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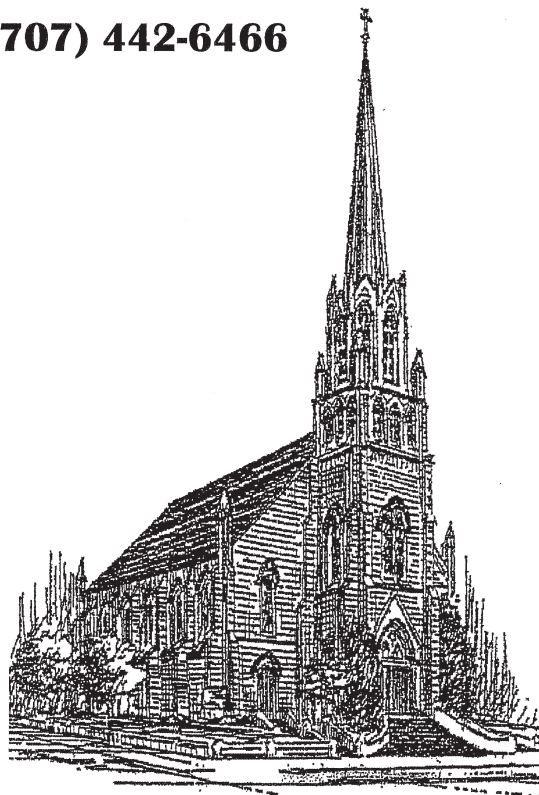
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## **Mass Schedule at St. Bernard**

Sundays: 10:30 am

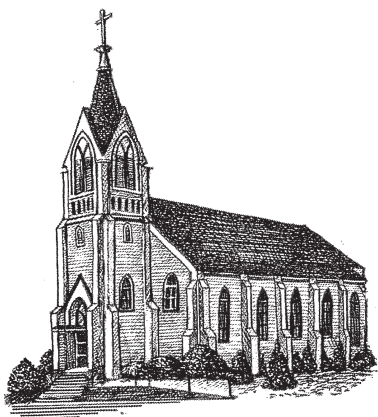
Weekdays: 12:15 pm. Mon, Wed, Fri

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.

# 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 12, 2017



**Fulfilling the Law** In the **Gospel** Reading Christ says that he has not come to do away with the law but to fulfill the law. In fact, no one will get into heaven unless his righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the law-observing scribes and the Pharisees. The scribes and Pharisees thought that murderers and adulterers are shut out of heaven. As Christ explains it, just having sins in your heart such as hatred or lust, will shut you out of heaven just as effectively. This is a perplexing saying, isn't it? Isn't the law of the old covenant replaced by the new covenant of grace? What does Christ mean when he says that he has come to *fulfill* the law? What happened to salvation by faith and not by works?

**Those in heaven have everlasting life** and it's a troubling saying, too, worrying enough to make a person groan out loud. Isn't the burden of guilt for us heavy enough without Christ's telling us that we will be excluded from heaven unless our righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees? The burden of the Law was great enough, wasn't it? What happened to Christ's saying, "Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest" (Mt.11:28)?

But think about heaven. Those in heaven have everlasting life. What would that everlasting life be like if Christ's saying were false? If it were false, a person who hated his brother or lusted after someone else's wife could still have everlasting life in heaven. And now think about living forever in the psychic pain of surreptitious hatred or secret lust. How could anyone with such a psyche be in heaven? Anywhere a person like that goes ceases to be heaven just because he is there. His own unrighteousness will make him miserable. He carries the absence of heaven in his unrighteous heart.

And that is why no one can enter into heaven whose righteousness does not exceed the righteousness mandated in the law. This is a very heavy burden indeed. What could anyone do to carry? The solution is to listen when Christ says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." The rest we want and the righteousness we need to get it comes to us only when we come to Christ.

Eleonore Stump

## **Today's Readings**

Reading I: Sirach 15: 15-20

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

## **Next Sunday's Readings**

Reading I: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

## **St Bernard Church**

02/12 Sun 10:30 am Chuck Reinhart †

02/13 Mon 12:15 pm Patricia Copik †

02/15 Wed 12:15 pm Charles & Angelina  
DelGrande †

02/17 Fri 12:15pm Int. Stanley Fosnaugh

## **St Joseph**

02/14 Tues 11:30am Maria Bosnar †

02/16 Thurs 11:30am Int. Regina Fosnaugh

## **St Joseph Church**

02/11 Sat 4:00 pm Mary Hoffman †

02/12 Sun 7:30am For the People

02/14 Tues 7:30am Marilyn Keating †

02/16 Thurs 7:30am Int. Fr. Mario Laguro

**Pray for the sick:** - Debbie McCollister, Abby, Mervyn Dody, Yvette Logan, Petra Cortec, Bill Bergesen, Ryan Pepper, Heather Walsh-Redner-Ringwald, Allie, Evelyn Avila, Jim Avila, Nancy Brunner, Ed Dickinson, Barbara Hayes, Elizabeth McCaskill, Paul Shabata, Ashley Suthlund, Nancy Tompkins, Cathy, Patricia Tritten, Victor Vellejo, Jenie Wood and Jeanne Huffman

**Please for the souls of those who have died recently and for their families:** Vittorina Bisio, Wayne Reed and Nancy Elgin.

### **Parish News & Events This Week**

**2/13 Mon 6:15 pm** Children's Faith Formation/SH

**2/15 Wed 7:00 pm** Confirmation

**2/16 Thu 1:00 pm** Bible Study/Sacred Heart  
**7:00 pm** RCIA/Sacred Heart Rectory

### **Children's Faith Formation News**

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone and big "thank you" to the parents who have donated some bottled water for the children of our program! Have a blessed week. Peace in Christ, Melanie Broswick

### **Youth Ministry News**

**Reminder for Parents:** Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm at St Bernard's Church there will be a meeting for all parents who have children in Confirmation. This meeting is **mandatory!** One parent and or guardian must be present. Please contact me if you have any questions.  
– In Christ, Analisa Alegria

### **Pastor's Corner: Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, and candidates of these ministries:**

I sent out a letter this past week about these ministries and dates to go to meetings before you are installed. You can pick one date for each ministry.

**Annual Ministry Appeal News:** On Feb 19<sup>th</sup>: Fr Eddy and I will talk about the Appeal at both parishes after the Communion time 19<sup>th</sup>

**On Feb 25<sup>th</sup>:** In preparation for Lent that begins on March 1<sup>st</sup> we will have in pew solicitation of the Appeal.

### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

Do not continue to live in shame, fear or numbness: Rachel's Vineyard heals hearts broken by abortion. Our 2017 retreat: April 7–9, in Santa Rosa. rachelsvineyard@gmail.com (707) 967-1101 Rachelsvineyard.org.

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### **Stewardship**

The collection last weekend was \$4,212.

Next weekend our 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

**Humor:** The making of a politician.....A father told his 3 sons when he sent them to the university: "I feel it's my duty to provide you with the best possible education, and you do not owe me anything for that. However, I want you to appreciate it. As a token, please each put \$1,000 into my coffin when I die." And so it happened. His sons became a doctor, a lawyer and a financial planner, each very successful financially. When their father's time had come and they saw their father in the coffin, they remembered his wish. First, it was the doctor who put 10 \$100 bills onto the chest of the deceased. Then, came the financial planner, who also put \$1,000 there. Finally, it was the heartbroken lawyer's turn. He dipped into his pocket, took out his checkbook, wrote a check for \$3,000, put it into his father's coffin, and took the \$2,000 cash for change. He later went on to become a member of Congress.

**The Italian Catholic Federation** will be hosting a Valentine's Pot Luck Dinner on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14th, in the Pinochi Room of the Parish Hall. Please bring a food dish to share and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. The social hour begins at 5:30, with dinner at 6:00. All members of the Parish and their guests are invited. This is a family event and there will be activities for the children. Please come and join us. Everyone is welcome.

### **Looking Way Ahead..... Day of Recollection**

The Secular Discalced Carmelites invite you to join us for a Day of Recollection on Sat. March 18 at Assumption Parish in Ferndale. Fr. Thomas Reeves, OCD, will be the retreat master. The topic for the retreat will be Remember You Are Dust – A Day of Prayer and Reflection on the Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Hell, and Heaven. Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Morning Prayer followed by Mass. The retreat will end at 4 p.m. with Evening Prayer. Come spend some quiet time with God. Questions? Call Alan or Ginny Fox – 725-6930.

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