Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 25, 2026



When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him,"You shall love the Lord, your God,with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.This is the greatest and the first commandment.The second is like it:You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."-Matthew 22:34-40

The Greatest Commandment & Obedience

In treating the commandments is was said that the first three treat of our duties to God and the last six of our duties to neighbor. In between is the fourth commandment, which is *honor thy father and thy mother*. This commandment has been placed in between the two because it is a bond between both God and neighbor. The justice that we owe our parents is very close to the justice that we owe to God. And it is also related to the justice we owe our neighbor. After God it was our parents who gave us life. And this fourth commandment, therefore is the commandment which not only links the two, but which also provides best of all for the future of our civilization. Napoleon was once asked when does the education of a child begin? And the answer:*20 years before the child is born in the education of the mother.* There is much truth to this because the parents take the place of God in the home. The child is so much clay in the hands of the parent. And how that child is molded will decide the future of it. When God gave to the parents the child, he made a crown for that child in heaven, and woe be to the parents who do not fulfill the high destiny and vocation of that child. Hence one of the gravest dangers facing children can be the example of their parents. Parental delinquency becomes juvenile delinquency. And the divine law, therefore regarding the two, has been clearly put in sacred scripture. There is a double relationship. In the epistle of the Colossians we read first of all of the relationship the children should have to parents. Then later on the relation that parents have to children. Children must be obedient to their parents in every way. It is a gracious sign of serving the Lord. In other words it is accounted as obedience to God himself. And you parents must not rouse your children to resentment, or you will break their spirits. You must therefore be that gentleness that characterizes the mercy of God toward us. What a beautiful lesson of obedience is given to us in the divine child of Nazareth. There is no evidence that he ever gave to Mary and Joseph just a nominal right to command. Rather the sacred scripture says, he lived there in subjection to them. Imagine God's subject to man! God, before whom the angels and principalities and powers tremble is subject to Mary and to Joseph for Mary's sake. These are the two great miracles of humility and exaltation. The God-man obeying a woman and the woman commanding the God-man; the very fact that he became subject to her and doused her with power. And that obedience lasted for thirty years. By this long span of voluntary obedience he revealed that the fourth commandment is the bedrock of family life. In a larger way, how else could the primal scene of disobedience against God be undone, except by the obedience in the flesh of the very God who was once defied? It was Lucifer who said, *I will not obey* and down the ages this evil infection traveled, … worming its way into the nook and crevices of every family where there was gathered a father and mother and a child. Here is something to remember. As parents surrender their legitimate authority and primary responsibility to their children, the state begins to take over. When the parents no longer bring up their children in the love and fear of God, and the children become juvenile deliquents, then the state takes over the home and takes over the children. That is why obedience in the home is the foundation of obedience in the commonwealth, or in each instance, conscience submits to a trustee of God's authority. If it be true that the world has lost its respect for authority, it is only because it has lost it first in the home. And as we said before, as the home loses its authority, then the state begins to become tyrannical. There was a bond established between the home and the state. It was democracy that put man on a pedestal. It was feminism that put woman on a pedestal. But neither democracy nor feminism can live a generation unless the child is first put on a pedestal and such is the significance of Nazareth. How our Lord warned too about caring for the child.*:And if anyone hurts the conscience of one of these little ones that believe in me, he had better have been drowned in the depths of the sea with a millstone hung about his neck*. It is not to be thought, however, that obedience in the home does not include every other kind of obedience. That commandment embraces what is known as the virtue of pietas or piety, and it involves family and neighbor and the state. All authority comes from God. And this commandment obliges us to obey. To remember when Pilate boasted that he had power to condemn our blessed Lord, our Lord said that he would not have the power unless it came to him from above. The authority comes from God only. And all authorities that hold sway are of God's ordinance. It is very beautiful to realize that both St. Paul and St. Peter asked for obedience to civil rulers, even though the civil ruler was Nero. We will also find that those who love God are always great patriots. Whenever there begins to be a decline of patriotism in the country, there was always a decline of belief in God. That brings us now to the other commandments, the fifth to the tenth. Our blessed Lord said that we were to love our neighbor as ourselves. Now how do we love ourselves? Well, we love ourselves very much. We enter into a room. and look for the best chair. We do not buy the clothes that will look most unattractive upon us. We choose desserts with considerable discretion in regard to taste.. But there are also some things we do not like about ourselves. We hate ourselves when we are borish and loud and insulting to others or make excessive demands upon our neighbor, or when we tell untruths that hurt our friends. Therefore we love what is good in ourselves and we hate what is bad in ourselves. Applying that to our neighbor, we love what is good in them and we hate what is sinful in them. So we love the sinner and we hate the sin. We love the neighbor as a spiritual self, but we do not necessarily love him as a carnal self.Our blessed Lord, therefore, tied together, love of himself and love of neighbor and love of ourselves. There could therefore be two great errors. One is to love God without loving our neighbor and the other would be to love our neighbor without loving God. We are often invited to take part in brotherhood weeks, brotherhood causes. As much talk as the brotherhood of man, all that is very good and true, but how can we be brothers unless we have a common father? To leave the fatherhood of God out of the brotherhood of man is to make us all a race of illegitimate-

…children. The love of neighbor is not to be standardized solely upon our love of ourselves, but rather upon the way that our Lord has loved us. And that is the way He put it. *This is my commandment that you should love one another as I have loved you*. Pt 1of 2- Blessed Fulton J Sheen

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 24
3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Alma Bonino St. Joseph Church

Sunday, October 25
7:30 am +Kathleen Stringer St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Pat Rider Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Conchita Cacho St. Bernard Church
12.15 pm Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

Monday, October 26
12:15 pm Int. Allan Wilson & Fiona Wilson St. Bernard

Tuesday, October 27
7:30 am Int. Allan Wilson & Fiona Wilson St. Joseph

Wednesday, October 28
12:15 pm Int. Allan Wilson & Fiona Wilson St. Bernard
6.00 pm Adoration/ Confession Sacred Heart Church
7.00 pm Int. Irene Cleenewerck HB)(Sp) Sacred Heart

Thursday, October 29
7:30 am Int. Allan Wilson & Fiona Wilson St. Joseph Ch
11:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Friday, October 30
12:15 pm +Kathleen Stringer St. Bernard Church
1:00-2:00 pm Confessions St. Bernard Church

Saturday, October 31
3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Int. Allan Wilson & Fiona Wilson St. Joseph Ch

Sunday, November 1
7:30 am All Saints St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Zenaida Casillas Sacred Heart Church
10:30am Mass for the People St. Bernard Church
12.15 pm No Intention 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, 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

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:
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, Mary Antonelli, Mary Ellen Hadley, & Camille Regli

Readings For This Sunday
Reading 1 Exodus 22:20-26
Reading II: 1Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Readings For Next Sunday
Reading 1 Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Reading II: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

St. Bernard Rosary Totals You may place your rosary counts in the collection baskets **Report: 13,915!**
Rosaries prayed last week =59 Cumulative= 13,915

FINANCE

Regular =$2,869
World Mission Sunday=$756
This week's 2nd Collection= Annual Ministry Appeal
AMA 2026 Goal=$34,900 Pledges=$24,694
Rec'd=$22,679

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Nov. 6th
Please come spend time in peaceful silence with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament Friday, Nov. 6th @1-5pm. Our merciful savior awaits his precious children.

Help Celebrate Priest Appreciation Week-Nov.1-7
Priest Appreciation Week is coming up November 1–7, 2026! We invite you to help spread the word throughout our parish, especially within our Religious Education classes and Catholic Schools.We encourage religious education students, families, and parishioners to thank our priests through a short video message (10 seconds or less), a thoughtful note, or a simple act of appreciation. Selected videos may be featured during Priest Appreciation Week on The Vine and social media
Video submissions: media@srdiocese.org | 707-376-6096 Deadline: October 28

You are invited to celebrate All Saints' Day and join the entire community of Sacred Heart, St. Bernard and St. Joseph on November 1,2026 after the 12:15 Spanish Mass. Guests are invited to share their favorite dish and bring your dish to the Sacred Shed. In celebration of the Saints, we invite children and parents to come, dressed as a Saint optional.Praise God for his saints!

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.

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 All services are free. Open from 10 to 4 Mon--Thurs, Call 707-444-0423 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
*Pregnancy testing *Ongoing support
*Prenatal education *Childbirth education -
Maternity and baby clothing * Community referrals
*Equipment,supplies,vitamins * Parenting education