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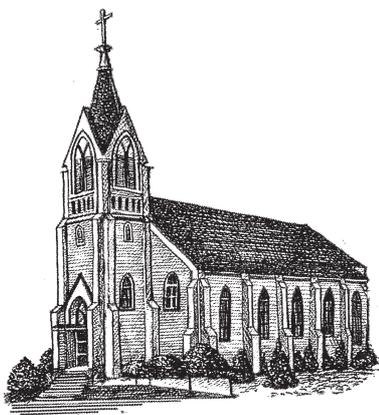
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Mass Schedule at St. Bernard

Sundays: 10:30 am

Weekdays: 12:15 pm. Mon, Wed, Fri

Holy Days: Vigil 7:00 pm, 12:15 pm

Confessions: Wednesdays 1:00 pm-

& by appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wed. 1-9pm

St. Joseph Mission Church Mass Schedule

(Located on the corner of C & Henderson St.)

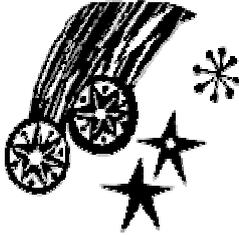
Saturdays: 4:00 pm. (vigil), Sundays: 7:30 am.

Weekdays: Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30 am.

Holy Days: 7:30 am

Confessions: Saturdays 3:15-3:45 pm & by appt.

November 13, 2016, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Good News: In the **Gospel Reading** for this Sunday, Jesus talks about things that will happen to his followers at some end time. The Greek word translated 'gospel' means 'good news.' And what good things is Jesus predicting? Well, earthquakes, famines, plagues, wars, persecutions, betrayals, imprisonment, and executions.

A person could be forgiven for wondering what happened to the good news. But what makes a life good for Christians? Isn't it being Christ-like? What was Christ like?

Why isn't Jesus' prediction just depressing? In his infancy, he lived through the war that King Herod waged against the children of Bethlehem. In his childhood, he lived in a country that was conquered by the Romans. In his adulthood, he was betrayed by his intimate friend Judas. And at the end of his life, he was persecuted and put to death by the rulers of his society. All the things—well, virtually all the things—that Jesus predicted for his people in the end time were part of his own life, too.

So, if you were hoping for a life of ease, leisure, and video games, you weren't hoping to be Christ-like, were you? What is *good* about Christ-likeness, you might think to yourself, if this is what it turns out to be? Why isn't Jesus' prediction just depressing?

Well, look at the **First Reading**. It seems to be depicting an end time, too, doesn't it? Only this end time must come after the time Jesus is describing. In the time Jesus is talking about, the bad guys win. In the end time the First Reading portrays, the bad guys lose; and they lose big. They don't manage to hang on to either their past—their roots, or their future—their branches. Everything that goes to make them up is lost by fire.

Who would want to be them? In the final end time that the First Reading predicts, everyone will be able to understand what is good about being Christ-like. At that time, Christ will come as the Sun of Justice. All those who are like him will live forever with him; and, like him, they will shine like the sun.

So if we are like Christ in his first coming, in his suffering, we will be found like him at his second coming, too. That *is* good news, isn't it?
Eleonore Stump

Question: Jesus says, "Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking." How does this statement and "Not a hair of your head will perish." impact your trust in God?

Today's Readings

Reading I: Malachi 3:19-20A

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

St Joseph Church

11/12 Sat 4:00 pm Mass for the People

11/13 Sun 7:30 am Int. Rene Alvarado

11/15 Tue 7:30 am All Souls

11/17 Thu 7:30 am All Souls

11/19 Sat 4:00 pm All Souls

11/20 Sun 7:30 am Jim Nickols †

Next Sunday's Readings

Reading I: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Reading II: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

St Bernard Church

11/13 Sun 10:30 am All Souls

11/14 Mon 12:15 pm All Souls

11/16 Wed 12:15 pm All Souls

11/18 Fri 12:15 pm All Souls

11/20 Sun 10:30 am Mass for the People

St Joseph Hospital

11/15 Tue 11:30 am All Souls

11/17 Thu 11:30 am All Souls

On Saturday, Nov. 26th there will no Sat eve Mass at 5pm at Sacred Heart. We are trying an experiment and mass will be on Sunday Nov 27th at 4pm at Sacred Heart. for anyone to come.

Stewardship The collection last weekend was **\$4,624** and All Saints was **\$810**. This weekend the second collection is for Building and Maintenance.

Pray for the sick: Rene Alvarado, Cathy McCormack, Brad Erickson, Mervyn Dody, Yvette Logan, Petra

Cortec, Erin Ford, Ryan Pepper, Heather Walsh-Redner-Ringwald, Nancy Elgin, Kathi Branum, Allie, Isela Adams, Evelyn Avila, Jim Avila, Jeri Becksted, Nancy Brunner, Ed Dickinson, Sr. Gertrude Connolly, Barbara Hayes, Elizabeth McCaskill, Paul Shabata, Ashley Suthlund, Nancy Tompkins, Patricia Tritten, Victor Vellejo, Jenie Wood and John Kusters.

Parish News & Events This Week

- 11/14 Mon 6:15pm English Faith Formation**
for Children/Academy
- 11/16 Wed 7pm Confirmation Formation**
Upstairs Parish Hall
- 7pm Thanksgiving Interfaith
Celebration/St Bernard's**
- 7pm Grief Support Group**
St. Joseph Hosp. Chapel
- 11/17 Thu 1pm Bible Study/ Sacred Heart**
7pm RCIA/ Upstairs Parish Hall
- 11/19 Sat 6:15pm Movie Night/ Parish Hall**

Children's Faith Formation News I have begun to receive the **Permission Slips** back from those of you whom I mailed forms to for the *Circle of Grace* unit we will be teaching periodically during this year. Thank you! We need them all returned as soon as possible, so the Catechists may begin teaching the lessons, as they are required by the Diocese of Santa Rosa. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the office. Melanie

Youth Ministry The Date for Confirmation has been confirmed by Bishop Vasa. Confirmation will be taking place at St. Bernard Church (along with Confirmation students from Sacred Heart, St. Mary's and Christ the King), Saturday, May 20th at 11:00 am. Parents, please save the date!

Confirmation students will be selling Advent Wreaths as a fundraiser for Youth Ministry. The weekend of November 19th & 20th we will be selling the wreaths for \$12.00 after every mass. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church if you would still like to pre-order a wreath. Analisa

Adult Faith Formation/RCIA Anyone interested in the Catholic faith and needs the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and or Confirmation is asked to call Diane Luzzi 442-8812 or Pat Thul 616-7399

Bereavement Support Group 3rd Wed. of the month, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm St. Joseph Hospital Chapel – 2700 Dolbeer Eureka – Group will meet monthly throughout the year. For more info please contact Deacon Frank Weber at 442-5615 or email at deaconweber @att.net

Movie Night Saturday, Nov. 19th at 6:15 p.m. at St. Bernard's Parish Hall. This month's movie: **It's a Wonderful Life**; Snacks will be provided. All are welcome. Please bring gently used Jackets for people in need.

Thanksgiving Dinner by Fr Tom for Parishioners who are alone. Last chance to sign-up is Monday, November 14th by noon. Are you a parishioner who's going to be alone for Thanksgiving Dinner? Fr. Tom is going to prepare a BIG, traditional dinner at Sacred Heart Rectory on that day at 5pm. and has room for 13 at no cost. **Just phone Sacred Heart**

Rectory by Monday, Nov 14th by noon, leaving your name and phone number and the first 13 will be put on the list.

Pastor's Corner

This coming Wednesday we have **The Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration** at St Bernard's. at 7pm. It is a special time to get together with our brothers and sisters of other faith traditions for prayer and singing in thanking God. As our church is being used I hope more parishioners will show-up. The Celebration will remember Fr Eric.

Next weekend the 2nd collection is for Catholic Communications and the US. Bishops have added another cause, **The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS)**. It is the only archdiocese, or non-profit organization, that provides the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries specifically to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. Programs and services vital to the unique mission and ministry of the Archdiocese include Vocations, pastoral visitation, endorsement of chaplains, Evangelization and Catechesis, Sacramental Records, Tribunal, and Veterans Affairs. All told, the AMS and its endorsed priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics.

2/3rd of the 2nd collection for both causes will go towards Military Services for the Archdiocese.

Bishops in the United States called on Catholics to **pray for elected officials** on the morning following the 2016 presidential election, and exhorted them to work for unity and to promote the common good.

"Now is the moment to move toward the responsibility of governing for the common good of all citizens," following Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's electoral victory.

Humor: During a physical examination, a doctor asked a retired woman about her physical activity level. The woman said she spent 3 days a week, in the outdoors. She said "Yesterday afternoon was typical; I took a five hour walk, about 7 miles, through some pretty rough terrain. I waded along the edge of a lake; I pushed my way through 2 miles of brambles. I got sand in my shoes and my eyes; I barely avoided stepping on a snake; I ran away from an irate mother bear. The mental stress of it all left me shattered. At the end of it all I drank a scotch and three glasses of wine." Amazed by the story, the doctor said: "You must be one outdoors woman!" "No," the woman replied, "I'm just a really, really bad golfer"

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