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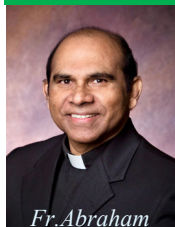
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## Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time – October 12 & 13, 2024



Fr. Abraham

### Understanding the Holy Mass – 4

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**II. Liturgy of the Word:** The two main parts of the Mass are the *Liturgy of the Word* and the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*. We need both the inspired Word of God in the Scripture and the Incarnate Word of God present in the Blessed Sacrament. Today, we ponder on the Liturgy of the Word. Sunday liturgy follows a three-year cycle of readings from both the Old Testament, and the New Testament. Weekday Masses follow a two-year cycle of readings from both the Old and the New Testaments. These readings also correspond to the various liturgical seasons and feasts of the Church.

**1. The First Reading** is usually from the Old Testament, except during Easter Season, when it is from the Act of the Apostles. In the Old Testament, the mystery of our salvation is present in a hidden way. In fact, we cannot adequately, understand Jesus, and the New Testament Scriptures without knowing the story of Israel in the Old.

These readings generally correspond to the gospel reading for the day. They highlight how the Old Testament prefigures Christ and the Church. Images of Passover are associated with readings about Eucharist. The Exodus story is linked with baptism.

**2. Responsorial Psalm:** Following the First Reading, we are invited to respond by singing or reciting a response taken from the Book of Psalms. It is called the Responsorial Psalm because it is our response to the Word of God. It helps the congregation to meditate and to respond to the Word of God. It provides an active involvement of the people in the liturgy of the Word.

**3. The Second Reading** comes from the New Testament: one of the epistles, the Act of the Apostles, or the Book of Revelation. These readings reflect on the mystery of Jesus Christ and his saving work, and the meaning it has for our lives. They also draw out the practical applications of our life in Christ and exhort us ever more to “put on Christ” and turn away from sin. The role of the lector is important in the Liturgy of the Word. The Lord uses the lector as the instrument through whom he proclaims his Word to the people.

**4. The Gospel:** Prior to the Gospel reading, the congregation stands as the Gospel acclamation is sung. Standing is the reverent posture to welcome and to listen Jesus speaks to us in the Gospel. During all of the liturgical seasons except for Lent, the Gospel acclamation is “Alleluia,” which means “Praise the Lord.” Because Alleluia is a word of solemn praise and rejoicing, we do not use it during Lent as there is a more penitential tone to the liturgy. To prepare himself for the reading of the Gospel, the priest bows before the altar and says quietly: “*Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel.*” Before reading the Gospel, the priest makes the Sign of the Cross on the Gospel and on his forehead, lips, and breast. The people also make the three-fold the sign of the Cross over themselves. By the sign of the cross, we consecrate our thoughts, words and actions to the Lord, asking that his word in the Gospel be always be on our minds on our lips and in our hearts.

These Gospel accounts are not simply stories from the past, or, a distant record of the memories about Jesus. As the Church has taught, when the scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel. The proclamation of the Gospel, therefore, makes Jesus’ life present to us in a profound way. Jesus speaks personally to each one of us through the divinely inspired words in the Gospel.

**5. Homily** is the integral part of the liturgy. It is to be preached only by an ordained minister: deacon, priest, or bishop. The Homily is crucial for the instruction of the faithful, so that they can understand the readings and apply it to their lives. So important is the homily for passing on the faith, Vatican II taught that the homily should hold, ‘pride of place’ among the various forms of Christian instruction. (Dei Verbum, no.24)

**Rosary Intension:** ‘May all priests rely on Mary to help them shepherd the flock entrusted to them.’

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

**Parish Mission Statement** We, the family of St. Bernard and Ascension, united through Baptism, redeemed by Christ’s death and resurrection, and strengthened by his Word and Eucharist, are called to follow him by nurturing a rich sacramental and spiritual life, supporting strong Catholic faith formation and fostering fellowship and community.



## CALENDAR FOR ASCENSION AND ST. BERNARDS' PARISHES

<i>Monday</i>	Oct. 14		No Mass:
<i>Tuesday</i>	Oct. 15	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	Oct. 16	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B. ASC.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00-6:00pm Faith Formation:
<i>Thursday</i>	Oct. 17	ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am
<i>Friday</i>	Oct. 18	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
<i>Saturday</i>	Oct. 19	ASC. ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Prayers for Our Children: 11:00-1200pm Confession: 4:30-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm Linger Longer: After Mass
<i>Sunday</i>	Oct. 20	ASC. ASC. ST. B. ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Mass: 10:00am Linger Longer: After Mass

### What is going on in our Parishes and in the Community

**We will be having The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick this weekend after the 5:00pm Mass at Ascension and 10:00am Mass at St. Bernard.**

Next week we will be having a second collection for **Word Mission Sunday**. This year's theme is, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet" (Mt. 22:9). Fund's collected will go towards supporting the pastoral, catechetical, charitable and evangelizing work of the Church in over 1,100 mission diocese in over 100 countries. Please be generous with your donation.

#### Vatican International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

**Thursday, October 24-Sunday, October 27, St. John the Baptist, Savage-Fr. Wittman Auditorium  
4:00pm-8:00pm Thursday and Friday  
9:00am-8:00pm Saturday and Sunday**

Witness how Jesus has miraculously manifested Himself throughout the centuries around the world, and how this proves He is totally present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist! Grow closer to Christ by viewing 150+ documented Eucharistic Miracles and venerate a 1st class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Free admission.

### Faith Formation Update:

Thank you to everyone who help support our Faith Formation Fundraiser! We are excited to share the results as soon as we have received them! We appreciate the continued support of our program!

-The Faith Formation Staff and Ascension CUF

## Church of Ascension

### Ascension Weekly Collection Report

Totals as of 09/29/2024

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,101.92
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	1,775.00
Weekly E-Giving:	270.00
Collections Budget YTD:	40,324.96
Actual Collection YTD:	<b>38,911.00</b>
Total Collected Over ( <b>Under</b> ) YTD:	<b>(1,413.96)</b>
Capital Improvement Offering:	100.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	40.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	<b>\$3,395.00</b>



Interested in signing up for E-Giving or want to make a one time donation? Scan here to donate to the Church of the Ascension. Thank you for your generosity!

**Thank you to all the Confirmation Students and volunteers who helped to clean up brush and branches and wash windows at Ascension on Wednesday September 25th! The grounds look beautiful!**

## Church of St. Bernard

### St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,100.00
Contributions 09-25 through 09-30-2024	1,662.25
Total Actual Collection YTD	37,133.25
Total Actual Collection Over ( <b>Under</b> ) Budget	<b>(4,104.27)</b>

#### Forward in Faith

Envelope Income	100.00
Electronic Donations	100.00
<b>Forward in Faith Total</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Forward in Faith YTD</b>	<b>5,624.00</b>



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**Congratulations to Matt Paul and Audrey Remer on their Marriage at St. Bernard on Saturday September 28th! May God Bless you abundantly.**

**Thank you for your generous donations** recently of 58 lbs. of food to **Bountiful Basket Food Shelf**. Your donations allow us to successfully achieve our mission of providing food to those in need in our community. Needed items: Cereal & Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta, Canned Chicken, Canned Fruit, Hearty Soups. Instant Potatoes & Rice, Cooking oil, Saltine Crackers, Flour & Sugar, Diapers (all sizes);

#### October is Respect Life Month!

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month. Visit [respectlife.org/celebrate](http://respectlife.org/celebrate).

#### October the Month of the Rosary

Pray the rosary 25 minutes before weekend Masses

## Mass Ministry Schedule—October 19 & 20

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	Marshall Panning & Logan Pellegrino	Nathan Duenow & Brianna Duenow	Buckley Jones & Volunteer
Reader	Mary Sue Thaumert	Brian Willems	Brenda Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	Bernie Shambour (H); Victoria Arnst (C); Monica Kooiman (C)	Irene Yaeck	Andy Kleindl (H); Julie Clemensen (C); Helen Nicklaus (C)
Ushers	Tom Dahl & Ralph Laumann	Tom Lano & Volunteer	Dick Arnst & Leonard Hoen Jr.
Greeters	Judy Glander	Grace Cook	Casey Jones
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Tim George & Steve Helget	

### Mass Times Intentions

Day	Date	Church	Intention
Monday	Oct. 14		No Mass
Tuesday	Oct. 15 6:15 pm	Ascension	For Pope Francis
Wednesday	Oct. 16 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Glen & Lorraine, Terry & Jake Wickenhauser ††††
Thursday	Oct. 17 8:00 am	St. Bernard	Donna Meuleners †
Friday	Oct. 18 8:00 am	Ascension	Fr. Abraham's Intentions
Saturday	Oct. 19 5:00 pm	St. Bernard	Roy & Vera Arnst †† & All Parishioners
Sunday	Oct. 20 8:00 am	Ascension	For all Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Oct. 20 10:00 am	St. Bernard	Vocations

**Readings for the week of Oct. 13, 2024**  
**Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 **Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32 **Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41 **Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46 **Thursday:** Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54 **Friday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9 **Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12 **Next Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

**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@ascensionny.org.  
**All inserts and weekend Mass announcements** can be emailed or brought to the Parish office at St. Bernard or Ascension. **These are due Thursday of the weekend needed.**

### 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.....952-484-9628

#### Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office at any time.

### Eucharistic Adoration

#### Ascension

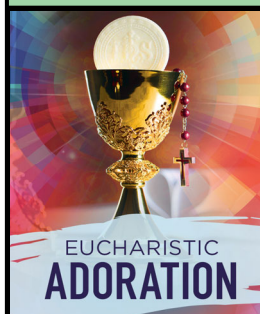
Every Tuesday

3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

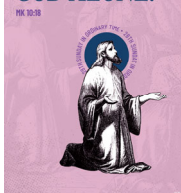
#### St. Bernard

Every Wednesday

2:00 until 6:00 pm



**GOD ALONE.**



**October 13, 2024**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This week we hear of the man who inquires of Jesus how to obtain eternal life. He rejects Jesus' invitation to sell his goods, give to the poor, and follow Jesus. Mark tells us this devastatingly sad line, **“At this saying, his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions”** (Mark 10:22). The man's heart wasn't centered on Jesus, but on his possessions. Perhaps Jesus intuited this. Now, we don't know if Jesus intended to actually make him go through with it, like God's call to test Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac.

But sadly, in this case the willingness was not there to entrust everything to Jesus. And this made the man deeply sad.

For most of us, the literal dispossessing of our goods is not our call. But as Christians, a consistent *renouncing* of them is. This week, especially if you're noticing a persisting sadness, I invite you to hear Jesus calling you to acknowledge that none of your possessions are finally *yours*. They are God's and on loan to you. We get so addicted to that stuffy and sad word, “mine.” At Mass, we rehearse this attitude of joyful detachment by giving bread, wine, and money to the Lord, as if to say, “Lord, all I have is yours.” And what we get back is a sadness-defeating joy beyond all description: knowing that He is ours, and we are His.

What possessions are pre-occupying you at the moment? Write them down. Intentionally offer them to the Lord at the next Mass you attend. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi