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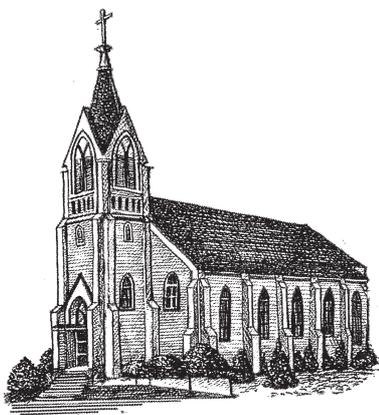
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Mass Schedule at St. Bernard

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 27, 2016, First Sunday of Advent



Left Behind In the Gospel Reading, Christ gives a warning about his coming again. Stay awake and wait for me, he says, or else it will be for you the way it was for the people left behind in Noah's time.

Those people watched Noah build his big boat on dry land, and they must have laughed at him. *They weren't worried. They ate their dinners and held their weddings just as always. And then the flood came. In one day, it swept them all away.*

Physical death is the end of the line as far as chances for salvation go and here is what Christ says: It will be like this when I come again; those who weren't

waiting for me will be left behind when I return.

These are puzzling words. Are we supposed to expect Armageddon any day now, for every day of our lives? Will we be left behind if we don't?

Well, look at Noah's flood. Human beings had gotten so evil that it began to look as if God had made a mistake in creating them. So, in the flood, God did something like an autologous bone marrow transplant on the human race. God sifted through the bad cancerous lump of humanity and found a few human beings who looked morally and spiritually healthy. The idea was to reproduce those spiritually healthy human beings after the flood, when the evil people were gone. By this means, the human race could have a rebirth.

The people who laughed at Noah's boat were so evil that they could be waked up to their spiritual peril only when the water rose. Their only chance of salvation came in the catastrophe of the flood when the fear of death may have prompted them to turn to the Lord for salvation. There are things much worse than physical death.

But physical death is the end of the line as far as chances for salvation go. Those who will not turn to the Lord before they die will just be left behind, without the Lord, as Christ says. They will have missed the boat permanently.

So Christ isn't directing us to keep an anxious eye out for Armageddon's advent. Any day now—who knows when?—we may die. What we need to be waiting for while we live is *Christ*. If we live in expectation of the Lord's coming for us, we will not be left behind on that day.

Questions: Advent is about Christ coming to us. How can you become more aware of all the ways he comes to you every day? Did you find Christ today? Do you ask yourself this every night?

Today's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 2:1-5
Reading II: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

St Joseph Church

11/26	Sat	4:00 pm	Mass for the People
11/27	Sun	7:30 am	All Souls
11/29	Tue	7:30 am	All Souls
12/01	Thu	7:30 am	Lowell Allen †
12/03	Sat	4:00 pm	For the People
12/04	Sun	7:30 am	McKenna Family †

Next Sunday's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 11: 1-10
Reading II: Romans 15: 4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

St Bernard Church

11/27	Sun	10:30 am	Rita Nelson †
11/28	Mon	12:15 pm	All Souls
11/30	Wed	12:15 pm	All Souls
12/02	Fri	12:15 pm	John Dellabalma & Family †
12/04	Sun	10:30 am	Clarence Enos †

St Joseph Hospital

11/29	Tue	11:30 am	All Souls
12/01	Thu	11:30 am	Lorraine Grover †

Stewardship The collection last weekend was **\$2,954** and Catholic Communications was **\$398** and Archdiocese for the Military Services was **\$797**.

Pray for the sick: 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

11/27 Sun After Mass Coffee Hour
11/28 Mon 6:15 pm English Faith Formation
for Children at St. Bernard
Academy
11/30 Wed 7 pm Confirmation Prep/ Upstairs
Parish Hall
12/01 Thu 1pm Bible Study/ Sacred Heart
7pm RCIA/ Upstairs Parish Hall

Children's Faith Formation News

Welcome back to class! I pray all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with the people you love. Now we are back to settling in before the next big break coming near Christmas. Thanks to all of the parents/guardians for dropping off and picking up your children in a timely manner. This has made our classes run smoothly and your diligence has not gone unnoticed. Peace in Christ, Melanie Broswick

Youth Ministry

Thank you to those who purchased advent wreaths and candles this last weekend, the Confirmation students enjoyed making them for you!

There will be no Confirmation class this week. See you all Wednesday Nov 30th!

Students, please don't forget to have your mass booklets signed by one of the priests or deacons. May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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 Pat Thul 616-7399 or Dianne Luzzi 442-8812. This Thursday we will gather at St. Bernard's for a tour of the church at 7 pm and then travel to Sacred Heart Church for another tour and see how both parishes are the same but different. All are welcome!

Catholic Detention Ministries is requesting donations of small individually wrapped candies and unused Christmas cards with envelopes for the use of the inmates of the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. The facility requests that candies remain in their unopened store packages in which they are sold for safety reasons. Please leave donations at the church office no later than Monday December 12th for pickup. For information or questions call Bob at 677-1952.

Christ the King Catholic Church Annual

Christmas Bazaar Join us Friday through Sunday December 2-4 for our annual Christmas Fundraiser. Unique Christmas items will be available Doors open Fri & Sat at 8am, Sunday following the 9am Mass.

St Bernard Parish Pancake Breakfast

Prepared by the Knights of Columbus will be held Dec. 4th in St Bernard Parish Hall. Time 8:30 am till 12.

Menu is pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham or sausage, applesauce, coffee and orange juice. Cost \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12. The proceeds go to the St. Bernard's Building Maintenance Fund.

Pastor's Corner

*Look to the bulletin next week for the mass schedule as it will change for the retreat; as we will also have the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy day of Obligation, on December 8th.

Friday evening, Dec. 2nd, 8:30 pm – 12:00 am

Families in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary will host A Vigil of Reparation at St. Bernard Parish, starts with: 1) Sacrament of Confession, 2) Rosary, 3) Mass, and 4) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament up to midnight. All are welcome. Please call Gary or Barbara Sokolow at (707) 444-8630 or Cell# (707) 834-6012 if you have any questions.



**“How Jesus’
Family Is Just
Like Yours
How’s that?”**

**A Retreat during
Advent**

Dec 3rd - Dec 8th

**with Fr. Pat Foley returning to Eureka
to St Bernard and Sacred Heart Parishes
Come and rejuvenate yourselves for the
journey.**

**Father Pat Foley will preach at all the English
speaking masses on the weekend then...**

**Monday-Wednesday: 12:15 pm. Prayer Service
at St. Joseph Church with talk.**

**Thursday: 12:15 pm. Mass at St. Joseph Church
with talk at 1 pm.**

**Monday-Thursday 6:15 pm. Mass at St. Bernard
Church with talk after mass at 7pm.
Refreshments after the evening talk.**

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