

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 18, 2026



John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - John 1:29-34

This Little Light of Mine

Some years ago, I was attending a farewell party for a rabbinic scholar about to take a professorship at a state university. At one point he said, "Yes, I am going to be "or le goyim." Even those of us whose Hebrew was rusty knew exactly what he meant. "Or le goyim" is a phrase from Isaiah meaning "a light to the Gentiles (or nations)." Appearing in this Sunday's reading from Isaiah (First Reading), as well as last Sunday's (Is 42:6), it refers to the divinely mandated mission of Servant Israel. The phrase is a consecrated one, not only within the Jewish tradition but also in the Christian, for early on we claimed its fulfillment in Jesus and the Church (see Luke 2:32 and Acts 13:47; 26:23).

Being born again in water and the Holy Spirit entails furthering Jesus' mission of being the "light of the world" In the Gospel, when John the Baptizer heralds Jesus as the one who baptizes "with the Holy Spirit," he is referring to the fact that Jesus is the agent fulfilling Israel's hope for renewal through a divine outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as expressed especially in Ezekiel 36:24-27 and Joel 3:1-5. How this entails mission becomes evident later in John's Gospel when the risen Lord appears to the disciples and says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you," and then breathes on them, saying, "Receive the holy Spirit." Being born again in water and the Holy Spirit entails furthering Jesus' mission of being the "light of the world" (in the language of John 9:5 regarding Jesus himself, or of Matthew 5:14 regarding followers of Jesus) and a "light to the nations" (in the language we have been reviewing in Isaiah and Luke).

When Paul, in this Sunday's Second Reading, addresses the Christians of Corinth as "called to be holy," he is alluding to their status as heirs of the vocation of Israel. And when he refers to them as those 'who call upon the name of our Lord,' he is applying to them a phrase from the above Spirit passage of Joel 3:1-5. As people who are baptized in the Spirit and share the vocation of Israel, they are of courses meant to be a "light to the nations." We read these ancient passages in our worshiping communities because we claim that vocation for ourselves. -Dennis Hamm, SJ

Readings For This Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 8:23 -9:3

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

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

St. Bernard Rosary Program Report: 11,502!

Rosaries prayed last week =55 Cumulative= 11,502

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

FINANCE

1st Collection= \$3,622

Building & Maintenance = \$882

This week's 2nd Collection if for the Church in Latin America.

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

Parish Rebate= \$1,788 THANK YOU!

Come Celebrate Fr. Bernard's Birthday

When: 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

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

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.

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

THANK YOU SO MUCH! The Open House at the rectory was well attended and the preparation and serving by our families was outstanding. The decorations are still up until Candle Mass Feast Day, "The Presentation of the Lord," Feb. 2nd. Twelve dozen cookies were made and distributed to funeral receptions and Pancake Breakfast. God bless you all, Fr. Mike C.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament-Fri. Feb.6

On First Friday Feb.6th 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.

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 17

3:15 Confession St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Mick & Fran Wahlund St. Joseph Church

Sunday, January 18

7:30 am +Hugo Pompati & Family St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Paul Windham Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Chad Kryla St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp) Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

Monday, January 19

12:15 pm +Ermelinda DeNeves St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, January 20

7:30am Souls in Purgatory St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, January 21

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 22

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

Friday, January 23

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

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 No Intention Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Nick Giannini St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp)Carmen Guadalupe Espitia y Jesus Varela 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:

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 Rophe- 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 gathering for +Nick Giannini will be held on Saturday, January 24th after the 4:00 pm St. Joseph Mass at the St. Bernard School Library.

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.

THIS WEEK WALK FOR LIFE West Coast -January

24, 2026 Celebrate and walk for life at the 22nd annual Walk For Life West Coast on Saturday, Jan. 24th, 2026 in San Francisco. Rally begins at 12:30 pm at the Civic Center Plaza followed by the peaceful and prayerful walk along Market Street to the Embarcadero. For more info: walkforlifewe.com Speakers include Jason Jones, film producer, author and humanitarian, Glendie Loranger, Exec. Director of Life Services a pregnancy medical center in Spokane WA, Elizabeth Barrett, former pro-choice agnostic who became a pro-life Christian due to a miraculous transformation she experienced through abortion pill reversal and Rev. Clenard Childress of Right to Life and founder of BlackGenocide.org.

Walk for Life West Coast – San Francisco

January 24, 2026 The Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to join fellow Catholics and pro-life advocates from across California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 22nd Annual Walk for Life West Coast. Transportation Provided: Bus departs at 7:30 a.m. from St. Joseph Catholic Church 150 St. Joseph Way, Cotati Destination: St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco Return bus departs San Francisco at 4:15 p.m. Cost: \$40 per seat (includes light snack and beverage) Students ride free(Only 10 seats remaining) Join us for this powerful witness to life and dignity.

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!