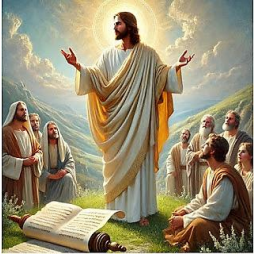


Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 15, 2026



Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.' You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you, everyone who

looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.' But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one." -Matthew 5:17-37

Living the Law

With this Sunday's Gospel reading, we move into the part of the Sermon on the Mount that scholars call the six antitheses. The label intends to highlight the fact that here, six times in a row, the words of Jesus follow a pattern that goes, "You have heard that it was said, ... but I say to you. ... " Here we meet Jesus asserting an authority even greater than that of Moses. In our awe, we can miss the bite and challenge of Jesus' words. As an ear-opening exercise, let's listen carefully to what Jesus says in the antithesis about murder.

He begins by citing the commandment and its consequence: whoever kills will be liable to judgment. "Judgment" here is not punishment after death but a reference to the juridical process of a trial. The law says, "kill and you shall be tried for it." Jesus then asserts, But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to the same judgment.

At this point the rational listener is supposed to say, "Wait a minute! You can't litigate about anger. There's no deed, no action to take to court." Jesus' implied answer is, "Right. Don't think you are obeying the Torah on murder just because you haven't killed. I am calling you to something that the law can't reach, the disposition of your heart. If you want to forestall violence, deal with the anger in your heart."

If we catch the point of this first example, the meaning of the rest of the verse falls into place. And whoever says to his brother, "Raqa," will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, "You fool," will be liable to fiery Gehenna. "Raqa" is an insult term like our "you fool," and already we are standing before the Jerusalem Supreme Court! "You fool" is still in the realm of trash talk, not violent action, and now the consequence has escalated to damnation.

This is parody. Jesus is imitating the language of legalistic calibration matching punishment to crime—all to the same point: "I am challenging you to a purity of heart that the calculus of the law cannot reach. So don't be complacent that you haven't killed yet."

In short, Jesus does not make new laws; for living the law, he brings a new vision and a new help—a refreshed covenant relationship with God. -Dennis Hamm, SJ

St. Bernard Rosary Program Report: 11,724!

Rosaries prayed last week =56 Cumulative= 11,724

Please pray the Rosary on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays before the 12:15pm Mass.

Readings For This Sunday

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Genesis 2:7-9:3:1-7

Reading II: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

FINANCE

1st Collection= \$2,413

Building & Maintenance = \$1,005

This week's 2nd Collection = Parish Religious Ed

Next week's 2nd Collection = In-pew solicitations for the AMA 2026.

The St. Bernard Office is closed on the Monday, Feb. 16th Presidents' Day holiday. See you on Tuesday!

Baby Bottle Boomerang Invitation Baby bottles for donations to the Pregnancy Care Center and J Rolpe are in the churches. Please take one home and support your catholic pro-life values by collecting monetary donations for the pro-life centers. This is a great project for the family. Bottles may be brought to the office.

Still Need Silent Auction Items Please for St. Patrick's Day Fest St. Bernard's Knights of Columbus are asking for silent auction items for their annual *St. Patrick's Day Fest*. The auction helps raise needed funds for our local community. If you would like to donate an item, gift basket, or gift certificate, please contact Frank Ferreira @ (707) 601 2061 or Johnny Hufancia @ (707) 845-8935.

Next Week - Annual Ministry Appeal 2026

The 2026 Annual Ministry Appeal will be on February 22nd and 23rd. Please be generous as it funds vital diocesan ed. programs and services like: Clergy formation, Diaconate life and formation, Seminarians and vocations, Marriage & family ministry, marriage tribunal, Respect Life, Youth & Young Adults, Catholic schools, Child & Youth Protection, Communications, Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa, Newman Centers, Faith Formation, Restorative Justice, & Stewardship

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

The St. Mary's ICF Chicken & Polenta Dinner will

be on Sunday, March 8. with Sit-down @ 5pm and Take-out from 4-5pm only at Leavey Hall. The delicious meal is the same great price: \$20. There will be a Basket raffle and. Humboldt Creamery Vanilla Ice Cream (for sit-down dinners only). Limited tickets are on sale after all St. Marys Masses or call Jim/Ruth Monge @ 707-499-6931 to reserve your dinner.

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 14

3:15 NO Confession St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm +Susan Soukup St. Joseph Church

Sunday, February 15

7:30 am + Paul Windham St. Joseph Church
9:00 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church
10:30am + Clarence Enos St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp)Mass for the People Sacred Heart Church

Monday, February 16

12:15 pm Int. Tom Halliday (HB) St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, February 17

7:30am +Erling Dellabalma St. Joseph Church

Ash Wednesday, February 18

7:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Church
12:15 pm No Intention St. Bernard Church
5:30pm No Intention Sacred Heart Church
7:00 pm No Intention (Sp) Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, February 19

7:30am +Suanna Rowell St. Joseph Church
11:30am Mass No Intention St. Joseph Hospital

Friday, February 20

12:15 pm Stanley & Martha Fosnaugh (59th Anniversary)
St. Bernard Church
1-2 pm Confession St. Bernard Church
5:30pm Stations of the Cross St. Bernard Church

Saturday, February 21

3:15 Confession St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Mass for the People St. Joseph Church

Sunday, February 22

7:30 am +Erling Dellabalma St. Joseph Church
9:00 am No Intention Sacred Heart Church
10:30am + Clarence Enos St. Bernard Church
12:15 pm(Sp)No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Maria Mendes Da Costa, Catie Biesecker, Stacy Cudney, Josephine Silva, Jo Ann Dellabalma, Ann Marie DeSimone, Bill King, Martin & Martha Fosnaugh, Claudia Vess, Chris Miller, Mary Alpers, Basil, Santos, Bosco, Maria, Mario, Pio, & Mariano Mainus, Nancy Allen, David Russell, Sonny, Garrett Anderson, Dottie Barrett, Harvey & Mary Anne Bennett, Mildred Perrone, Marian Griffin, Massimo Matteoli, Gary Cormier, and Obdulia Walter

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

Rebecca Bertain, Sandra Lingle, Lena Petty, Sarah Mixon, Suanna Rowell, Erling Dellabalma, Paul Windham, Nick Giannini, Juvenal (John) Regalo, Evo Fannuchi, Dianne Luzzi, Rose Ann Hurst, Tom Long, Joe Thompson, Colleen Cruz, Gina Costa, Rodrigo Reyna Sanchez, Jerry Bronder, Madalenne Smith, Bruce Amado, Doris Davy, Stella Reyes, Mary Antonelli, Mary Ellen Hadley, Sara & Carmen Scrivner, Camille Regli, Fred Avelar, Delores McBroome, and Gus Cricchio

J Rolphe- Free Ultrasounds, Help and Support

J ROPHE MEDICAL provides no-cost limited obstetrical ultrasounds to patients between 7-16 weeks pregnant in a confidential and professional setting, where each client is treated holistically with the utmost care and respect. All services are free. Open from 10 to 4 Mon--Thurs, Call 707-444-0423 for an appt.

The Secular Discalced Carmelite Group invites you to join us for a Lenten day of prayer and reflection on **Saturday, February 28 at Assumption Church** in Ferndale. Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, will be our spiritual guide for the day. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Morning Prayer and includes Mass, confessions, two conferences, quiet time and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We will end at 4 p.m. Please bring a lunch. We will provide drinks and snacks. Questions? Please call Ginny Fox at (707) 725-6930.

Watch Now: Forming the Hearts of Future Priests

See how our seminarians of the Diocese are being formed through prayer, study, fraternity, and daily sacrifice as they discern God's call to the priesthood. This short film offers an intimate look at seminary life and the men preparing to serve Christ and His Church. Watch now and keep our seminarians in your prayers. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qorc3vGsC4c>

Marriage and Family Life Information & Support

For the beautiful vocation of Marriage and Family there is support including: Marriage Preparation, Family Faith Resources, Quince Prep, Healing and Accompaniment, Enrichment/Formation, Natural Family Planning, Respect Life and Advocacy among others. Please visit: <https://srdiocese.org/marriage-and-family-life>

Knights of Columbus Saint Patrick's Fest



On Saturday, March 14th doors open at 5pm. Corned beef & Cabbage Dinner is served at 5:30pm with Irish beer and wine available. At the St Bernard Parish Hall come enjoy Auction items, "Pot O' Gold" Raffle, Entertainment & Live Music with dinner. Tickets are available at the door or from any Knight or 6th & I Sts Adults:\$30 \$15 Children 12 & under This is a fundraiser for local charities, food banks, scholarships and community and church activities.

Pray to End Abortion with 40 Days For Life

Look for our table outside after Mass for information on how to get involved. Call for more information: Sue Lehman at 347-446-5508 Allen Rode 707-601-9592 Join us in this prayerful campaign!

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

*Pregnancy testing
*Prenatal education
*Maternity and baby education & clothing
* Community referrals
*Equipment and supplies

*Ongoing support
*Childbirth education
*Healthy relationships
* Parenting education
*Prenatal vitamins

Knights of Columbus 124th Annual State

Convention ("state annual meeting") is coming soon. It is being held on the weekend of May 14-17 in Visalia – conveniently located in the Central Valley of California. It's equally convenient to get there from Sacramento, the Bay area, or Southern California. For info about this time of fraternal friendship go to : www.californiaknights.org