

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 13, 2026



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." -Matthew 18:21-35

Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast Sept. 14th

At noon on Sunday, September 14, 2025 Pope Leo XIV appeared at the window of the papal apartment overlooking St. Peter's Square to pray the Angelus with thousands of people gathered outside the Vatican basilica. Many of them were there because they wanted to show their affection for the Pope, as Leo XIV turned 70 that day...

Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Sunday! Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, commemorating the discovery of the Cross by Saint Helen in Jerusalem in the fourth century, and the return of the precious relic to the Holy City by the Emperor Heraclius. But what does celebrating this feast mean for us today? The Gospel reading that the liturgy places before us (cf. Jn 3:13-17) helps us to understand it. The scene unfolds at night: Nicodemus, one of the leaders of the Jews, a righteous and open-minded person (cf. Jn 7:50-51), comes to meet Jesus. He needs light and guidance: he seeks God and asks the Teacher of Nazareth for help because he recognizes him as a prophet, a man who performs extraordinary signs. The Lord welcomes him, listens to him, and eventually reveals to him that the Son of Man must be lifted up, "so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life" (Jn 3:15), adding: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (v. 16).

Nicodemus, who perhaps does not fully comprehend the meaning of these words in the moment, will certainly do so when he helps to bury the Savior's body after the crucifixion (cf. Jn 19:39). It is then that he will understand that God, in order to redeem humanity, became man and died on the cross. Jesus speaks of this to Nicodemus,-

Cont... recalling an episode in the Old Testament, when the Israelites were bitten by venomous snakes in the desert and were healed by looking upon the bronze serpent that Moses had fashioned and mounted on a pole in obedience to God's command (cf. Num 21:4-9).

God saves us by showing himself to us, offering himself as our companion, teacher, doctor, friend, to the point of becoming bread broken for us in the Eucharist. In order to accomplish this task, he used one of the cruelest instruments that human beings have ever invented: the cross. That is why today we celebrate the "exultation": for the immense love with which God has transformed the means to death into an instrument of life, embracing it for our salvation, teaching us that nothing can separate us from him (cf. Rom 8:35-39) and that his love is greater than our own sin (cf. Francis, Catechesis, 30 March 2016).

Let us then ask, through the intercession of Mary, the Mother who was present at Calvary near her Son, that the saving love of her Son may take root in us and grow, and that we too may know how to give ourselves to each other, as he gave himself completely to all. -Pope Leo XIV

Jesus and Mary watch over our Pope. On the day we celebrate the means to our salvation God brought into the world a future pope!.

Celebrate the instrument of our healing by going to confession and attending Mass. Invite a friend and tell them God loves them so much that Jesus suffered on the cross and died for our sins and then rose again in triumph over death; and if we believe in him we will live with him forever in Paradise.

Readings For This Sunday

Reading 1: Sirach 27: 30-28:7

Reading II: Romans 14: 7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading 1: Isaiah: 55:6-9

Reading II: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

FINANCE

Regular = \$3,107

Mission Appeal = \$5,262 WOW Thanks for your help!

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

St. Bernard Pancake Breakfast- Oct. 4th

The St. Bernard Pancake Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus will be held Sunday, Oct. 4th 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.

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 12

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Paul Windham St. Joseph Church

Sunday, September 13

7:30 am Int. Erin Ford St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Jim & Colleen Cruz Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Paul Windham & +Chet Branum St. Bernard
12:15 pm For the People Sacred Heart Church

Monday, September 14

12:15 pm +Paul Dellabalma St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, September 15

7:30 am Int. Scott Cahill St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, September 16

12:15 pm Carl Schneider & Family St. Bernard Church
6:00 pm Adoration/ Confession
7:00 pm No Intention (Sp) Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, September 17

7:30 am +Priscilla Spawn St. Joseph Church
11:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Friday, September 18

12:15 pm +Tom O'Flaherty St. Bernard Church
1-2pm Adoration and Confessions St. Bernard Church

Saturday, September 19

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Vilma Francesconi St. Joseph Church

Sunday, September 20

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

Please Pray For: 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 Gierke, 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: 13,649!**
Rosaries prayed last week =65 Cumulative= 13,649

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

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).

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

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**

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

Heaven In Stone & Glass Cathedrals Film Sept. 20/23

On Sunday, September 20th at 7:15pm and Wed. Sept 23rd at 4:45pm at the Broadway Cinema there will be a special screening of Bishop Barron's film about the wonder and beauty of the great cathedrals of Europe. Tickets are \$12.25. Just beyond the doors of Europe's Gothic cathedrals, light pours through colored glass, stone soars toward heaven, and something stirs deep within the human soul. Millions of pilgrims and tourists visit cathedrals each year, sensing in rose windows and sacred imagery a transcendent beauty that the secular world cannot explain. Experience the Spirituality of the Gothic Cathedrals with Bishop Barron, journey across France to explore sacred mysteries built into the crown jewels of Gothic architecture: Chartres, Notre-Dame, Reims, Amiens, and Saint-Denis. With clarity and theological depth, Bishop Barron reveals what sacred architecture has proclaimed for centuries: God is not distant but weaves His revelation into the very fabric of creation.