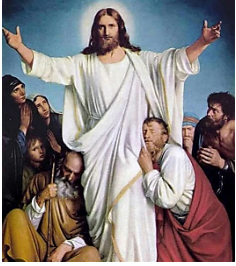


Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 5, 2026



At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one

knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." -Matthew 11:25-30

St. Maria Goretti Pray For Us - Feast July 6th

So many saints have joyfully taken up the light burden of perfect love that Jesus offers to all of us while fearlessly accepting the corresponding suffering that comes from living in a world where evil exists. The saints give us examples of how to till the soil of our spiritual beings so we may do God's work and fulfill our Christian missions for his sake and for love of others.

St. Maria Goretti is a most uncomfortably loving and courageous girl. Most people cringe when they think of her suffering and understandably so, but Jesus wishes us to move beyond that to the realization that hers is a success story of immense proportions—a triumph over mammoth evil. Her suffering, although hideous, was brief. Maria fought the good fight and persevered in her faith until her untimely end. And she has been in heaven interceding on our behalf in the heavenly presence, surrounded by beauty beyond all description, for quite some earthly time now..Her entire life was a testimony to the love of God. She did not pull up the weeds of her attacker in her distress or ask God to punish him in her agony, but as Jesus did on the cross, lovingly prayed for his conversion..

Maria Goretti was born Oct. 16, 1890 in Italy into a poor family. When she was nine her father died of malaria and she therefore had to work even harder, keeping house, cooking, sewing and lovingly caring for her youngest sister, Teresa, while the rest of her family toiled in the fields. She was reported to be a most holy child and completely gave her life to Christ. On July 5 1902, Alessandro, an 18 year old troubled youth who lived in the same farmhouse, suddenly attacked Maria and attempted to force her into grave sin. The 12 year old Maria fought him off while appealing to his sense of decency and to his understanding of God. Alessandro became so enraged at her rejection that he stabbed her fourteen times. She died the next day of her wounds in the hospital where she was operated on without anesthesia. During the procedure, the surgeon asked her to remember him in Paradise. With simple faith and serenity, Maria replied, "Then I will gladly think of you."and in that time she astonishingly forgave her attacker and prayed for his salvation; offering her pain to God while comforting those at her bedside.

Alessandro Serenelli was soon captured and sentenced to 30 years in prison. For many years he remained hardened and unrepentant. Eventually, he experienced a profound conversion after a dream in which Maria appeared to him in a garden, offering him lilies that burned away as he held them. From that moment, his life changed. Upon his release 27 years later, he sought out Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness. She replied, "If my daughter can forgive him, who am I to withhold forgiveness?"

Maria Goretti was beatified on April 27, 1947, and canonized on June 24, 1950, by Pope Pius XII at St. Peter's Basilica. Remarkably, Alessandro Serenelli was present at her canonization, sitting among the faithful. He later lived as a lay brother with the Capuchin Franciscans, spending the rest of his life in penance and prayer.

Saint Maria Goretti is honored as a martyr, not only because she died defending purity, but because her life reveals the Gospel's deepest truth: that forgiveness is stronger than violence and mercy more powerful than sin. This is all God's work. The hardest thing perhaps to face is that this is asked of us and can only be accomplished through the careful preparation of the soil of our souls drawing close to Jesus, cultivating habits of holiness and planting the seeds of daily conversion that will blossom and bear good fruit with the grace of God. .
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Readings For This Sunday

Reading 1: Zechariah 9:9-10

Reading II: Romans 8: 9,11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:10-11

Reading II: Romans 8: 18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

FINANCE

First Collection: \$4,331

-Second Collection this week is for Major Restoration Projects.

-Second Collection next week is for Building Repair and Maintenance



AMA 2026 Goal: \$21,000

Pledges: \$17,865

Amount Due: \$3,135

St. Bernard office will be closed the week of July 12th. Angela will be on vacation.

**GLASSES FOUND IN ST JOSEPH CHURCH-
Metal & tortoise shell... St. Bernard office.**

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule

First Saturday, July 4 Independence Day

8:30am Marian Devotion Mass Sacred Heart Church
3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Int. Lynette Cahill St. Joseph Church

Sunday, July 5

7:30 am +Fran Hill St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Lesley Dillon Murphy Sacred Heart Church
10:30am +Paul Windham St. Bernard Church
12.15 pm No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Monday, July 6

12:15 pm Int. Anne Patton St. Bernard Church

Tuesday, July 7

7:30 am Souls in Purgatory St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, July 8

12:15 pm Int. Mildred Perrone St. Bernard Church
6.00 pm Adoration/ Confession
7.00 pm No Intention (Sp) Sacred Heart Church

Thursday, July 9

7:30 am Souls in Purgatory St. Joseph Church
11:30 am No Intention St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Friday, July 10

12:15 pm Int. Katherine Pattone St. Bernard Church

Saturday, July 11

3:15 pm Confessions St. Joseph Church
4:00 pm Pat Folkins St. Joseph Church

Sunday, July 12

7:30 am Souls in Purgatory St. Joseph Church
9:00 am +Sheila & David Bliss Sacred Heart Church
10:30am Mass for the People St. Bernard Church
12.15 pm No Intention Sacred Heart Church

Please Pray For: Wilma D'Sa y Familia, Rosemary Murphy, Eliana Ome y, Pat Rider, Duane David, Thanh Strelow, Sally-Ann Thomas, Chaz Desoteau, Nagee Ellis, Theresa Martin, Jackeline Williams, Diane Kerr, Karla Kincade, Tammie Startare, Lynn Agajanian, Gary Agajanian, Linda Brown, Eliot Cabreon, Michael Arnold, Hatsue Riecke, Cinzia Pinamonti

Please Pray For Our Beloved Departed:

+Diane Shaddix +Colleen Cruz +Joe Thompson +Dennis y +Gina Costa +Stella Reyes +Mary Walsh +Rolly Luzame +Brenda Zwiefelhofer + Louise Y. Russo, +Bernadette Chapman +Saturnina Tetrault +Marie Giampaolo, +Tony Siström, +Marilyn Zibilich, +Diacono Frank Weber +Felipe de Jesus Silva Rodriguez +My-Hieu Venema +Avira Agata Concepta Gomes +Colby Arnett +Lorraine Cooney, +Chris Scott, +Sharon Ome y, +Jim Cruz, +Deacon Jim Hercher, +Susan Bonomini

Rodeo Parade Walkathon "Darn Tootin' Life is

Good! Benefitting the Pregnancy Care Center and J Rolpe Medical is on Saturday, July 18th, 2025 @10:30am. Meet at Calvary Chapel 914 9th 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 jrophemedical.org

- Upcoming Events -

The Knights of Columbus will be having a



procession and recession this

Sunday July 5, at Sacred Heart and

St. Bernard Churches. This is to

coincide with our country's 250th anniversary.

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 4th. We can sell
fireworks beginning June 28th. So if you need fireworks
on the 28th or 29th 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 2nd
year there is the 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.

Registration for Religious Education Classes -

for St. Joseph, St. Bernard and Sacred Heart will begin
on July 12, 2026; registration closes on August 23, 2026.
Children in the 7th grade (13 years old) can register for
the first year of religious instruction for Confirmation.
Children in 1st grade (7 years old) can register for the
first year of religious instruction for first communion. You
can come to the Sacred Heart parish office on Tuesdays
& Thursdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Registration
donations help us with the cost of textbooks, classroom
materials, and facilities usage. (No child will be turned
away because of financial need. Base family registration
donation (\$60/one child; \$90/two children; \$110/three or
more children). Please complete the registration form
per child and bring the completed form(s), together with
the baptismal certificate or birth certificate if not
baptized.

The Hispanic Community invites everyone to support a **Mexican Food Sale** on **July 12** to help raise funds for a 6-year-old girl who is courageously battling advanced cancer. Food will be available after the **9:00 a.m.** and **12:15 p.m.** Masses.

Menu:

Breakfast: Breakfast burritos with eggs and chorizo or eggs and ham.

Lunch: Carne asada tacos, quesadillas, and vampiros.

Beverages: Coffee, soft drinks, and orange, apple, or cranberry juice.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and support.
May God bless you!