

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 3, 2026



Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for

you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." -John 14:1-12

Pilgrimage Memories to Cherish Forever

"Are you sure, you would still want to do this pilgrimage?" "The times are not good due to war." "You have the responsibility of so many parishioners, suppose you get stranded in Turkey?". Many asked me those genuine questions. I was also still overcoming the hassles I encountered while returning from India last month due to the cancelation of flights due to the war in the middle East. However, with trust in the Lord, we embarked on our journey to Italy on the 13th of April. We are grateful to God, for we returned safely with enriching spiritual encounters. Thanks to every one of you for your prayers. I would like to share just a few experiences of our pilgrimage.

With a humbled heart, I can say we started with a bang. On our first day we visited Turin. After going around the city, we entered the Corpus Domini Basilica which is built on the site of a Eucharistic Miracle: Behind an iron railing is a little spot where a soldier was carrying a stolen Consecrated Host on a mule who stumbled and fell. But the Consecrated Host, instead of falling to the ground, fell from the bag and rose by itself high into the air. We all reverently touched that Holy Spot where the mule fell prostrate. Our last stop that day was at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist where the Holy Shroud of Turin is housed. Our emotions knew no bounds as we were in the presence of a holy linen that wrapped our Savior. Some of us were kneeling in silence with moist eyes. What a spiritual feeling!

On 21st of April we celebrated St. Catherine of Siena, the Doctor of the Church and a Patron saint of Italy and the whole of Europe. We had the golden opportunity to visit her house and then to the Basilica San Domenico in Siena. First time in my life, I celebrated Mass on the main Altar of a Basilica. In this Basilica there is a gilded reliquary with the thumb and the head of St. Catherine of Siena. To offer the Mass in the presence of these miraculous relics was very humbling.

Every day we celebrated Mass in the side chapels of-

Cont...the Cathedrals or Basilicas where different Saints' relics are saved. One such example is in Venice; we were led to the basement of the Basilica of St. Mark to celebrate the Mass. It was a unique experience, when I was saying the Mass, knowing that right above us was the Golden Mosaics Basilica of St. Mark which houses the stolen remains of St. Mark the Evangelist. Meanwhile, I was reading the passage which was written by him at Mass.

In Rome, we saw the treasures of ancient Roman history in the monuments and remains. We also visited the Mother of all the churches, the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran which is the Cathedral of the Pope. During our visit to Vatican City, every one of us was thrilled to be under the celestial fresco ceiling of the Sistine chapel and then entering St. Peter's Basilica which is close to the heart of every Catholic, the masterpiece of Michelangelo. The incredible artwork "Pieta" was a treat to the eyes. We were on the grounds where remains of first pope St. Peter are located. It was an auspicious time to view the Chair of St. Peter.

The crowning moment of the pilgrimage for many of us was climbing the HOLY STAIRS on our knees in Rome. I was discouraging some not to climb due to their health and age factor, but they were adamant to do the 28 steps. These steps are believed to be from Pontius Pilate's palace which Jesus climbed during his passion. St Helena brought them to Rome from Jerusalem. There are three spots which are marked with golden rings and these spots are believed to have the stains of the blood of Christ. One among us shared that she was in severe pain, but continued on, thinking, "your pain in the knees is just like a drop in the ocean compared to the pain of Jesus".

After climbing and even crawling the stairs due to exhaustion and pain, the ambience at the landing area was so heavenly; everyone was hugging each other with tears of joy. It was the most soul-satisfying moment. Everyone has his/her personal spiritual experiences during this pilgrimage. We all cherish them in our hearts. May the lord deepen our faith in Him and help us to live a saintly life. – Fr. Bernard D'Sa

Readings For This Sunday

Reading 1: Acts 6:1-7

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading 1: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Reading II: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

FINANCE

Regular =\$3,367

Catholic Home Missions = \$883 Total

Next week's 2nd Collection =Building & Maintenance.

AMA 2026 Goal=\$34,900 Pledges=\$19,204 **Rec'd=\$15,979**

St. Bernard Rosary Totals You may place your rosary counts in the collection baskets. Report: 12,663!
Rosaries prayed last week =326 Cumulative= 12,663

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

First Saturday, May 2

8:30 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church
3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Gloria Allen St. Joseph Church

Sunday, May 3

7:30 am Mass for the People St. Joseph Church
9:00 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church
10:30am Martin & Catarina Paredes St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp)No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Monday, May 4

12:15 pm +Avelino Homen St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

12:15 pm John C & +Henry Benz St. Bernard Church
6:00 pm Adoration Sacred Heart Church
7:00pm No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, May 7

7:30 am Janina Dzieciol St. Joseph Church
11:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Friday, May 8

12:15 pm +Rebecca Bertain St. Bernard Church
1-2 pm Confessions & Adoration St. Bernard Church

Saturday, May 9

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Juvenal Regalo St. Joseph Church

Sunday, May 10

7:30 am +Pat Long St. Joseph Church
9:00 am Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Narcisco & Carmen Leija St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp)Int. Luis Romo & Tomas Barajas
Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Marian Griffin Sharon Ferreira, Johnny, Lucy Sokolow, Janina Dzieciol, Kathi Branum, Orion, Sidney Gabby, Zenssi, Olivia, Hunter, & C., John Johnston, Barbara Hill, Chet Williams, Maria Mendes Da Costa, Martin Fosnaugh, Sylvia Clark, 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:

Dennis and Gina Costa, 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, Sara & Carmen Scrivner, Camille Regli, Fred Avelar, Delores McBroome, and Gus Cricchio

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

TODAY - St. Bernard Pancake Breakfast- May 3rd

The St. Bernard Pancake Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus will be held Sunday, May 3rd 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

Invitation - Please Come Pray the Holy Rosary

Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:25 AM. before Mass

What is God's Dream for YOU? Join the Daughters of Charity SEARCH & SERVE RETREAT- a religious vocation discernment retreat in the Bay Area, May 20-25, 2026! SEARCH your heart for answers. EXPLORE your future. SERVE those living in Poverty side-by-side with Sisters. Stay with the Sisters. Housing, Meals and Daily Transportation to our Ministry Services is provided. For Single Catholic Women ages 18-40. Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

St. Eugene Santa Rosa Women's Retreat-July 18

Women today carry many roles, responsibilities, expectations and the quiet weight of everything they've lived through. It's easy to begin measuring worth by what we do, what we manage, or what we've survived. But beneath all of it, there is a deeper truth that never changes: **you are a beloved daughter of God.** The Women's Retreat is an opportunity to step away from the noise and return to that truth through prayer, reflection, and the grace of time set apart. Open to women 18 and older, this retreat offers a **gentle space to rest, to listen and to rediscover** the dignity that is yours not because of what you've done, but simply because of who you are. Location: Cathedral of St. Eugene Time :8 AM – 4:00 PM Cost:\$50.00 (Early Bird) \$75 after June 1 Snacks & lunch included. Register: <https://srcatholicwomen.org/>

An Invitation: Humboldt Redwood Cursillo has been providing ecumenical weekend retreats for more than forty years in Humboldt County. Originally a movement formed and endorsed by the Catholic Church in Spain, Cursillo is now a world-wide mission that invites Christians to become more educated and committed to their faith in Christ and more intentional witnesses to living the Gospel. Locally, Cursillo will be held this year on June 11-14 at St Bernard High School. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Deacon Craig Brown (834-1407) or Ann Lynch (443-6741).

Napa Catholic Summer Conference-Invitation

We'd love to have you at the Meritage Resort in Napa from July 22-26. The Summer Conference is a living witness to our faith, bringing together bishops, priests, religious, and lay leaders to collaborate toward a more perfect union. Renewing our Faith to Renew the Nation in 'America 250' "A more perfect union" is the theme of the 2026 Summer Conference and the first and founding purpose of the United States Constitution. But the goal of unity also speaks to the nature of the Christian faith.