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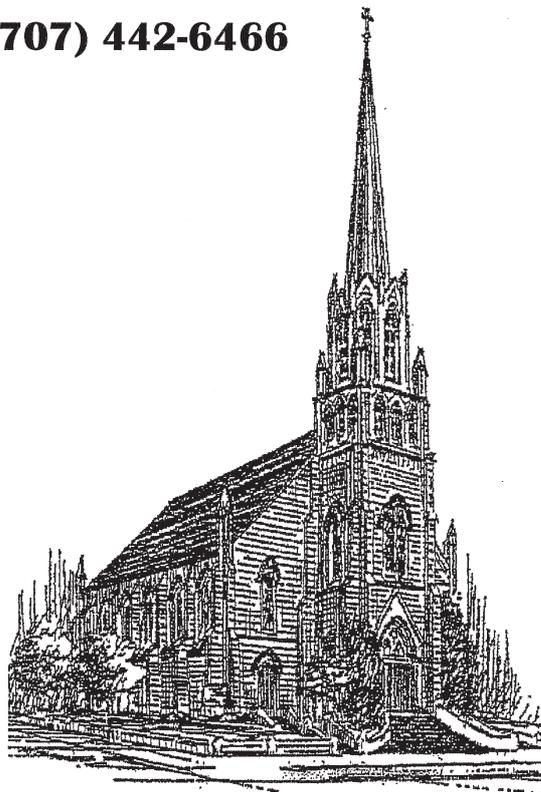
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Mass Schedule at St. Bernard

Sundays: 10:30 am

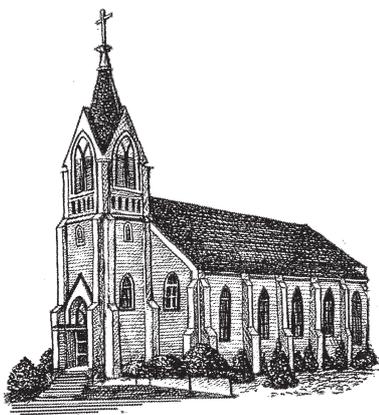
Weekdays: 12:15 pm. Mon, Wed, Fri

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.)

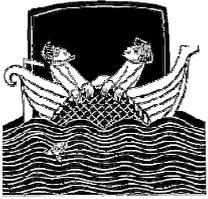
Saturdays: 4:00 pm. (vigil), Sundays: 7:30 am.

Weekdays: Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30 am.

Holy Days: 7:30 am

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

January 22 2017, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Think of a room lit by candles. Somehow the better parts of a face are brought out. The flaws are left kindly in the background. Such lighting pardons our imperfections and gives us a holy glow. Jesus is that kindly light. Not a powerful searchlight from which no flawed, scrabbling thing can escape. A simple person, a forgiver of souls and a quiet observer of human faces.

But wait. Isn't Jesus a brilliant light? A relief from the gloom that we all walk in?

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone". (First Reading) The great light, the Savior, the light of lights, the Messiah.

The Gospel shows us a man walking simply along the Sea of Galilee like an ordinary person. Strolling. In other words, a humble man, a small beam of light, dim like the rest of us. How is he a "great light"?

Not a huge bolt of lightning, but, impossibly, a candle flame, a quiet flicker

Maybe he is a lively person, one that people are attracted to. Maybe he is a hero that you and I would automatically want to follow. Two sets of brothers do drop everything and follow him—the sons of Zebedee, or "sons of thunder," as Jesus will call them later. They are not fools. They would not just follow anyone. Jesus must have been a very appealing person.

Did these brothers see him as a "great light"? Did they believe that grave darkness would be dispelled by him? Common sense has to say no. He was only a quiet glow, the candle in the window. The only thing the brothers knew was that they wanted to be with him.

The good thing they could see at this point was that Jesus' light was not florescent, spotlighting every craggy cranny of people's lives. That his armies did not savage all in their path? Not a huge bolt of lightning, but, impossibly, a candle flame, a quiet flicker, one that hurricane winds tried and tried to put out, but could not. Maybe Christ's light was great, yes, but in a new way, one that looked quite ordinary and diffused.

Pope Benedict XVI put it like this:

God's sign is simplicity. God's sign is the baby. God's sign is that he makes himself small for us. This is how he reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby—defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with his strength. He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love: so he makes himself a child.

Child? Yes. Somehow the greater that greatness becomes, the smaller it seems to our earthly eyes. The true nature of Goodness is revealed in the divine/human man named Jesus. Come let us adore. John Foley, SJ

Question: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." This famous saying from Isaiah is quoted again by Matthew in our Gospel passage (also in the prologue to John's Gospel and elsewhere). Can you see the darkness in the world today? How can you help bring the "light" into dark areas?

Today's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 8: 23-9:3

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Next Sunday's Readings

Reading I: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12A

St Bernard Church

01/22 Sun 10:30 am Pat Smith †
01/23 Mon 12:15 pm Int. Abby
01/25 Wed 12:15 pm Desolina Trutali †
01/27 Fri 12:15 pm Anita Pera †
01/29 Sun 10:30 am Pat Smith †

St. Joseph Church

01/21 Sat 4:00 pm Mary Hoffman †
01/22 Sun 7:30 am Mass for the People
01/24 Tue 7:30 am Carl Sepulveda †
01/26 Thu 7:30 am Lazio's Emp. & Fam. †
01/28 Sat 4:00 pm For the People
01/29 Sun 7:30 am Martin Giulieri †

St Joseph Hospital

01/24 Tue 11:30 am Hugo Pompati & Family †
01/26 Thu 11:30 am Mary Gierek Hoffman †

Pray for the sick: - Debbie McCollister, Abby, Mervyn Dody, Yvette Logan, Petra Cortec, Erin Ford, 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.

Please keep our secretary Cathy in your prayers as she will be on medical leave for 3 weeks!

Parish News & Events This Week

1/23 Mon 6:15 pm Children's Faith Formation/SH
1/24 Tue 7:00 pm Alphas Group/SB
1/26 Thu 1:00 pm Bible Study/Sacred Heart
7:00 pm Omegas Group/SB
7:00 pm RCIA/Sacred Heart Rectory

Children's Faith Formation News

REMEMBER This week begins our new location on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for classes on Mondays, now to be held at the old grade school at Sacred Heart Parish because of heating problems where we have been. Please bring your children in the round-about in front of the glass doors on Edgewood Road, and the teachers will be there helping to direct the kids which classroom they will be in. Thank you again for your patience and understanding during this time. Peace in Christ, Melanie Broswick

Youth Ministry News Our Youth Group will be meeting every other week, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Schedules will be posted on the bulletin boards at both parishes. Your child will receive a copy of the schedule when they show up to their first meeting. Right now we are experimenting by having two separate groups, on two separate nights. This is subject to change. New schedules will be given if needed:

Alphas group (Grades 10th-12th) Tuesday Jan 24th, from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Upper room at St Bernard's Parish Hall

Omegas group (Grades 6th-9th) Thursday Jan 26th, from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Upper room at St Bernard's Parish Hall.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with either of these groups, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you! - In Christ, Analisa Alegria

Thank you, Thank you!

Catholic Detention Ministry thanks the parishioners for this year's generous donation of Christmas cards and candies for the inmates of the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. Through the combined donations of the area churches approximately 350 packages were assembled for the inmates before Christmas. The correctional staff said the inmates expressed being very thankful for these

If you are interested in learning about **Natural Family Planning** and it is not the old rhythm method, please come to the Newman Center on Sunday, January 29 at 7 PM. Young adults, engaged couples, and married couples are welcome. You may sign up online at ccli.org or call the Newman Center at 707-822-6057

Stewardship The collection last weekend was **\$3,067**, and Church in Latin America was **\$1,057**.

The second collection next weekend: The St. Vincent de Paul and the Betty Chinn Center. Please mark your envelopes accordingly.

SUPER FIESTA You are invited to join Sacred Heart Parish on February 3, 2017, for their SUPER FIESTA! This is an annual fundraiser to support Sacred Heart and it will be held at Redwood Acres from 5 – 9 p.m. and includes dinner, a no-host bar, a dessert bar and three auction areas: Dutch, Silent and Live. **A PT Cruiser is the featured Live Auction item** and there will be at least fifteen other items on which to bid. This is a family-friendly event with something for everyone and every budget! Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children/and free for children under 5

Pastor's Corner Please pray for President Elect Trump and his administration. May the Holy Spirit open the hearts of all in bringing freedom, justice and dignity to all.

The Bible Study continues this week with the "Sermon on the Mount", Matthew chapters 5-7.

I sent out this week information about the **Annual Ministry Appeal** before the diocese sends out a letter asking for assistance. The mailing is available for in the vestibule for those who did not receive my letter. This appeal has been going on yearly for over 25 years and is separate from the Capital Campaign, a five year financial campaign for the diocese.

Humor: Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach & stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good. So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

Movie Night Date & Time: Saturday, Jan. 28, at 6:15 p.m. St. Bernard's Parish Hall This month's movie: **"The Lion King"**; Rated G. Snacks will be provided. All are welcome. Raffle for a \$50 gift certificate.

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