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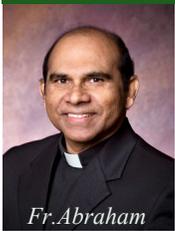


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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 14, 2021



Fr. Abraham

The Righteous will Survive the Tribulation

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

St. Francis of Assisi was weeding his garden one day. A friend approached him and asked, “What would you do if you learned you would die before the sun set?” St. Francis reflected for a moment and replied, “I would finish weeding my garden. I would be faithful to what I am doing now.”

As we come close to the end of the Liturgical Year, our Scriptural readings remind us of the end of the world and the Second Coming of Christ. Next Sunday is the 34th and last Sunday in our Liturgical Year when we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. And the following Sunday marks the beginning of the Advent Season with a new Liturgical Cycle- C. Each year at this time, the Church asks us to meditate on the “last things” - death, judgment, heaven and hell - as they apply to us. It is not to frighten us. It is intended to remind us to be prepared to receive Jesus at his second coming by doing now what he has commanded us to do.

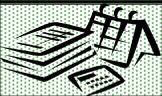
In the second century BC, the Jews were conquered by the Greeks. They were persecuted and forced them to join in the worship of pagan gods. In this frightening and dangerous time, Daniel’s prophetic message with his vision of the archangel Michael, gave the Jewish people comfort and hope. This short chapter 12 also describes the “great tribulation,” the “resurrection of the dead” and the divine judgment with its rewards for the righteous and its punishments for the wicked. Thus, today’s reading from Daniel introduces the belief in the resurrection of the dead and makes the first mention in the Bible of ‘everlasting life,’ (Daniel 12:2), while such a doctrine was almost unknown to Jews even in the second century.

The gospel passage (Mark 13:24-32) offered hope to the early Christians persecuted by the Roman Emperor Nero. Many Christians began wondering why Jesus did not return as he had promised. Hence, Mark reminded them of Jesus’ words about his glorious return to earth as judge, with great power and glory, to gather and reward his elect. Though Daniel and Mark describe frightful scenes, their accounts also remind their audience that God will ensure that the righteous will survive the tribulation and will find a place with Him.

Through the parable of the fig tree, Jesus warns us all to read the “signs of the time.” The fig tree sprouts its leaves in late spring heralding the summer season. The application of this image to the end of the world suggests that the end of the world will mean good times, or summer, for Jesus’ disciples. Because their God will be bringing things to a triumphant end and His Truth, Love and Justice will prevail forever. But we must always be well prepared to face our judgment because we do not know “either the day or the hour” of our own death or of his second coming. Hence, true disciples are to watch and wait in a state of readiness. Instead of worrying about the end-time, we are asked to live in loving God who is with us every day in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible and in our worshipping communities, and to do his will by serving our brothers and sisters, recognizing his presence in them. Thus, we will enter into a deeper relationship with God which will continue when we pass through death to new life.

World Day of the Poor: In his Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia et Misera* (Mercy with Misery) on November 20, 2016, Pope Francis designated the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time “World Day of the Poor.” He wrote: “It will be a day that will help communities and each baptized person to reflect on how poverty is at the heart of the Gospel, and in the fact that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (Lk 16:19-21) there can be no justice or social peace. This day will represent a genuine form of new evangelization (Mt 11: 5) which can renew the face of the Church as she perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witnesses to Mercy”.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, CMI Pastor



CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

Nov 16 4:00pm	Finance Council @ Asc
Nov 18 7:00pm	Joint Mission Team @ StB
Nov 18 Noon	Early deadline for the bulletin of Nov. 28, 2021
Nov 28 9:00am	Thanksgiving Mass @ Asc



JMT Members Needed!!

The JMT is our joint parish council and assists Father with the pastoral needs/direction of our parishes. 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. 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.



Stewardship Commitment Forms/Cards

We are in need of more ministers for most all of the Mass ministries and desperately in need of members on the JMT and for grounds care during the summer. Please review the ministries in the booklet that was mailed the beginning of November and prayerfully discern how God has uniquely gifted you to determine if you can help in any of these areas. Please return your Commitment Form and Card by 1) placing them in the collection basket at Mass, 2) bringing them in to the office, or 3) mailing them in the self-addressed envelope in your packet. All volunteers are greatly appreciated!!



Thanksgiving Day Mass

9am @ Ascension

We will be collecting donations of nonperishable food items at this Mass. All items brought and the Offertory collection will be given to the Southwest Carver Food Shelf for those in need over the Holiday season. May your generosity be bountiful.

Pray for the Deceased: During the month of November pray for your deceased loved ones.

“Lord, continue your work of grace in their lives and comfort those bereaved by their loss.”

“When you contemplate the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus has loved you. When you contemplate the sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you IN THIS MOMENT.”— Fr. Florian Racine



May God bless ALL veterans for your service to our country. May He especially keep those who lost their lives in service close to His heart.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

Our special collection **Nov. 20-21** will support the CCHD. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about CCHD at www.usccb.org/cchd

Ensure Real Care for Life

The MN Alliance for Ethical Healthcare, a partner organization of the MN Catholic Conference, is a coalition of nearly 80 organizations that advocates for compassionate alternatives to the legalization of assisted suicide. We need individuals like you to help ensure that real care is available throughout life’s journey. To receive updates and action alerts on how you can support this critical effort register at ethicalcaremn.org/join-us.

You've celebrated a few anniversaries... maybe MANY. You've been through some ups and downs and you have learned a lot about each other. But what if there's more to your marriage than you've ever realized?

Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and discover the beauty of your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and May 6-8, 2022 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org <<mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com>> or 612-756-8720.



FEAST OF FAITH - Blessing and Dismissal

At the beginning of Mass, the priest makes the sign of the cross with us. At the conclusion of Mass, he makes the sign of the cross over us, a sign of blessing. We are then dismissed—not just let out, but sent forth with a mission “to love and serve the Lord.”

Just as Jesus blessed his disciples as he ascended to heaven, so this leave-taking is joined to a blessing, a prayer for God’s continuing protection. As we leave the church, we bear the invisible sign of the Master whom we follow. In the words of an ancient letter to Diognetus, “Christians are indistinguishable from other [people] either by nationality, language, or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow an outlandish way of life. . . . And yet, there is something extraordinary about their lives” (Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. II, p. 840). We are ordinary people sent forth to live extraordinary lives, lives like Christ’s own life—pouring ourselves out for others in prayer, service, and love. —Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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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.

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:** Revelant Radio 1330am: 7:00pm. “Family Rosary across America”

Mass Ministry Schedule - November 20-November 21, 2021

Mass Ministry	St. Bernard Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Doris Mielke	Kathy Kloempken	Patricia Quinn
Servers	Volunteer	Florian Schindler	Dan Worm
Reader	Roger Storms	Cheryl Coyle	Brenda Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernie Shambour	Steve Coyle	Sarah Foley
Ushers	Danny Hoen & Volunteer	Paul Lano & Eugene Dvorak	Tom Dahl & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Eileen Fasching	Matt & Jamie Smith	Casey Jones & Andy Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Tim George & Steve Helget Grp B: Tim & Rita Fahey	Barb Knorr Connie Medenwaldt

Mass Times/Intentions

Day	Date	Mass	Intention
Monday	Nov. 15	No Mass	
Tuesday	Nov. 16 6:15 pm	Ascension	For Pope Francis
Wednesday	Nov. 17 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Paul Wickenhauserr †
Thursday	Nov. 18 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Staff & Maintenance Crew at St. Joseph School, Waconia
Friday	Nov. 19 8:00 am	Ascension	For All the Unborn
Saturday	Nov. 20 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	Dennis & Bernice Wickenhauser ††
Sunday	Nov. 21 8:00 am	Ascension	All Parishioners
Sunday	Nov. 21 10:00am	St. Bernard	LaVonne Arnst†



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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Nov 15-21, 2021

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Of that day or hour,



no one knows

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	2,781.07
Contributions 10-27 through 10-31-21	1,920.00
Total Actual Collection YTD	53,259.36
YTD Collection Over (Under) Budget	(663.34)
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	570.00
Electronic Donations	0.00
Forward in Faith Total	570.00
Forward in Faith YTD	8,926.26
World Mission Collection	240.00

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 10/31/2021

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 2,788.47
Contributions:	1,742.00
E-Giving:	240.00
Weekly Budget YTD:	50,192.46
Actual Collection YTD:	48,930.40
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	(1,262.06)
Capital Improvement Offering:	40.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	45.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	4,030.00

Sign up for electronic giving at ascensionnva.org

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