

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 25, 2026



When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent,

for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people. -Matthew 4:12-23

## **A Sermon From John Justus Landsberg**

*He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea ... that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13)*

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Everyone knows that we were all born in darkness, and once lived in darkness. But now that the Sun of Righteousness has risen for us, let us see that we no longer remain in darkness.

Christ came to enlighten those who lived in darkness, overshadowed by death, and to guide their feet into the way of peace. Do you ask what darkness?

Whatever is present in our intellect, in our will, or in our memory that is not God, or which has not its source in God; that is to say, whatever in us is not for God's sake, is a barrier between God and the soul—it is darkness.

In himself Christ brought us light which would enable us to see our sins, and hate our darkness. His freely chosen poverty, when there was no place for him in the inn, is for us a light by which we can now learn that the poor in spirit, to whom the kingdom of heaven belongs, are blessed.

The love with which Christ offered himself to instruct us, and to endure for us injuries, ostracism, persecution, lashes, and death upon a cross; the love finally which made him pray for those who crucified him—that love is for us a light by which we may learn to love our enemies.

The humility with which "he emptied himself, taking the nature of a slave," and with which he scorned the glory of the world, and willed to be born, not in a palace but in a stable, and to die ignominiously on a gibbet—that humility is for us a light showing us what a detestable crime it is for clay, that is to say, for poor weak creatures, to be proud, to exalt themselves, or to refuse submission, when the infinite God was humbled, despised, and subject to human beings.

The meekness with which Christ endured hunger, thirst, cold, harsh words, lashes, and wounds, when he was "led like a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb before his shearer opened not his mouth"—that meekness is for us a light.

By it we see how useless it is to be angry, how useless to threaten. By it we accept our own suffering, and do not serve Christ merely from routine. By it we learn how much is required of us, and that when suffering comes our way we should bewail our sins in silent submission, since he endured affliction with such patience and long-suffering, not for his own sins, but for ours.

Reflect then, beloved, on all the virtues which Christ taught us by his example, which he recommends by his counsel, and which he enables us to imitate by the assistance of his grace. *Sermon 5, volume 3, 315-317 Landsberg was the editor of the works of Saint Gertrude, the great apostle in the Middle Ages of devotion to the Heart of Jesus, and he himself was one of the earliest promoters of this devotion. 1489/90-1539)SLS*

## **Readings For This Sunday**

Reading I: Isaiah 8:23 -9:3

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

## **Readings For Next Sunday**

Reading I: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

## **FINANCE**

**1st Collection= \$2,332**

**Church in Latin America = \$657**

**AMA Goal = \$31,700 Pledges= \$33,773 Gifts= \$33,488**

**Parish Rebate= \$1,788 THANK YOU!**

## **TODAY Come Celebrate Fr. Bernard's Birthday**

When: Sunday, January 25th 2:00pm

Where: Pinochi Room - St. Bernard Parish Hall

What: It's a potluck so bring a dish to share.

We need lots of food, sweets, and salads

## **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament-Fri. Feb.6**

On First Friday Feb.6<sup>th</sup> we again have the privilege of spending time with our Lord in the Eucharist from 1-5pm. Please come to adore Him who made you and the beauty of the world. We also need at least 2 people per hour to sign up on the Adoration sheet. Thank you.

## **Pancake Breakfast Next Sunday Feb. 1st**

The St. Bernard Pancake Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus will be held Sunday, Feb 1st 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

**Baby Bottle Boomerang Invitation** Baby bottles for donations to the Pregnancy Care Center and J Rolpe are in the churches. Please take one home and support your catholic pro-life values by collecting monetary donations for the pro-life centers. This is a great project for the family. Bottles may be brought to the office.

## **St. Bernard Rosary Program Report: 11,565!**

**Rosaries prayed last week =63 Cumulative= 11,565**

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

## **Eureka Holy Mass Schedule**

### **Saturday, January 24**

3:15 Confession St. Joseph Church  
4:00 pm +Nick Giannini St. Joseph Church

### **Sunday, January 25**

7:30 am Mass for the People St. Joseph Church  
9:00 am +Joshua Amador Staley Sacred Heart Church  
10:30am +Nick Giannini St. Bernard Church  
12:15 pm(Sp)\* Carmen y Guadalupe Espitia y Jesus Varela Sacred Heart Church

### **Monday, January 26**

12:15 pm +Ermelinda DeNeves St. Bernard Church

### **Tuesday, January 27**

7:30am Souls in Purgatory St. Joseph Church

### **Wednesday, January 28**

12:15 pm +Ermelinda DeNeves St. Bernard Church  
6:00 pm Adoration & Confession Sacred Heart Church  
7:00 pm Mass No Intention (Sp) Sacred Heart Church

### **Thursday, January 29**

7:30am The Unborn St. Joseph Church  
11:30am Mass No Intention St. Joseph Hospital

### **Friday, January 30**

12:15 pm + Lucyna Boczkowska St. Bernard Church  
1-2 pm Adoration & Confession St. Bernard Church

### **Saturday, January 31**

3:15 Confession St. Joseph Church  
4:00 pm +Nick Giannini St. Joseph Church

### **Sunday, February 1**

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

**Please Pray For:** Josephine Silva, Jo Ann Dellabalma, Ann Marie DeSimone, Bill King, Martin & Martha Fosnaugh, Claudia Vess, Chris Miller, Mary Alpers, Basil, Santos, Bosco, Maria, Mario, Pio, & Mariano Mainus, Nancy Allen, David Russell, Sonny, Garrett Anderson, Dottie Barrett, Harvey & Mary Anne Bennett, Mildred Perrone, Marian Griffin, Massimo Matteoli, Gary Cormier, and Obdulia Walter

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

Sarah Mixon, Suanna Rowell, Erling Dellabalma, Paul Windham, Nick Giannini, Juvenal (John) Regalo, Evo Fannuchi, Dianne Luzzi, Rose Ann Hurst, Tom Long, Joe Thompson, Colleen Cruz, Gina Costa, Rodrigo Reyna Sanchez, Jerry Bronder, Madalenne Smith, Bruce Amado, Doris Davy, Stella Reyes, Mary Antonelli, Mary Ellen Hadley, Sara & Carmen Scrivner, Camille Regli, Fred Avelar, Delores McBroome, and Gus Cricchio

### **J Rolphe- Free Ultrasounds, Help and Support**

J ROPHE MEDICAL provides no-cost limited obstetrical ultrasounds to patients between 7-16 weeks pregnant in a confidential and professional setting, where each client is treated holistically with the utmost care and respect. All services are free. Open from 10 to 4 Mon--Thurs, Call 707-444-0423 for an appt.

**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 Free pregnancy testing, childcare supplies & clothing, counseling, prenatal & childbirth education.

**A funeral for Suanna Rowell (R.I.P.) will be at St. Bernard Church on Sat. January 31<sup>st</sup> with a Rosary @9:30am and Mass @10am. May God keep her.**

### **Silent Auction Item Request for St. Patrick's Day**

**Fest** St. Bernard's Knights of Columbus are asking for silent auction items for their annual *St. Patrick's Day Fest*. The auction helps raise needed funds for our local community. If you would like to donate an item, gift basket, or gift certificate, please contact Frank Ferreira @ (707) 601 2061 or Johnny Hufancia @ (707) 845-8935.

### **Next Week...Christ the King BBQ Fundraiser**

The Knights of Columbus will be having a DRIVE-THROUGH BBQ FUNDRAISER on Super Bowl Saturday February 7 with a generous serving of savory grilled and sliced the BBQ tri-tip on a roll, coleslaw, pickle, and cookie. Simply pre-order your meals and drive by Leavey Hall between 4PM and 6PM Saturday evening to pick up your order which will be delivered right to your car window! This is an important fundraiser for our local KOC Msgr. Nugent Council, and we need your support to help keep it a success. Please invite your family and friends to join us! Proceeds are used to support our council and help with parish and local projects. Tickets are \$25 per meal, with additional meals discounted at \$20/meal. Tickets can be ordered by calling Tim Salamunovich (707) 822-5453.

### **ICF-Betty Chinn Homeless Ministry PBJ Drive**

To increase the amount of food reserves this winter for Betty Chinn's ministry to the homeless the Italian Catholic Federation Branches in Humboldt County will be coordinating a peanut butter and jelly donation drive at St Bernard, Sacred Heart, St Mary, St Joseph, and Assumption Parishes. Donation boxes will be in the vestibule of the church for your donations from now until February 8th Super Bowl Sunday. Please leave your donations in the boxes. At the end of the donation drive the ICF will award the parish with the most peanut butter and jelly donations as Champions of PBJ Super Bowl!

### **43rd annual Lake County Outdoor Passion Play is drawing near; May 16 and 17, 2026.**

Have you always wanted to be in a passion play? The first meeting for the cast of the Passion Play will be on Sunday, March 1, 2026, at 4:00 PM at St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, 801 North Main, in Lakeport - and it is important you all attend. This is our annual POTLUCK dinner so bring your favorite dish to share (salad, main or side dish or dessert). All practices will be held at the Passion Play grounds at 7010 Westlake Rd. in Upper Lake, CA. Practices start at 1:30 PM and will finish at 4:00 PM. Please be prepared to commit to this schedule as follows: March 29 1:30-4:00pm, Sunday April 12, 19 & 26 1:30 - 4:00 and Sunday, May 3 & 9 (Dress Rehearsals) 1:30pm-4:00pm Note Easter Sunday is April 5 this year. We will not practice on Mother's Day, May 10 th. Please note that the Passion Play telephone number is 707-263-0349 [www.lakecountypassionplay.org](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org) or [Facebook.com/PassionPlay/LakeCom/](https://Facebook.com/PassionPlay/LakeCom/) Thank you, Rob

### **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.