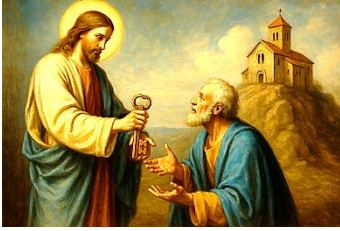


Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 23, 2026



Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. -Matthew 16:13-20

Saint Pius X's Story-Pray For Us

In the Gospel reading for today we see Jesus, the Son of the living God, formally declaring Peter to be our first Pope. Like Peter, Pope Pius X had the most important qualities prized by God: humility before God, simple in his needs, committed to hard work, and a complete loving trust in and obedience to Christ's will.

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children.

The second of 10 children born to a poor Italian mailman and dressmaker, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century's greatest popes. Two of his sisters became religious nuns and served under him in the Archdiocese of Venice.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

Don Sarto was named pastor of Salzano at the age of 32 and he remained there for nine years until 1876. He was well known for helping poor farmers and cattle ranchers. He helped to fund schools and supported the local hospital when a cholera epidemic affected his parishioners. He rarely slept and so he earned the nickname, "Perpetuum Mobile"—a machine in perpetual motion. The Bishop of Treviso realized Don Sarto's talent and energy so he promoted him to Monsignor and other important positions including the spiritual director of the local seminary and chancellor of the Diocese of Treviso. Monsignor Sarto was known for his quick wit and humility and his love of people.

Monsignor Sarto was elevated to Bishop of Mantua on November 10, 1884 despite his protestations over not wanting to leave the seminary. He asked the Vatican to reconsider his elevation but the Pope responded with one word, "obey!"

As Bishop, he encouraged educated and energetic priests. Bishop Sarto adopted St. Thomas Aquinas' teaching methodologies and instituted the Gregorian Chant for Mass. Within six years, the troubled Diocese of

Mantua was turned into a vibrant diocese with spirit-filled masses and enlightening preaching.

Pope Leo XIII elevated Giuseppe Sarto to Cardinal on June 12, 1893. Upon hearing the news of his appointment, Cardinal Sarto told a local newspaper that he was "anxious, terrified and humiliated." While Cardinal, Giuseppe continued to encourage education for priests and improved Catholic schools. He also raised money for the sick.

In 1903 Pope Leo XIII died and Cardinal Sarto reluctantly accepted the position of Pope after a four-day conclave during which he won 55 out of 60 votes. He chose the name Pius because he said, "As I shall suffer, I shall take the name of those Popes who also suffered." He invited priests to dinner in the Vatican each evening and often snuck out of the Vatican through the garden passageways to visit the sick in local hospitals. He improved priestly formation, instituted improved liturgies and music and insisted on quality preaching from his priests and bishops. He modernized Canon law and introduced progressive scholarship through the biblical institute of Rome under the direction of the Jesuits. Pope Pius X also lowered the age for young people to first receive the Eucharist and fought against "modernism," a theological teaching that he viewed as heresy and atheism. In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand. He denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense. He preached forcefully against war and violence and had visions that a war would break out in 1914 killing many innocent people that turned out to accurately describe World War I.

In the last year of his life, he granted many private audiences with the poor and sick. Rumors of miraculous cures began to spread throughout Rome after people visited him. Two religious sisters who were cured through his prayers confirmed the healings after his death and endorsed his canonization to sainthood.

Pope Pius X died on August 20, 1914. The Italian press wrote, "Saint is Dead." His tombstone is engraved with the words; "Pope Pius X, poor and yet rich, gentle and humble of heart, unconquerable champion of the Catholic Faith, whose constant endeavor it was to renew all things in Christ"- St. Pius X Web & Franciscan Media

Readings For This Sunday

Reading 1: Isaiah 22:19-23

Reading II: Romans 11: 33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading 1: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Reading II: Romans 12: 1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

St. Bernard Rosary Totals You may place your rosary counts in the collection baskets **Report: 13,474!**
Rosaries prayed last week =72 Cumulative= 13,474

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, August 22

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Donald Michael St. Joseph Church

Sunday, August 23

7:30 am Mass for the People St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Michael Kevin Robinson Sacred Heart Church
10:30am Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm Int. Myrna & Steve Camozzi Sacred Heart Ch

Monday, August 24

12:15 pm +Jose Gonsalves St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, August 25

7:30 am + Helen Saunders St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, August 26

12:15 pm Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church
6:00 pm Adoration/ Confession
7:00 pm Int. Guerin Bliss (Sp) Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, August 27

7:30 am +Tad Sarvinski St. Joseph Church
11:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Friday, August 28

12:15 pm +Tad Sarvinski St. Bernard Church
1:00-2:00 pm Adoration St Bernard Church

Saturday, August 29

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Tad Sarvinski St. Joseph Church

Sunday, August 30

7:30 am +Tad Sarvinski St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Daniel Freitas Sacred Heart Church
10:30am Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm For the People Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Sylvia Clark, Martin Fosnaugh, Jean DeSimone, Marie Ruchards, Jim Hogue and Family, Kimberly Ennis, Terri, Marian Griffin, Johnny, Lucy Sokolow, 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, Gary Cormier, and Obdulia Walter

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

Glen Schmidt, Derick Wyatt, Fran Hill, Dennis and Gina Costa, Joe Hohmen, 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, and Delores McBroome

FINANCE

Regular =\$3,752

Building & Maintenance = \$920

Diocesan Seminarians= \$919

Sept 5 & 6 2nd Collection= Mission Appeal

AMA 2026 Goal=\$34,900 Pledges=\$23,574 Rec'd=\$20,869

OCIA: Come and Discover the Catholic Faith!

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Are you an adult seeking Baptism, Confirmation, or First Communion, or simply curious about what Catholics believe? Please join us for the opening of our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) class on August 30 at 11:30 AM at St. Bernard's Church in Eureka, following the 10:30 AM Mass. For this first meeting we will decide our meeting time, and you will find out more about this process. Come with your questions, explore the Catholic faith, and discover where God may be calling you. All are welcome!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – First Friday Devotion - Sept. 4th

On this coming First Friday Sept 4th 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. Please sign up.

In Gratitude for Mother Mary A day of quiet reflection in honor of Mary, the mother of Jesus (and ours, too) will be held on September 8, in Trinity Village, just east of Willow Creek. A donation of \$15 is requested and includes a light dinner following Mass. Retreatants should bring their own sack lunch. Registration forms are available at the entrance to the church and the parish office, and are due to Ann Lynch no later than Sept. 6. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended. For more information, please contact Ann Lynch (707-443-641).

Registration for Religious Education Classes for St. Joseph, St. Bernard and Sacred Heart CLOSING TODAY August 23, 2026.

You will need to register your child again for their second year of religious education. Please complete the registration form one per child and bring the completed form(s), together with the baptismal certificate. You can drop off or pick up your application on Tuesday or Thursday between 6pm and 8 pm in the Sacred Heart Church office. Thank you, Maria DRE,

Is God Calling You to be a Sister? Join the Daughters of Charity "Come & See" Fall Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat, September 25 – 27, 2026 in the SF Bay Area. Stay with us! Pray with us and Explore God's Dream for YOU. For More Information: Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/ **For Single Catholic Women Ages 18-40**

Sons of Italy Bocce Tournament Sunday August 23rd

10:00-3:30 PM Redwood Ballfields at the east end of Fern St. in Cutten. \$10 per person tournament fee. <https://www.facebook.com/Order.Sons.of.Italy.Eureka/> Phone: Dave Olivieri 707-444-3407 or Joe Bonino 707-445-5799. Bocce courts open for lessons and practice at 9AM. Please join us for family fun!

St. Mary's Invitation-An Evening With Chris Brunelle

On Friday, August 28th at 7pm St. Mary's will be offering an evening of music with Chris Brunelle who is the music director at Holy Family Catholic Church in Portland Oregon, a role he has held for 30 years. The concert will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Parish at 1690 Janes Rd in Arcata. There will be a reception in the narthex following. The concert is free but free-will offerings are welcome.