

# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 21, 2026



Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body

but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father." -Matthew 10:26-33

## **Happy Father's Day! - Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More Pray For Us - Feast June 22nd**

The Gospel reading for today speaks directly of courage in the faith and where that courage originates: from God. It is a reminder to all fathers of their great duty to protect and defend the weak, their families, orphans and the infirmed. Jesus encourages his apostles in their mission just as he encourages fathers today. There is no better way to celebrate Fathers Day and the meaning of fatherhood than to reflect upon: the importance of fathers, the best place for fathers to learn their mission and to gain strength, and the lives of the saints who are examples of extraordinary fatherhood.

Everywhere in our society today we are reminded of the importance of fathers. Statistics show that approximately three-fourths of all people incarcerated either had an abusive father or an absentee father. When children are young they receive much of their sense of identity from their mothers but as they get older they look to their fathers. For example, women get their sense of worth from their fathers when they are treated with love and respect. It is a father's job to size up young men who are possible mates for their daughters. They advise their daughters and set an example of the type of husband they should look for, who will love and respect them, and who will protect their spiritual dignity.

What is the best place that a man can go to develop the qualities that make a good husband and father? The best place to find the love, support and education needed is of course the Catholic Church that God founded. Jesus is our great example: perfect virtue, wise, protective of his flock, courageous unto death. The mass, sacraments and magisterium are all intended to develop the same courageous virtue and allegiance to the right authority, who is God.

Lastly, the Catholic Church, that Jesus founded from the beginning, has over two thousand years of saints, an inspirational gift to us. We have the examples of men and women who have lived lives of heroic virtue by giving all to God, who ask us "Cannot you do the same?"

St. John Fisher respected and loved his Father in Heaven so much that he became a priest, a father to all, and was willing to suffer unjust imprisonment and torture and to die for the sake of Christ and his Catholic Church. When King Henry VIII tried to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon, Fisher became the Queen's chief supporter. As such, he appeared on the Queen's behalf in the legates' court, where he startled the audience by-

Cont...the directness of his language and by declaring that, *like St John the Baptist, he was ready to die on behalf of the indissolubility of marriage.*

St. Thomas More was a husband and father with the highest office (Lord Chancellor) in England next to the king and yet he was willing to give up glory, titles, wealth and a country life he dearly loved in defense of the Catholic Church and in defense of the sacrament of marriage as God intended. He was imprisoned in the infamous Tower, cold, hungry, deprived of light and his family. Even his beloved books were taken from him but instead of despairing Thomas More rejoiced in greater time for prayer. Finally, the King ordered More, who was probably his best friend, killed for standing up for the Church and the indissolubility of marriage.

The Reformation was a perilous time for Catholics. King Henry VIII of England had a tantrum and was willing to kill anyone who said that he did not have the right to personally rule the Church that Christ began. When the Pope would not annul a marriage for the second time because there were no grounds, Henry created his own church in England (Anglican). To punish the Catholic Church that would not change Christ's sacrament of marriage, making an exception for him, he systematically went about destroying monasteries and convents. All priests, nuns and laypeople who would not renounce the Catholic Church and swear allegiance to the new Anglican state church were killed and their properties confiscated by the king. All the lands of the convents and monasteries that provided the only hospitals, universities, schools, trade instruction and libraries for the poor and lower classes were disbanded and the lands given to the friends of Henry the VIII. The poor having no other recourse to education, and free help in need, were forced to be slaves and serfs to nobles with no way to learn new employable skills like reading, writing and trades which used to be taught at the monasteries and convents. The damage to the church was terrible indeed with masses being said underground in personal homes or in wooded areas with lookouts...for whoever was caught at a mass or celebrating a mass was instantly killed or imprisoned. Carpenters were kept busy creating "priest holes"-secret places for priests to hide in homes at a moment's notice. In spite of the danger some priests came to England understanding it to be an extremely dangerous mission ground. Most were killed for love of Christ and his church.

Fathers matter. God made fathers, both priestly and familial and in his great love gave them a church to love encourage and support them in their vital duties. Praise be to our Father in heaven and God bless and keep our beloved priests and all fathers here on earth.-A. Halliday

## **Readings For This Sunday**

Reading 1: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Reading II: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

## **Readings For Next Sunday**

Reading 1: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16a

Reading II: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

## **FINANCE**

**Regular = \$2,880**

Building and Maintenance.= \$932

This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection = Peter's Pence.

AMA 2026 Goal=\$34,900 Pledges=\$21,524 **Rec'd=\$18,269**

## **Eureka Holy Mass Schedule**

### **Saturday, June 20**

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church

4:00 pm +Milner Herrera St. Joseph Church

### **Sunday, June 21**

7:30 am +John Gierek St. Joseph Church

9:00 am Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

10:30am +Chad Kryla St. Bernard Church

12.15 pm No Intention Sacred Heart Church

### **Monday, June 22**

12:15 pm Hugo Pompati & Family St. Bernard Church

### **Tuesday, June 23**

7:30 am +Milner Herrera St. Joseph Church

### **Wednesday, June 24**

12:15 pm +Joe Homem St. Bernard Church

6.00 pm Adoration/ Confession

7.00 pm No Intention (Sp) Sacred Heart Church

### **Thursday, June 25**

7:30 am +Milner Herrera. St. Joseph Church

11:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

### **Friday, June 26**

12:15 pm +Milner Herrera St. Bernard Church

1-2pm Confessions and Adoration St Bernard Church

### **Saturday, June 27**

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church

4:00 pm +Milner Herrera St. Joseph Church

### **Sunday, June 28**

7:30 am Mass for the People St. Joseph Church

9:00 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church

10:30am +Paul Windham (Anniversary)

St. Bernard Church

12.15 pm No Intention Sacred Heart Church

**Please Pray For:** Jim Hogue and Family, Wilma D'Sa and Family, Kimberly Ennis, Terri, 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:**

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, -Cont... Mary Antonelli, Mary Ellen Hadley, Sara & Carmen Scrivner, Camille Regli, and Delores McBroome

## **CHURCH SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

There will be a meeting for all Church Safety Members and all Ushers on **June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** at St. Bernards Church. Sharyl Vant will be giving a presentation on the *New AED Devices and First Aid Kits*. Louis Altic will present an introduction on *Responding to Disruptive / Hostile Behavior*. Both of these presentations are to enhance the Safety and Security of all our church members. We look forward to seeing everyone on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

## **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – First Friday Devotion- July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

On this coming First Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## **IT'S FIREWORKS TIME! The Knights of Columbus**



**will be selling Fireworks @ 115 Henderson**

St. in front of Pacific View Charter School (formerly St. Bernard Elementary School) in Eureka. The booth will be open from 10 am

until 8 pm, June 30 through July 4<sup>th</sup>. We can sell fireworks beginning June 28<sup>th</sup>. So if you need fireworks on the 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> please call Alan (707-442-6844) and he will meet you at the booth. Proceeds go towards K of C Charities, including donations to Sacred Heart and St. Bernard Parishes and St. Bernard Academy. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year there is the [www.tntfireworks.com](http://www.tntfireworks.com) support **where you can preview items, order ahead for pick up and pay online.** For more information please call 707-442-6844. Thank you for your support.

## **Rodeo Parade Walkathon "Darn Tootin' Life is Good!"**

Benefitting the Pregnancy Care Center and J Rolpe Medical is on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @10:30am. Meet at Calvary Chapel 914 9<sup>th</sup> St. Fortuna. Come walk for life or sponsor someone who walks. All donations are tax deductible To sponsor a walker you may sign up at the St. Bernard office 707-442-6466 [www.pcceureka.org](http://www.pcceureka.org) [jrophemedical.org](http://jrophemedical.org)

## **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. ...only a will to love ~ St. Teresa of Avila

## **Bilingual Women's Retreat – Diocese of SR**

All women ages 18 and older are warmly invited to the Diocese of Santa Rosa Women's Retreat on **Saturday, July 18, 2026**, at Cathedral of St. Eugene. This year's theme, "Where Do You Find Your Worth as a Daughter of God?", invites women to rediscover their true dignity as beloved daughters of God. For more information and registration, visit [www.srcatholicwomen.org](http://www.srcatholicwomen.org) or QR

**St. Mary's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** Plans are starting for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of St. Mary's Church (September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1996) Plans include a Mass, parish picnic, concert and a yearbook. All interested in planning for the anniversary, which will be August 30<sup>th</sup>, please contact Anne@707-845-7699 or [acarlisle15@yahoo.com](mailto:acarlisle15@yahoo.com) or notify the parish office.