



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST BERNARD

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Mass Schedule at St. Bernard

Sundays: 10:30 am

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

Holy Days Vigil: 12:15 pm, 5:30 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.

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January 21st, 2018 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



Responding

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had direct instructions about our lives, like the ones in the First Reading and the Gospel? Instead of going around in a fog and trying our best to remember how to live, maybe how to pray once in a while, and to get to Mass at least on Sunday, wouldn't it be great to be caught up into a command that focused our lives, drew us on like a far-shining star? Yes. But notice that in the First Reading Jonah was quite repelled by the call God gave him. And in the Gospel the disciples surely had no idea what they were getting into when they dropped everything and followed Jesus. Would they have been so quick if they had known about the crucifixion? It is probably best to begin with the beginning of Jonah's story (Jonah, 1:1), which is several chapters earlier than our present reading. There God says to Jonah, "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and preach against it; their wickedness has come up before me." Jonah does exactly the opposite, like a house cat does sometimes. He drops everything and races off to Joppa and boards a ship to Tarshish, apparently trying get as far from God's words as possible. Are you running away, like Jonah, or running, like the apostles, toward Jesus?

So God sends a terrible storm. Jonah admits to the crew that he is fleeing God. He says, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea and then the sea will calm down for you, for I know that this great storm has come upon you because of me." When nothing else works, with great reluctance, they toss him

overboard. The sea turns quiet. Jonah in turn is swallowed by a "large fish," usually referred to in tradition as a whale (Jon 2:1). Residence there gives Jonah plenty of time for retrospection. He prays a psalm-like prayer about what he has done. God hears him and saves him and tells him a second time to go to the great and sinful city of Nineveh to announce the Lord's message. Jonah submits at last and in today's First Reading the whole city is converted. Why in the world didn't Jonah just follow God's command instead of running off in the opposite direction? One speculation is that Jonah did not want Nineveh, the pagan city, to convert and be saved because this city was an enemy of the Hebrews. But you and I both know what it is like to run from what God asks, so we can make our own speculations. As for the apostles (Gospel), they didn't run away at all. They followed Jesus almost blindly. Possibly they wanted political action. With Jesus' gentle guidance they found out gradually what following the Messiah really meant. Whereas Jonah had imagined the worst and run away, the apostles imagined the best and ran to follow Jesus.

As it happened, they ran into the worst: the passion and crucifixion. Lucky for us all, the resurrection followed since suffering seems to be inevitable in human life, and here was an answer. Question: are you running away, like Jonah, or running, like the apostles, toward Jesus? Either way you will surely have suffering. But God will keep after you, pulling you out from fishy environments, pushing you, over and over, asking you to learn, in your obedience, what love is really about.

John Foley, SJ

Readings Today

Reading I: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Reading II: 1Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Readings for next Sunday

Reading I: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Eureka Holy Mass Schedule:

Saturday, January 26

4:00 pm +Mary Hoffman **St. Joseph**

Sunday, January 27

7:30 am +Angela Young **St. Joseph**
9:00 am +Rich Kissling Sacred Heart
10:30 am +Pompati Family **St. Bernard**
12:15 pm (Sp) No Intention Sacred Heart
4:30 pm No Intention Sacred Heart

Monday, January 22

12:15 am +Paul Nicklas **St. Bernard**

Tuesday January 23

7:30 am +Regina Larkin **St. Joseph**
11:30 am No Intention St. J Hospital

Wednesday, January 24

12:15 pm Int. Rocky Eagle Elk **St. Bernard**
7:00 pm (Sp) No Intention Sacred Heart

Thursday, January 25

7:30 am +Raynor Harmeson **St. Joseph**
11:30 am No Intention St. J Hospital

Friday, January 26

12:15 pm +Teresa Eagle Elk **St. Bernard**

Saturday, January 27

4:00 pm Int. Fr. Bernard **St. Joseph**



Sunday, January 28

7:30 am +John Burger **St. Joseph**
9:00 am No Intention Sacred Heart
10:30 am +Douglas Williams **St. Bernard**
12:15 pm (Sp) +Maria del Carmen Benitez Sacred Heart
4:30 pm Int. Fr. Bernard D'Sa Sacred Heart

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$2,877** and Building & Maintenance was **\$1,289**. Second collection this weekend is for Church in Latin American.

Events for the week:

Tue. Jan. 23 6:15 pm Religious Ed - Charter School

Thu. Jan. 25 7:00 pm RCIA-St. B Hall

Please pray for: Susan B., Connie Mather, Joe Saragosa, John Wrigley, William Deraita, Tom Halliday, Martina Traylor, Angelyn Flosi, Yvette Logan, Ashley Timmerman, Yara Hailey, Chet Williams, Gary Cormier, Matilde Vega, Benita Roman, Debbie McCollister, Mervyn Dody, Bill Bergesen, Steve Mill, Patricia Tritten, Sondra Lindstrom, Ryan Pepper, and Edgar Dickinson.

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. It is an act of charity to pray for others in need. Call our prayer line leader Toni at 445-3616-24/7.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the recently deceased and their family members: Arcelia Martinez, Angela Young & John Burger.

Please Support Pregnancy Care Center:

This is the time when we support the Pregnancy Care Center and J. Rolphe Medical ministries through the **Baby Bottle Boomerang** with our generous donations. **Baby Bottles are to be passed out** at the masses. Please return them towards the end of February. We are a local ministry in Eureka. Our centers are powered by your prayers and support. Our daily work can truly make the difference between life and death. It is because of people like you that we are able to make a plea for life. Won't you join us in this work? There are three ways you can help:

❖ **Pray** ❖ **Donate** ❖ **Volunteer** **J. Rophe Medical** ❖ **444-0423** ❖ **jrophemedical.org**
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Checks can be made out to PCC. With their expanded services for a medical mobile unit, they have a goal of \$35 per bottle. All proceeds will be used to provide the services needed to women and children in our community. Thank you.

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 **\$11,608** in donations for the matching Funds. Please send in your donations.

Children's Faith Formation News:

Thank you to all the parents of children making their Sacraments this year, who were able to attend the parent meeting this past week; if you were unable to make it and need the information given or any questions, please contact me at the Parish Office. Enjoy the rest of this week ! Peace in Christ, Melanie Broswick #442-6466 ext. 1103

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