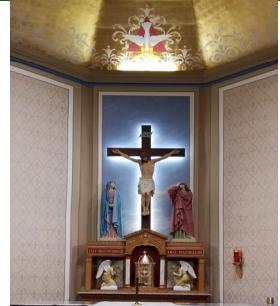


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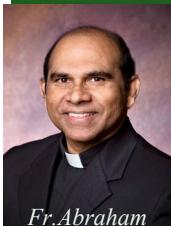
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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 17, 2021



Fr. Abraham

The Way to Glory is through Suffering

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The scriptural readings for 29th Sunday say that God's way to glory is marked by service and sacrifice. In the first reading (Isaiah 53:10-11) God's anointed one is described as a suffering servant. This theme of sacrifice is deepened in the second reading (Hebrew4:14 -16). The prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Jesus is both priest and the victim who sacrificed his life for us. This is the sacrifice we participate in at every celebration of the Eucharist. In the Gospel reading (Mark 10:35-45) Jesus calls his disciples to follow this way of sacrifice and service. Jesus asks those who wish to follow him, "Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized." Each of us baptized into Christ is called to be holy and to give witness to his way of love and service.

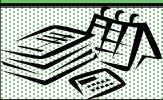
Jesus had just given his Apostles the third prediction of the sufferings and death that awaited him. The apostles did not understand fully these predictions. James and John came forward to ask him for the principal places in the glorious kingdom. He was gentle with them for he knew they had not yet grasped that his kingdom was not of this world. He told them that if they would have a place in his kingdom they must imitate the sacrifice he was about to make to establish that kingdom. The path to glory is through suffering. Then he added that the leaders in his kingdom would not lord it over others as the Gentiles did; instead they would be the servants of those whom they would lead.

The Apostles thought the Messiah would set up a political kingdom. Jesus knew that his Apostles still had this wrong idea. He took this opportunity to tell them that he would set up a glorious kingdom but that his sufferings and death would be a necessary prelude to its establishment. He had already referred to his sufferings and death three times, but the disciples did not understand it.

The truth in fact was that it was by means of his sufferings and death that he would establish his glorious kingdom. He challenged the two Apostles then to know if they were willing to pay the price. Once they realized the nature of his glorious kingdom they would be the last to look for positions of honor in it. Our Lord wants us all in heaven. He has mapped out the road which will lead us there. He allows these hardships to come our way so that we can prepare for our real future life.

With James and John, let us tell our Lord that we are ready to follow him on the path to Calvary; that we are ready to drink the cup of sufferings which he drank and to be immersed in the sorrows which he endured. He went through all of this for us. He carried the real cross, ours is light when compared with his; furthermore, he will help us to bear our daily trial and struggles.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI, Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARD'S PARISHES

Oct 19 4:00pm Finance Council Meeting @ Asc
 Oct. 21 7:00pm Joint Mission Team Meeting @ StB
 Oct 28 7:00pm Finance Council Meeting @ StB
 Nov 6th 3:00-7:00pm Chili Feed @ StB

JMT Members Needed!!

We have two positions open at each parish on the Joint Mission Team (JMT) committee. One position will be for a two year term and the second position will be for a three year term. We did not have elections last year due to Covid so that is why there are two positions open at each parish this year. The JMT is our joint parish council and assists Father with the pastoral needs/direction of our parishes. Elections are held in November with the winning candidate taking office at the January 2022 meeting. Interested persons should contact Father, any of the current JMT members or the parish office.

Join a Synod Small Group

We have 3 sessions left. We would love to hear from you!! Your thoughts and ideas will help form our parishes going forward. Session 4 topics will: 1) Liturgy and the Sunday Experience and 2) Sharing the Gospel in word and deed. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am at Ascension on Oct. 17, 31 and Nov. 7th or Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm at St. Bernard on Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, 9. Hope to see you there!

Appalachia Christmas Mission.

Ascension will not be participating this year. Will see what next year brings. If questions contact Sue Tellers 612-247-6881."

Retreat for Healing After Abortion

November 5-7 in Prior Lake

I will never leave you or forsake you... Hebrew 13:5. If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call or text 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org. Cost is \$180 and financial assistance is available.

"Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Yours is the light of day; yours is the darkness of night. I too am yours and I adore you. Let me rest in peace, bless the coming day, and let me awake to praise your Name."—adapted from St. Augustine of Hippo

Bulletin copy is due by Thursdays @ NOON

for the bulletin two weekends out;

St. Bernard copy must be emailed to:
bulletin@st-bernard-cologne.org and
pquinn55322@hotmail.com

Ascension copy must be emailed to:
busadmin@ascensionnya.org

All inserts and weekend Mass announcements can be emailed or a paper copy brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension.

St. Bernard's Chili feed and Cash Raffle is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 6th from 3 - 7pm. Dine-in or take out available. Raffle tickets for cash prizes and quilt chances can be picked up or purchased after the weekend Masses or from committee members. Mass on the 6th will be at 5:00pm.

October is respect life month the month of the rosary; and the month of mission (World Mission Sunday falls on the 24th).

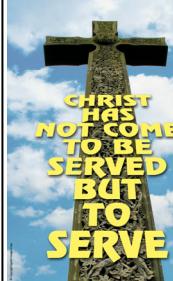
MCCL Fall Tour

Join others in your community at a pro-life educational gathering and learn about the challenges we face and how you can make a difference in protecting life. This free one-hour presentation is given by Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL). Two remaining dates and locations are available in the Archdiocese:

- Tuesday, October 19, 7-8 p.m. at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, St. Paul
 - Tuesday, October 26, 7-8 p.m. at All Saints Church, Lakeville
- Visit mccl.org/falltour for more information.

"Some people argue that changing laws will not eliminate abortions. It is certainly true that a change of heart is more important than a change of law. What is forgotten, however, is that the law is the great teacher. Children grow up believing that if a practice is legal, it must be moral."

Cardinal John O'Connor



MISUNDERSTANDING JESUS

Throughout this part of Ordinary Time, Mark's Gospel tracks the disciples' progressive misunderstanding about Jesus' mission and the nature of discipleship. We heard Jesus make two predictions about his Passion on Sundays in September, and just before today's Gospel episode, Jesus informed the Twelve: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him,

scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise" (Mark 10:33-34). Despite Jesus' three predictions and his definition of "glory" and "power" as serving others in humility, James and John still imagine Jesus as bound for a glorious earthly messiahship. How moving that Jesus, rather than scolding James and John as he had previously rebuked Peter, instead begins teaching them patiently, "You do not know what you are asking" (10:38). Knowing that Jesus' throne of glory is also a "throne of grace," from which Jesus bestows "mercy and grace for timely help" (Hebrews 4:16), today's Gospel suggests sincere self-examination: How do we approach Jesus and make our requests? What do we ask for: what Jesus wants us to do or, like James and John today, do we demand "whatever we want" from Jesus? Does the world in which we live and work focus our hearts on glory to the right and power on the left? Or does "the cup we drink," "the baptism" we've received inspire us to gladly become servants of all, like the Jesus who has made us his disciples? How do we live in response to Jesus who gave his life "as a ransom for many?"

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Spiritual Resources! **TV:** Diocese of St. Cloud: Sun., 11 AM. on KSTCTV/45;—Diocese of Winona-Rochester: Sun., 11:30 AM. on Fox 9+;— Our Lady of Grace, Edina: Sun., Noon on Fox 9+ (Dish/Direct 29, Comcast 10/807; Over Air 9.2);—EWTN: 7:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM. **Radio:** Relevant Radio 1330am: Weekdays and Sun. at noon, and at 9 a.m. **EWTN:** ewtn.com/radio/listen-live

Please pray the Rosary daily for our nation, our world, an end to Abortion and an end to the Coronavirus. The following is a list of a few TV and Radio stations that air the Rosary. **TV:** EWTN: 6:30am, After the TV Mass at Approximately 8:00am.; 2:30pm.; 8:30pm. **Catholic TV Network:** 2:00 am; 9:00am; 5:30pm Nuvera Nu Tel Cable TV Ch. 21 **Radio:** Relevant Radio 1330am: 7:00pm. "Family Rosary across America"

Mass Ministry Schedule - October 23-October 24, 2021

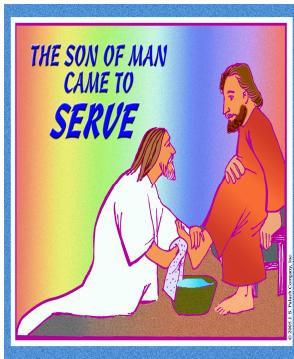
Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Ann Dettmann	Brian Willems	Doris Mielke
Servers	Steve Lemmer	Don Whitaker	Dan Worm
Reader	Ann Schwichtenberg	Brian Willems	Brenda Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	Curt Wilson	Kathy Kloempken	Helen Nicklaus
Ushers	Tom Lano & Rick Ulrich	Florian Schindler & Jeremy Friendshuh	Vern Elke & Andy Kleindl
Greeters	Sue Schultz	Matt & Jamie Smith	Casey Jones & Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Tim & Rita Fahey Grp B: Paul & Corrine Prososki	Barb Knorr Connie Medenwaldt

Mass Times/Intentions

Monday	Oct. 18	No Mass	
Tuesday	Oct. 19 6:15 pm	Ascension	Living & Deceased Members of the Mathais & Gertrude Fick family
Wednesday	Oct. 20 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Denann Karel †
Thursday	Oct. 21 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Nancy Sinnen †
Friday	Oct. 22 8:00 am	Ascension	Brenda Merriman †
Saturday	Oct. 23 5:00 pm	Ascension	Del Lano †
Sunday	Oct. 24 8:00 am	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	Oct. 24 10:00am	St. Bernard	Living & Deceased Members of the Mathais & Gertrude Fick Family & All Parishioners

SCRIPTURE READINGS Oct 18-24, 2021

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9 **Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38 **Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48 **Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53 **Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59 **Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9 **Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52



Eucharistic Adoration

Ascension
Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard
Every Wednesday
2:00 pm until 7:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: By appointment.

Marriage Arrangements

The couple should contact the priest as soon as they become engaged. They must meet with the priest twice before setting a marriage date. These two meetings need to be completed 6 months before the proposed date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Ascension: Tues. 5:45pm - 6:05pm
St. Bernard: Wed: 7:30am-7:50am
Saturday: 4:30pm—4:50pm
at parish hosting the Mass

By appointment with Father- Call 952-856-1050

Communion for Homebound

Ascension - Sue Tellers.....612-247-6881
St. Bernard - Barb Knorr.....952-466-2447

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	2,781.07
Contributions 10-01 through 10-06-21	2,765.92
Total Actual Collection YTD	43,553.19
YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget	754.77
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	225.00
Electronic Donations	265.50
Forward in Faith Total	490.50
Forward in Faith YTD	7,148.26

Did you know you can have your contributions automatically deducted from your checking or savings account?
For more information call the parish office 952-466-2031, or visit www.st-bernard-cologne.org

Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 10/03/2021

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Contributions:	1,850.00
E-Giving:	240.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	39,038.58
Actual Collection YTD:	39,586.40
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	547.82
Capital Improvement Offering:	70.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	45.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	2,900.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnya.org

Under Links -> E-giving. Or call the parish office for more information: 952-467-3351.