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Mass Schedule at St. Bernard

Sundays: 10:30 am

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

Holy Days Vigil: 5:30 pm

Confessions: Wednesdays 1:00 pm-

& by appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wed. 1-2 pm

First Friday Devotion 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm



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.

Aug. 26th, 2018 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Shocking... Jesus has been distressing the disciples by his words, at least in John's Gospel. For instance, last week he said we have to consume his flesh and blood in order to have eternal life. His followers could not possibly have understood this. They whispered, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

This Sunday his words would make it harder still. Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail.

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him (Gospel).

A sad scene and puzzling too. Why is Jesus saying such mystifying things to his followers, and, just as a side issue, how are we ourselves supposed to understand them today? Do they make sense?

Here is a key: *whenever an event or saying does not seem to make complete sense in the Gospel of John, we have to seek deeper meanings.* There is often a delicious significance hidden behind events that John describes in a bewildering way.

Alright then, what does he mean in the line 5 and 6 of the Gospel reading by what seems like a non sequitur: What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? *What?*

Well, likely, he was talking about the Ascension. Where was He "before"? We know that he had been in the bosom of the Holy Trinity! God's love had leaned out to us in Christ's life, death and resurrection. At that point Jesus had to "go to the next life." He was still a human being, as well as divine. He was telling them that if eating his body and blood was shocking to you, wait till you see me ascend into heaven!

Then the words a few lines later, "It is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh is to no avail."

We already celebrated the Ascension. There, Jesus said he would not desert us but would be present on earth in a new form. The third person of the Trinity would come to dwell within people who believe. Since the members of the Trinity share everything they are with each other, Christ would be within the Holy Spirit. That Spirit would offer to live deep within each believer, within each human who says yes to its presence.

How then do we acquire the Holy Spirit? Through Baptism, definitely. And of course, as in Jesus' command from last week, by eating and drinking his body and blood. Communion lets us "become what we have eaten," the body of Christ. We are to let Christ have flesh again, in our hearts and in our actions. By communing each week, each day, we are more and more carriers of Christ. When we are part of the "Body of Christ," we therefore have eternal life, as he told his followers in this week's Gospel.

Peter sums it up. "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Let us make that statement too. Let us open wide to this Holy One of God as we celebrate Mass this Sunday. Let us become bearers of the Word to the world.

-John Foley, SJ

Readings For Sunday

Reading I: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Reading II: Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 2-6

Reading II: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, Aug. 25

4:00 pm +Don Michael St. Joseph

Sunday, Aug. 26

7:30 am Mass for the People St. Joseph
9:00 am Int. Ray Anthony Sacred Heart
10:30 am +Felipe Hernandez St. Bernard
12:15 pm (Sp) No Intention Sacred Heart
4:30 pm +Javier Lopez Sacred Heart

Monday, Aug. 27

12:15 pm Int. Ila Gibbons St. Bernard

Tuesday, Aug. 28

7:30 am +Joanne McKenzie St. Joseph
11:30 am No Intention St. J. Hospital

Wednesday, Aug. 29

12:15 pm Int. Wesley Downey St. Bernard
7:00 pm (Sp) No Intention Sacred Heart

Thursday, Aug. 30

7:30 am +Sondra Lindstrom St. Joseph
11:30 am Daniel Freitas 95th B Day St. J Hospital

Friday, Aug. 31

12:15 pm +Members of ICF St. Bernard

Saturday, Sept. 01

8:30 am Int. Stella Reyes Sacred Heart

4:00 pm +Sheryle Gierek St. Joseph

Sunday, Sept. 02

7:30 am Int. Fr. John Gibbons St. Joseph

9:00 am +Douglas Williams Sacred Heart

10:30 am +Douglas Williams St. Bernard

12:15 pm (Sp) Int. Daniel Freitas Sacred Heart

4:30 pm +Javier Lopez Sacred Heart

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$3,149**, Peter's Pence was **\$869** and Assumption was **\$740**.

Please pray for: Kaci Taylor, Kristin, Mike Adams, Filipina Aguilar Family, Cecilia Simi, Phil Buihner, Tommy Smith, Judy Mill, Julia Walters, Frank Jager, Susan B., Connie Mather, Joe Saragosa, Tom Halliday, Martina Traylor, Yvette Logan, Yara Hailey, Chet Williams, Gary Cormier, Debbie McCollister, Mervyn Dody, Bill Bergesen, Steve Mill, Ryan Pepper, and Edgar Dickinson.

Children's Faith Formation: Teachers and Teacher Aides (bilingual-Spanish a plus) are needed for the upcoming 2018-2019 Faith Formation Year. If there are any of you who like to work with grade school aged children and are willing to commit Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm during the Academic Year, (Mid-Sept. - early May) please consider this wonderful ministry. Maybe God is calling you now to volunteer for this year. For additional information please contact: Melanie Broswick #442-6466 ext.1103

First Friday Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

is done by the faithful, in order that the offense offered to God by our sins may be expiated and that the violated order may be repaired by prayer, penance: and of love too so that we may suffer together with Christ suffering ... and for all our poverty may offer Him some little solace.

September 7th, 2018 First Friday Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Bernard

5:30- 6pm - Confession and Rosary

6 pm-6:45 pm - Mass

6:45-7 pm - potluck snack with juice/coffee in Pinochi Hall

7-8 pm Holy Hour ends with Benediction

Please pray for the recently deceased and his family members: Jim Bugbee.

All are Welcome

Join the Choir!!!



Rehearsals are at 5:30 pm on Thursday at

St. Bernard Church. Please contact Mikey Kishpaugh at 442-1695 with any questions.

Squires of Christ: St. Bernard and Sacred Heart have started a new **Youth Group** called "**Squires of Christ**" (open to anyone ages 10-18.) **Contact: Marc Matteoli #498-0862**

From Friday, August 3, 2018 to Friday, September 28, 2018, the weekly Call to Prayer will be adapted as a nine-week Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life.

In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* for the intention of the novena.

PRO-LIFE Rosary, every Saturday morning at 7:30, at corner of Wilson St. and Walford Ave, Eureka.

Chicken & Polenta Dinner



Family Style Sunday, Sept. 9

St. Mary's Parish - Leavey Hall

1730 Janes Road - Arcata

Cost: Adults - \$15.00 Children 6-12 - \$7.00

Seating Times 4 pm & 5:30 pm

Reservations Advised - Call:Doris - 822-3049

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Italian Catholic Federation

St. Mary's Church Charities & Scholarship Benefit

The Miracles of Jesus in the Gospels

Fr. David Anderson will join us again this Fall for a series of 6 lectures. His topic will be "The Miracles of Jesus in the Gospels". This year we will meet at ST. JOSEPH CHURCH in Fortuna. The church is located at 14th and N Streets in Fortuna. Please call the parish office at 725-1148 for more information.



Matching Funds

An anonymous benefactor from our parish has graciously offered to match dollar-for-dollar up to a total of a \$30,000 donation. We have now raised **\$16,741** in donations for the Matching Funds which will go towards the **renovation of the church sanctuary**. We appreciate your support.

Eucharistic Adoration is at St. Bernard Church every Wednesday after the 12:15 pm Mass until 2 pm. Come let us adore Him.

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