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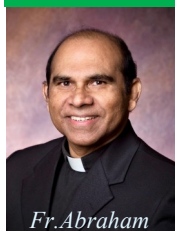
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Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time – November 15 & 16, 2025



Be Ready for the Coming of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we come to the end of the Liturgical Year, the scriptural readings invite us to think about the end of time and the Second Coming of Christ. In today's Gospel (Lk 21:5-19), Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and speaks of signs that will accompany the end of the world. The disciples, curious like many of us, ask, "When will this happen?" But Jesus doesn't give them a timetable. Instead, he tells them not to be afraid and to focus on being ready when that time comes.

The Second Coming of Christ is not something to fear, but something to hope for. We proclaim this truth at every Mass: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.* For the early Christians, who endured great trials and persecution, this message was a source of strength and hope. They believed that when Christ returns, he will bring justice, healing, and peace to the world, putting right all that has gone wrong.

The Prophet Malachi (3:19–20) reminds us that the Day of the Lord will be a time of judgment for the wicked and reward for the righteous. Those who have remained faithful will experience the "sun of justice with its healing rays." The Gospel encourages us to trust in God's protection and to persevere in faith, even when life becomes difficult.

In the second reading (2 Thessalonians 3:7–12), St. Paul warns the Thessalonians not to sit idly by as they await the Lord's return. Some had grown lazy, thinking the end was near. Paul tells them that the best way to prepare for the future is to fulfill their daily responsibilities faithfully, to live balanced lives of prayer, service, and love within their families and communities.

The message for us is clear: we must always be ready for the Lord, whether he comes at the end of time or at the end of our lives. Jesus tells us, "Do not be terrified." God loves us and desires only our good. Our task is to live each day in faith and trust. We prepare for his coming by praying daily, keeping our hearts open to his presence, and seeking forgiveness for our sins. We also prepare by living lives of love, compassion, and mercy — reaching out to those in need and forgiving others as God forgives us.

Pope Francis, in his apostolic letter *Misericordia et Misera* (2016), established the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time as the **World Day of the Poor**. He wrote, "As long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes, there can be no justice or social peace." As we await the coming of the Lord, let us show our readiness by caring for the poor, standing with the vulnerable, and living each day as true disciples of Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CMI
Pastor

Rosary Intention: For the hungry, homeless, oppressed receive the aid they need.

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

Monday	Nov. 17		No Mass:
Tuesday	Nov. 18	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 3pm-6pm Confession: 5:45-6:05pm Mass: 6:15pm
Wednesday	Nov. 19	ST. B. ST. B. ST. B.	Confession: 7:30-7:50am Mass: 8:00am Adoration: 2:00pm-6:00pm
Thursday	Nov. 20	ST. B.	Mass: 8:00am
Friday	Nov. 21	ASC.	Mass: 8:00am
Saturday	Nov. 22	ASC. ASC. ASC.	Adoration: 4:30pm Confession: 4:30pm-4:50pm Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday	Nov. 23	ASC. ASC. ST. B.	Adoration: 7:30am Mass: 8:00am Mass: 10:00am

What is going on in our Parishes
and in the Community

Thanksgiving Mass will be at Ascension this year at 9:00am.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th for Thanksgiving.

Our Combined Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Wednesday, December 10th at St. Bernard starting at 6:30pm

Mass will be at 8am at Ascension and 6:15pm at St. Bernard on Monday, December 8th for the Immaculate Conception. Please note that this is a Holy Day of Obligation

The Word Among Us is available for Advent. These are free to all Parishioners, so please take one!

MARRIAGE RETREAT:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreat is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Please join us at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Edina for a 2-day Weekend Retreat - March 7-8, 2026. Go home Saturday evening and return Sunday morning. Take time to connect with your spouse, work through common themes together and renew your marriage. To apply or for info: call 612-334-7440 or WWME.org.

Come Away With Me Retreat- Thursday, Dec. 4, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Dunrovin Retreat Center, Marine on Saint Croix. God invites you to "Come away with Me." During this one-day retreat, each retreatant is welcomed into a day of prayer, quiet, and rest through Scripture reflections and Eucharistic adoration. A meal will be shared, and snacks are plentiful. Walk Dunrovin's beautiful grounds or take a nap. Peace be with you. Find more information at dunrovin.org/visit/adult-retreats/come-away-with-me-retreats.

Church of Ascension

Ascension Weekly Collection Report Totals as of 11/02/2025

Weekly Operating Budget:	\$ 3,182.70
Weekly Envelopes/Plate:	841.00
Weekly E-Giving:	800.00
Collections Budget YTD:	57,288.60
Actual Collection YTD:	\$ 54,926.00
Total Collected Over (Under) YTD:	\$ (2,362.60)
Capital Improvement Offering:	50.00
Capital Improvement-E-Giving:	50.00
Capital Improvement YTD:	\$ 3,575.00



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!

"Do not complain, that shows discontent with the will of God in the present moment. That is also proof of impatience." -St. Martin de Porres

Southwest Carver Food shelf is asking for help. November is Food Donation Month. The family needs are increasing. Items needed are Cereal, juice, pasta, baked beans, instant potatoes, canned whole potatoes. Any cash donations are always welcome. Any items can be brought to church labeled Southwest or to the food shelf in Norwood. Thanks for any help you can give.

Church of St. Bernard

St. Bernard Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for week	3,208.20
Contributions 10-29 through 11-04-2025	6,899.50
Total Actual Collection YTD	61,953.50
Total Actual Collection Over (Under) Budget	3,701.11
Forward in Faith	
Envelope Income	8.00
Electronic Donations	200.00
Forward in Faith Total	208.00
Forward in Faith YTD	4,062.50



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THANK YOU !! To everyone who attended the **Memorial Remembrance Mass** and to all who planned and worked to make it special. You are all appreciated.

During the month of November please pray for all your relatives and friends who have passed away and especially the Holy souls in Purgatory.

Faith Formation Update:

There will be a **Faith Formation Family Mass** on Wednesday, November 19th at 6:15pm at Ascension.

Mass Ministry Schedule November 22 & 23

Mass Ministry	Ascension Sat. 5:00 pm	Ascension Sun. 8:00 am	St. Bernard Sun. 10:00 am
Sacristan	Ann Dettmann	Brian Willems	Pam Kunkel
Servers	Payton Stender & Hailey Stender	Greta Buckentin & Charlie Friendshuh	Luca Hoen & Brooklynn Hoen
Reader	Cheryl Coyle	Colleen Donnay	Rob Wickenhauser
EMHC	Jean Schmitz	Kathy Kloempken	Julie Clemensen
Ushers	Tom Lano & Steve Schrupp	Justin Buckentin & Volunteer	Andy Kleindl & Bob Symanitz
Greeters	Steve Coyle	Sue Schultz	Julie Kleindl
Homebound Ministers	N/A	Grp A: Richard & Sue Tellers Grp B: Steve Helget & Steve Lemmer	N/A

Mass Times Intentions

Monday	Nov. 17		No Mass
Tuesday	Nov. 18 6:15 pm	ASC.	For All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	Nov. 19 8:00 am	ST. B.	Robert G. Fritz †
Wednesday	Nov. 19 6:15 pm	ASC	Faith Formation Families
Thursday	Nov. 20 8:00 am	ST. B.	Rebecca, Sue, Sarah, & John Shamla ††††
Friday	Nov. 21 8:00 am	ASC.	Paul Simons †
Saturday	Nov. 22 5:00 pm	ASC.	Living & Deceased members of the Donna Meuleners Family
Sunday	Nov. 23 8:00 am	ASC.	For Respect for All Life
Sunday	Nov. 23 10:00 am	ST. B.	Marcy Wickenhauser † & All Parishioners

Readings for the week of Nov. 16, 2025
Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19 **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 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10 **Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28 **Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44 **Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48 **Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40 **Next Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

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
quinn55322@hotmail.com
Ascension copy must be emailed to:
busadmin@ascensionnya.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

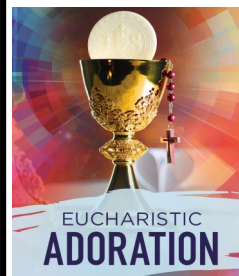
Call the parish office at any time.

Eucharistic Adoration Ascension

Every Tuesday
3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

St. Bernard

Every Wednesday
2:00pm until 6:00 pm



November 16, 2025 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **“Do not follow them” (Luke 21:8).** In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi