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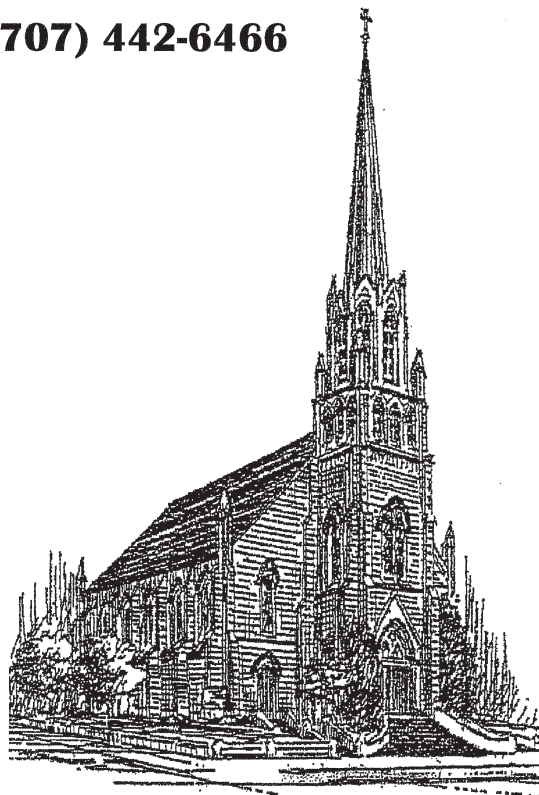
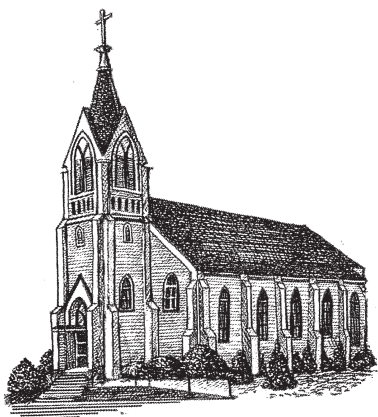
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Mass Schedule at St. Bernard

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.)

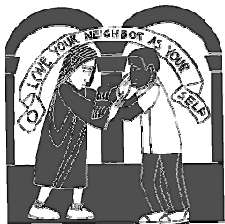
Saturdays: 4:00 pm. (vigil), Sundays: 7:30 am.

Weekdays: Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30 am.

Holy Days: 7:30 am

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

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time - February 19, 2017



Turning the Other Cheek

In the Gospel Reading, Christ commands us to turn the other cheek. How are we to make sense of this command?

If a schoolyard bully beats up your child, are you supposed to instruct her to turn the other

cheek and let him do it again? Or should you alert the principal of the school and get him stopped? Christ's command to turn the other cheek seems to insist on that first alternative. And so it looks as if Christ is commanding us to help people do bad things with impunity.

But to think this is to be focused only on yourself and what you take to be your virtue. It is to forget entirely the wellbeing of the person engaged in evil. Think about the matter this way. In the Gospel Reading for last Sunday, Christ says that anyone who hates his brother is shut out of heaven. If mere hatred is enough to get a person excluded from heaven, how about hatred in action, like physical attack? A schoolyard bully has hate in his heart and hate in action too. If you enable him to keep attacking, you are helping him to hell.

But in the Gospel Reading for this week Christ is asking us to *love* those who hurt us. How is love shown to a person by helping him towards hell? So in exhorting us to turn the other cheek Christ is not commanding us to be an enabler of people doing bad things. He is exhorting us to love even our enemies as ourselves. If we love our enemies in this way, we will want to help them be what we ourselves want to be: people trying to love and obey Christ. Think of Christ's command to turn the other cheek this way, then.

Ordinarily, a person given to evil will become worse and worse if he thinks he can hurt others with impunity. That is why to threaten him with reprisal is to tug him back from his own moral destruction. But sometimes a person is so sunk in evil that no threat of punishment would deter him. And then your best bet is to let him hit you again. If he does, he may finally understand the evil in himself and hate it. So turning the other cheek might make a schoolyard bully worse; but, this attitude expressed in non-violent resistance did help get the British out of India. Christ's command, then, is to do whatever it takes to *love* our enemies.

Eleonore Stump

Question: The first reading from Leviticus today tells us, "Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." Does the Lord tell us what holiness is? Does this reading tell us what to do to be holy? Is holiness related to how we interact with others?

Readings Today

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

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Readings Next Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 49:14-15

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Mass and Intention Schedule with Celebrant

St. Joseph Hospital

Tues Feb 21st, 11:30am FE-Int. Rebecca Bertain

Thurs Feb 23rd, 11:30am FT- +Aldo Trutali

St. Joseph Church

Sat Feb 18th, 4pm FT/DF - For the People

Sun Feb 19th, 7:30am FE/DF – Int. Fr Eddy Ramon

Tues Feb 21st, 7:30am FE- +Kevin Dellabalma

Thurs Feb 23rd, 7:30am FE – Int. David Gauthier

Sat Feb 25th, 4pm FE/DT – Int. Dance Farrell

Sun Feb 26th, 7:30am FT/DT – +Noel Divine

St. Bernard Church

Sun Feb 19th, 10:30am FE/DT - +Jim Nickols

Mon Feb 20th, 12:15pm FE – Int. Barbara Sokolow

Wed Feb 22nd, 12:15pm FT – Int. Janet Tan

Fri Feb 24th, 12:15pm FE – Int. Cathy Dellabalma

Sun Feb 26th, 10:30am FT/DF – For the People

Please Pray for

Debbie McCollister, Mervyn Dody, Yvette Logan, Petra Cortec, Terence Riley, Evelyn Avila, Jim Avila, Victor Vallejo, Jenie Wood, Jeanne Huffman, Paul Shabata, Bill Bergesen, Ryan Pepper, Nancy Brunner, Ed Dickinson, Barbara Hayes, Ashley Suthlund, Nancy Tompkins

Next week we will begin a new list of people to pray for so if you need to please give us again those who need prayers

Finance / Stewardship:

1st Collection: \$4,827.00

2nd Maintenance: \$1,227.00

Total: \$ 6,054

This weekend we have the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Events for the Week

2/20 Mon Office closed - No English Religious Ed. Baptismal Prep Class – Sacred Heart 7pm

2/22 Wed Confirmation Parent Mtg. 6pm -No class

2/23 Thurs Bible Study - Sacred Heart 1pm

RCIA – Sacred Heart Rectory 7pm

Meeting of Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Please make yourself available for one meeting. You may cross parish boundaries. Evening meetings will have soup provided. Hope there is enough!

Extraordinary Ministers: Tues. of this week 1pm. in Room 8 of the Parish Center at Sacred Heart or Monday, Feb 27th, at 7 pm. at St. Bernard's Parish Hall

Lectors: Tues of this week 7 pm. at St. Bernard's Parish Hall or Monday Feb 27th at 1 pm. at Sacred Heart Parish Center Room 8

Pastor's Corner

To enhance our Lenten Season I am looking for someone or some people to coordinate and decorate the church with a Lenten environment. We also need branches without leaves as it is still pruning time about three to four feet long that are not bushy. If you can help please let me know. Lenten requirements for fasting and abstinence from meat will be in next week's bulletin. The mass schedule in advance for Ash Wednesday St Joseph 7 am.

St Bernard 12:15 pm.

Sacred Heart 6:15 pm.

Sacred heart 7:30 pm. in Spanish

Faith Formation News

Reminder for Parents: No classes on Monday and Wednesday for the children and my special classes because of the President's Day/Week holiday. Sacrament prep kids-please continue to practice your prayers that were sent home with you. Have a wonderful week off! Peace in Christ, Melanie, DRE - Grades K-5 St. Bernard/Sacred Heart Parishes childrensministry@saintbernards.org (707) 442-6466 Ext. 1104

Youth Ministry News

No Confirmation class or Youth Group this week!

Reminder: Confirmation Parent Meeting Wednesday, Feb 22nd at 6pm at St. Bernard's - Meeting will be inside the parish hall.

In Christ, Analisa Alegria, Youth Minister

Looking Way Ahead.....

Lent begins on March 1st. There will be a vigil service on Feb 28th with **the burning of palms from last year with Evening Prayer** at 7 pm. at Sacred Heart. Please bring your old palms from last year.

Burrito Breakfast for \$6 with all the trimmings

at Sacred Heart Parish Center next Sunday, Feb 25th beginning at 8 am and going to noon. This is being put on by the Spanish Evangelization Team for a Spanish speaking Lenten Retreat. Tacos will also be on sale 2 for \$6.

Annual Ministry Appeal News: For all those of you who did not receive a parish letter on this appeal or from the diocese. Other material is in the church vestibule (the entrance) in English and Spanish for the taking. **On Feb 25th** in preparation for Lent that begins on March 1st we will have in pew solicitation of the Appeal.

Days of Lenten Recollection in parishes 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. See the bulletin board

1. St. Mary's Arcata Lenten Parish March 10-15. See the bulletin board.
2. Our Eureka Day of Lenten Reflection , Saturday , April 1st

Preparing for Lent How do you prepare for Lent? How have you prepared in the past? What are your ideas about what should happen during Lent?

We have the traditional Catholic practices of praying, fasting, and almsgiving. So, we pray more than usual, or we pray with different emphases. We eat smaller or fewer meals or give up a favorite food or drink group. We give more of our resources or give them specifically to special works of mercy during Lent. Prayer, fasting, and charitable giving continue to be quite good practices during Lent or at any time. But, you might think, how do I prepare myself for this season? What needs to happen within so that I can practice with more integrity and intention whatever I'm doing on the outside?

Humor: A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. When, the light turned yellow, just in front of him.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, gesturing the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Mass' bumper sticker, , Naturally... I assumed you had stolen the car."

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