

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 27, 2026



Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion?

A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that you did not later change your minds and believe him." Matthew 21:28-32

Faith in Action- One in Christ-Missionary disciples united in him and with our brothers and sisters

As the Gospel reading for this week is focused on the importance of putting our beliefs into action we might reflect on our responsibility to the missions of the Catholic Church. Because we are an universal church instituted by God we have a responsibility to spread the words and teachings of Christ throughout the world while caring for the bodily needs of those we serve. For the next 3 weeks we will hear from Pope Leo XIV, our Holy Father, regarding the Church's missionary work of love: *... The mystery of union with Christ lies at the heart of mission. Before his Passion, Jesus prayed to the Father, "that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us" (Jn 17:21). These words reveal Jesus' deepest desire, as well as the identity of the Church as a community of his disciples. That is, a communion that flows from the Trinity, and continues to be sustained by the Trinity. A communion at the service of fraternity among all human beings and harmony with all creation. trust. When this occurs even within our communities, it undermines our witness. The evangelizing mission that Christ entrusted to his disciples requires, above all, hearts that are reconciled and eager for communion. Consequently, it is important to intensify ecumenical efforts with all Christian Churches, building upon the opportunities arising from the joint celebration of the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.*

Last but not least, being "one in Christ" calls us to keep our gaze fixed on the Lord, so that he may truly be at the center of our lives and communities, the center of every word, action and interpersonal relationship, leading us to say with Being a Christian is not primarily about practices or ideas; it is a life in union with Christ, in which we share in his filial relationship with the Father in the Holy Spirit. It means abiding in Christ, like branches on the vine (cf. Jn 15:4), immersed in the life of the Trinity. This union gives rise to mutual communion among believers and is the source of all missionary fruitfulness. Indeed, just as Saint John Paul II taught, "communion represents both the source and the fruit of mission" (Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles Laici*, 32).

In this context, the Church's primary missionary responsibility is to renew and sustain spiritual and fraternal unity among its members. In many situations, we encounter conflicts, polarization, misunderstandings

*Cont...and a lack of mutual amazement: "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20). By constantly listening to his word and through the grace of the Sacraments, it will be possible for us to become living stones in the Church. Today, the Church is called to take up the fundamental themes of the Second Vatican Council and the subsequent Papal Magisterium, in particular that of Pope Francis. In fact, as Saint Paul says, "we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord" (2 Cor 4:5). For this reason, I reiterate the words of Saint Paul VI: "There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed" (Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 22). This process of genuine evangelization begins in the heart of every Christian in order to reach all of humanity. Therefore, the more united we are in Christ, the better able we will be to carry out together the mission that he entrusts to us. (Pt. 1 of 3 for World Mission Sunday). -Pope Leo XIV*

*This year's World Mission Sunday is particularly special for us in the United States, because it comes less than a month after the beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen on September 24th. Archbishop Sheen known for his preaching, television radio ministry and writings regularly said, "My greatest love has always been for the missions of the Church." For 16 years, as National Director of The Pontifical Mission Societies in the U.S ,he tirelessly promoted World Mission Sunday and no doubt he is interceding today for us to pray and sacrifice.

Readings For This Sunday

Reading 1: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Reading II: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading 1: Isaiah: 5:1-7

Reading II: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

FINANCE

Regular =\$3,568

Solidarity for Church in Africa=\$1,005

AMA 2026 Goal=\$34,900 Pledges=\$24,294 **Rec'd=\$21,894**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament-Fri. Oct.2

On First Friday Oct. 2nd 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. God bless you.

Interested in Learning More About the Catholic

Faith? Whether you are thinking about becoming Catholic, need to complete your Sacraments, or simply have questions about what Catholics believe, you are warmly invited to join us. OCIA classes began on Tuesday, September 8 and **will continue every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Pinochi Room** at Saint Bernard's Church. There is no obligation—just an opportunity to ask questions, learn, and discover where God may be leading you. For more information contact Deacon Dance at 707-407-9298

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 26

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Dianne Luzzi St. Joseph Church

Sunday, September 27

7:30 am +Mariana Olguin St. Joseph Church
9:00 am Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Dianne Luzzi St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Monday, September 28

12:15 pm +Connie Jones St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, September 29

7:30 am +Narcelle Schneider St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, September 30

12:15 pm +Patricia Barnum St. Bernard Church
6:00 pm Adoration/ Confession Sacred Heart Church
7:00 pm No Intention (Sp) Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, October 1

7:30 am +Emilio Chua St. Joseph Church
11:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

First Friday, October 2

12:15 pm +Emilio Chua St. Bernard Church
1-4:45 pm Adoration St. Bernard Church
4:45pm Benediction St. Bernard Church

First Saturday, October 3

8:30am Marian Devotion Mass Sacred Heart Church
3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Juvenal Regalo St. Joseph Church

Sunday, October 4

7:30 am Mass for the People St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Frances Freitas Sacred Heart Church
10:30am Int. John Jr. St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: 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., John Johnston, 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, and Gary Cormier

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

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 Gierak, 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, and Delores McBroome

St. Bernard Rosary Totals You may place your rosary counts in the collection baskets **Report: 13,706!**
Rosaries prayed last week =57 Cumulative= 13,706

Invitation To Public Square Rosary Rally

Join us for a Public Square Rosary Rally Saturday October 10, 2026 at 12:00 noon by courthouse in Eureka on 5th street. Be a public witness for God's truth and love.

The Italian Catholic Federation of Eureka Branch #145 is having an Italian pasta dinner fundraiser

on Sunday October 11th from 5:00 PM to 6:30PM at St. Bernard's Parish Hall in Eureka. A Dutch raffle with many unique prizes will also be held. Price is \$10 per person; \$5 per child; and \$25 per family. Tickets are available after Mass this weekend and next weekend and by calling: Call Joe Bonino at 707-445-5799 (landline no texting) or fjb504@gmail.com Or Mary Wheeler at 707-599-8110. Proceeds will help fund the ICF Jerry J. Colivas Scholarship Fund. In addition to its support to the St Bernard and Sacred Heart Parishes the ICF in Eureka awards four deserving high school graduates a scholarship each May and organizes the Betty Chinn peanut butter and jelly drive in January.

Sing A Song To The Lord with musician Jesse Manibusan whose music is included in many parish missalettes, including "Open My Eyes," and "Alleluia! Love is Alive!" Jesse and percussionist Rich Aguon, who has performed with many popular recording artists, will delight us with engaging storytelling and interactive religious and secular songs, as a benefit for Humboldt Redwood Cursillo. The festivities will be held at 7pm on Saturday, Oct. 10th in the St Bernard Parish Hall. Tickets will be sold after some Masses, or by contacting Rene Brown (707-725-5040) or Ann Lynch (707-443-6741)

The Knights of Columbus Corporate Mass

The Knights of Columbus will be having a red, white and blue mass to honor all first responders and law enforcement agencies on Oct. 3rd, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Bernards Church. Everyone is invited. For more information, please contact: Faithful Navigator Assembly #56 Steve Payton at (707) 834-5609 or Faithful Captain Johnny Hufancia at 845-8935

165th Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be on October 3, 2026, at St. Bernards Church in Eureka, California. I strongly encourage all members of the Third Degree to prayerfully consider taking the next step in their journey as Knights of Columbus by joining the Fourth Degree, the most patriotic degree of our Order. If you are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight or would simply like more information about the Exemplification and the membership process, please reach out to me. I would be happy to assist you. In conjunction with the Exemplification, we will also be hosting a Welcome Dinner for our visiting dignitaries and Fourth Degree members on Friday, October 2, 2026, at the Eureka Elks Lodge. The dinner will feature a "Cook Your Own Steak" evening. Chicken will also be available for those who prefer not to have steak. To help us plan appropriately, please notify me as soon as possible if you plan to attend the dinner so that we can obtain an accurate head count. We look forward to welcoming everyone to Eureka and sharing this special occasion with our Worthy Brothers, candidates, families, and distinguished guests. Vivat Jesus! SK Steve Payton