable citizens, housed and unhoused. Many of our friends and neighbors were forced to choose between paying their rent and utilities and buying food. Because of you, we were able to provide food, shelter, job training, counseling and addiction treatment. In a recent storm, 37 individuals were grateful to sleep on cots and enjoy a warm meal right here in our office. Please know that you continue to be in my prayers during this Thanksgiving and always. Gratefully, Betty Chinn

DEADLINE Catholic Detention Ministries Donation

Boxes -Monday Dec.8th 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. 8th**. Info: call or email St Mary Church-Arcata (707) 822-7696

SVDP CHRISTMAS MEAL DONATIONS &

VOLUNTEER NEEDS St. Vincent de Paul Dining Facility will host a Christmas Holiday Meal on Thursday, December 25, 2025, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Food Donations – *Ham (preferably spiral sliced), Yams / Sweet Potatoes, Bread Stuffing, Yukon Gold Potatoes, Whip Cream (Cool Whip or Spray Cans), Candy Canes, Tiny Marshmallows, Canned Goods (large or #10 size, if possible) – Green Beans, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Crispy Fried Onions, Candied Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Fruit.* Black Nitrile Gloves – sizes M, L, and XL (sold at US Chef's Store and Harbor Freight) **Volunteers are needed for the following:** Food & Dining Room Prep: DEC 24, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Christmas 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 PM Winter Wear Donations – *Wool Blankets, Gloves, Snowcaps, Heavy-Duty Socks, Winter Coats, Hiking Boots, Back-Packs, Ponchos / Raincoats* and Christmas Gifts for Older Teens. Please contact Mary or Eric at 707-445-9588 Drop off donations between 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM, M-F at the SVDP Dining Facility - 35 W. Third Street, Eureka 95501 Thank You for your support!

SVDP Blankets For Care Annual Project

Our annual project Blankets for Care Homes is underway. We are inviting you to donate a blanket or a package of socks that will go to a local Care Home residents (Seaview, Eureka Rehab, Granada etc) this Christmas. We want them to know we care and wish them well. A box for your donation is in the narthex of the church. All blankets and socks must be received by Sunday, December 21st, after 9 am Mass for delivery to the Care Homes. Thank you for continuing to think of others. For more information, call Georgeanne at 497-9929.