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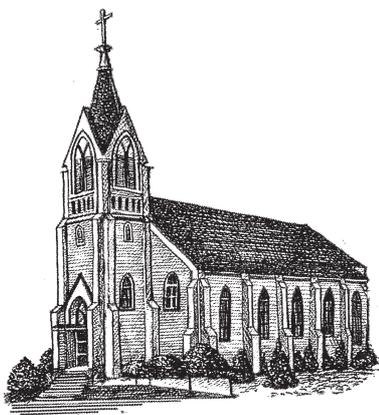
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Mass Schedule at St. Bernard

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.

3rd Sunday of Lent - March 19, 2017



Worthless Women The Gospel Reading tells the story of a woman who is worthless by the standards of Jewish society at that time.

Jesus has sent his disciples off for food, and he is sitting at a well when she comes to draw water. There is every reason why he shouldn't talk to her at all.

First, she is a woman. It is only the disciples' awe of Jesus that keeps them from asking him what he thought he was doing when they return and find him talking to her, without even a chaperone by her.

Secondly, she is a Samaritan. As she herself points out to him, Jews don't talk to Samaritans. Samaritans are self-made outcasts, from the Jewish point of view; and self-respecting Jews stay away from them.

Thirdly, this Samaritan has the sort of history that makes women pariahs even in their home communities. Jesus knows her status, and he lets her see that he does. She has had five husbands—*five husbands!*—and she is currently living with a man to whom she is not married. Even by the lax standards of our own day, this sort of history would make people look askance at her. In her village, she is undoubtedly a shamed person

The evangelization of the whole village is her accomplishment. So, taken it all and all, she's a worthless person, isn't she? What Jew or Samaritan would want to invite her to lunch?

But, you might be thinking, the savior of the world could certainly spare a crumb even for a shamed Samaritan woman. He could preach to her that her sins are forgiven, you might be supposing, or he could offer her some other kind of pastoral help. But he doesn't, does he? No, he asks *her* to help *him*. He opens conversation with her by asking her to give him a drink.

And then look at how the story ends: she brings belief in Jesus to her village, and the villagers come to Jesus because of her. She isn't worthless then, is she? Indeed she isn't. On the contrary, because of Jesus, she takes her rightful place among the apostles. The evangelization of the whole village is *her* accomplishment. And so when Jesus asks her to care for him, he starts a process that brings her from being worthless to being the apostle to her village. The remedy of love for human worthlessness is modeled for us here.

Eleonore Stump

Question: What do you thirst for in life?

Readings Today

Reading I: Exodus 17:3-7

Reading II: Roman 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Readings Next Sunday

Reading I: Exodus 17:3-7

Reading II: Roman 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Mass and Intention Schedule with Celebrant St Joseph

Sat. Mar 18 4 pm. – FT/DD- +Mary Hoffman

Sun. Mar 19 7:30 am. – FT/ DF- For the People

Tue. Mar 21 7:30 am. –FE- +Joseph Trutali

Thu. Mar 23 7:30 am. FE - +Morrison Gardner

Sat. Mar 25 4 pm. – FE/DD +Henry Lutje

Sun. Mar 26 7:30 am. – FT/DF- + Pompati Family

Saint Bernard

Sun. Mar 19 10:30 am – FT/DF Int. Ryan Pepper

Mon. Mar 20 12:15 pm. – FE +Maria Bosnar

Wed. Mar 22 12:15 pm – FT +Constancio Ceber

Fri. Mar 24 12:15 pm. – FE- + Seth Toby Wolf

Sun. Mar 26 10:30 am. – FE/DD- For the People

St Joseph Hospital

Tue. Mar 21 11:30 am. – FE- +Dec. Mem ICF

Thu. Mar 23 11:30 am. – FT Int. Chad Kryla

FT=Fr Tom, FE=Fr Eddie, DD=Deacon Dance, DT=

Deacon Tony, DF=Deacon Frank, DJ= Deacon Jesus

To request a Mass intention please call the office

Finance / Stewardship Collection: \$2,732

Building & Maintenance: \$1,446

This week our 2nd collection will be for Catholic Relief Services and Campaign for Human Development.

Please Pray for: Matilde Vega, Benita Roman, Debbie McCollister, Mervyn Dody, Bill Bergesen, Jenie Wood, Lilia Hornilla, Steve Mill, Patricia Tritten, Sondra Lindstrom, Ryan Pepper, Edgar Dickinson, and Nancy Taylor.

Events for the Week

3/20 Mon. 6:15 pm. English Religious Education SH
7pm. Baptism/God Parent Prep-SH

3/22 Wed. 7pm. Confirmation – SB Hall

3/23Thu. 1pm. Bible Study- SH Rectory

7pm. RCIA -SH Rectory

7pm. Youth Group - SB Hall

3/24 Fri. 6pm. Lenten Mac & Cheese Meal – SB

7pm. English Stations of the Cross- SB

7pm. Spanish Via de Crucis-SH

Lenten Regulations: Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence** from meat. The law of **abstinence** from meat applies to all persons who are fourteen years old and older. However, it is highly recommended that children from ages seven to fourteen years also follow the law of **abstinence**. All Catholics are encouraged to receive Holy Eucharist frequently during Lent and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **It would be nice to see more people at our daily masses in Eureka.**

Weekday Masses in Eureka

Mon., Wed., & Fri. at 12:15 pm. at St. Bernard
Tue. & Thu. at 7:30 am. at St Joseph
Tue. & Thu. at 11:30 am. at the hospital chapel
Wed 7 pm. in Spanish at Sacred Heart

Reconciliation:

Sat. from 3:15-3:45 pm. at St. Joseph
Wed. from 1-2 pm. at St. Bernard
Wed. from 6-6:45 pm. at Sacred Heart

Children's Faith Formation News: It is hard to believe that Lent is already 1/2 over! Did you know that pretzels were invented for Lent? They look like little arms crossed in prayer! Here's how to make them as a Lenten activity to do with your kids: **Lenten Pretzels:** Open a can of refrigerated breadstick dough. Form each stick into a pretzel shape. Sprinkle tops with salt and bake at 375 degrees for 12 min. Enjoy! Peace in Christ, Melanie Broswick

Youth Ministry News: This week our Confirmation class will be preparing the Lenten meal at St Bernard Church, as well as assisting in leading the Stations of the Cross. We will be preparing and serving a Mac-n-cheese dinner. We look forward to serving all of you! Thank you & God bless - Analisa Alegria, Youth Minister.

HELP WANTED 1 hour – 8:30am-9:30am on Fridays, dusting St. Bernard Church. Please contact office if you are interested. It should be an honor to keep our church building clean. **A good Lenten work!**

Thank you so very much for all your prayers & cards while on was on medical leave. **Cathy**

Pastor's Corner For Lenten giving we are giving people a chance to show their generosity by putting money into our containers next to the ambo/pulpit.as we did last year during Lent. One container is for helping needy parishioners in our parishes and the other is for the Betty Chinn Foundation.

Friday's Soup Supper at 6 pm. at St. Bernard is not soup but homemade Macaroni and Cheese, prepared by our youth under Chef, Analisa.

I would like to thank **the Knights of Columbus** and their wives for hosting the Fish Fry last week and **the Squires** for leading us in the stations after the dinner.

Looking ahead next week we have two Lenten activities happening: **A Communal Reconciliation Service with individual confessions** on Tuesday March 28th at 7 p.m. at St. Bernard (as it has a better parking lot and lighting).

And

A Day of Lenten Reflection on Saturday April 1st from 9-3 at St. Bernard's beginning with mass at 8:30 am. There will be no mass in the morning at Sacred Heart. You are asked to bring as bag lunch and drinks will be provided. The theme will be on the

book given out as a Christmas present, "Resisting Happiness". The Day of Reflection will be given by the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

In looking at and listening to the people in the pews in the three churches in Eureka from the altar I see many people not responding. This should not be. The celebration of the Mass or the Lord's Supper is arranged in such a way that it leads to a conscious, active, and full participation of the faithful, namely in body and in mind, a participation fervent with faith, hope, and charity, of the sort which is desired by the Church and which is required by the very nature of the celebration.

Also, the "Amen" said by the faithful when receiving Communion is an act of personal faith in the presence of Christ. After showing an act of reverence before receiving the Blessed Sacrament (that is bowing first) one should not mumble the "Amen" before receiving Him. In receiving Him please put one hand over the other and do not take the host but receive it.

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: **a new schedule will be out in two weeks.** Those who were not at the gatherings are being contacted.

Pro-life news: Please Join '40 Days For Life' Please join us in peaceful prayer for an end to abortion through April 9 7am-7pm on the corner of Walford Ave and Wilson St in Eureka. You can sign up for 1 hour shifts at: 40daysforlife.com/Eureka. If you have questions please call Stephanie Goodwin @ 498-7758.

St. Bernard's Academy News: St. Bernard's Academy on March 24th is "SB Night" at the theater! North Coast Repertory Theater's production of "Richard III" starts at 8 pm. Our drama teacher, Mr. Hamilton, is the director, and all ticket sales will go toward a SB student trip to the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland. Students who want to go to Ashland will be selling tickets after some of our masses this weekend.

High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame Dinner Honoring Alumni: Suanna Bonhote Rowell - 1966, Ken Kline - 1962, Friends of St. Bernard's: Frieda Jager in memoriam. SBHS Auditorium, Saturday, April 8, 2017. RSVP to Julie Green-Winburn 707-725-3254

HUMOR
AS YOU GET OLDER
YOU'VE GOT TO STAY POSITIVE.
FOR EXAMPLE,
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