

The Catholic Parish of St. Bernard

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 13th, 2020

St. Joseph Mission Church Mass Schedule

(Located on the corner of C & Henderson St.)

Saturday: 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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wed. 3:30-8:30 pm

Mass Schedule at St. Bernard

Sunday: 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

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

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

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GAUDATE SUNDAY

He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie. "This happened in

Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.-John 1:19-28

JOY -The Shepherd's Candle

Joy in the Lord

"I rejoice heartily in the Lord," the prophet says in the First Reading. And why wouldn't he? He has glad tidings. The poor will be taken care of, the brokenhearted will be healed, the captives will be freed, and the prisoners will be released. Who wouldn't rejoice in these things?

As the winter dark and cold encroach on our days, and the birth of the baby Jesus draws near, we hear these beautiful words everywhere. But the problem is that, for many people, this is a time of depression, not of joy.

And why? Well, because the poor are still poor; people are broken-hearted; and the captives and prisoners are not released. The bank forecloses on the house of a person who has lost his job; a friend is treacherous; a spouse succumbs to alcoholism. What has happened to the promise of the beautiful words? How is joy possible?

The answer lies in Mary's words in the Magnificat. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior," she says. Does anyone think that she took these words back when she stood by the cross as her son was crucified?

How can Mary maintain the words of the Magnificat even at the foot of the cross? The answer is that the greatest love of the Lord was there. The words of joy that Mary spoke, before the Lord was born, are only more true in the suffering she bears at his cross. His love doesn't take away her suffering at his crucifixion. How could it? But her suffering is enveloped in his great love, and so it is transfigured.

Joy in the Lord is compatible with waiting for the final redemption from our suffering and our sin because Christ is Emanuel, God with us. Even now, because his love suffuses all our suffering, our souls can proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and our spirits can rejoice in God.

Our Lord transfigures the suffering of our lives in his love -Eleonore Stump

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Reading II: 1Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Reading II: Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel: Luke 1: 38

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$777**.

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 **\$24,946** in donations for the Matching Funds which will go towards the **renovation of the church sanctuary**. We appreciate your support.

Confirmation News... It's that time of year again for us to begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you or a loved one is between 7th grade and 17 years old, now is the perfect time to join us! Please leave a message with Dn. Dance @ (707) 442-2233 / email at dancefarrell@gmail.com, and clearly say that you are interested in Confirmation, leave your name, the name of your child, and your phone number. Deacon will contact you soon regarding classes! Deacon W. Dance Farrell, St. Bernards / St. Joseph's & Sacred Heart Parishes Director of Campus Ministry – St..Bernards Academy



Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 12

7 am SH **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Las Mananitas followed by Feast Mass

4:00 pm SBS **Don Michael †**

5:00 pm SH **Las Mananitas followed by Feast Mass**

6:00 pm SH **Rosary & Holy Mass (Sp)**

Sunday 13

9:00 am SH **Carmen Salazar †**

10:30 am SBS **Orletta Hook †**

12:15 pm SH **Mass for the People (Sp)**

Monday 14

12:15 pm SBS **Msgr Gerard Brady †**

Tuesday 15

12:15 pm SBS **David Spooner †**

Wednesday 16

12:15 pm SBS **Judy Giannini †**

6:00 pm SH **Adoration**

7:00 pm SH **Jesus Jioni Garcia † (Sp)**

Thursday 17

12:15 pm SBS **No Intention**

Friday 18

12:15 pm SBS **Msgr. Gerard Brady †**

Saturday 19

4:00 pm SBS **Mass for the People**

Sunday 20

9:00 am SH **Rosita Luzame †**

10:30 am SBS **Poor Souls in Purgatory**

12:15 pm SH **Ariel Int. (Sp)**

Please pray for: Laurie Moralez, Marilyn Ziblich, Monika Rose Cleenewerck, Chad Kryla, Basil & Santos Mainus, Harold Giacomini, Chet Branum, Florence, Garrett Anderson, Isela Adams, Lindy Timmerman & Family, Mary James, Dave Silverbrand, John Bertain, Denise Sledge, James Iron Shell, James Lemon, Wm. Hahn Family, Rose Ann Hurst, Armado De Los Santos, Judy Mill, Julia Walters, Connie Mather, Steve Mill, Ryan Pepper, Fred Pepper, Paul Shabata & Family.

PRAYER LINE

Pray, pray to the Lord with me, because the whole world needs prayer. And every day, when your heart especially feels the loneliness of life, pray. Pray to the Lord ~St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Call our prayer line leader Toni at 445-3616-24/7.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WILL BEGIN SOON

We are awaiting our home instruction books for enrolled families and will inform you as soon as possible of the starting date of religious education. Thank you for your patience. This year, due to COVID, Religious Education will begin with at-home instruction by the family. Assistance from parish catechists will be available after Masses monthly for registered families in person or by phone. Contact Kim Farrell, DRE for more information.

Her phone number is on the bulletin. Our Faith and Life series is still our main text, but during at home instruction this text is much easier for parents: <https://www.comcenter.com/program/429/>

Poinsettia Donation for the Altar:

Contrary to the previous bulletin, (10-29-20), we will not be collecting money for poinsettias. Rather, we ask those of you who wish, to purchase your own poinsettia in memory of a loved one, and then bring it to the Christmas Mass to place at the altar. You will be able to take it home to enjoy after Mass. Watch for any further updates.



St Vincent de Paul will have an outdoor holiday meal service this year. Merry Christmas and Best Wishes in the New Year!

SVDP CHRISTMAS MEAL VOLUNTEERS

St. Vincent de Paul Dining Facility will host an OUTDOOR Christmas Holiday Meal on Friday, December 25, 2020.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Food Prep: DEC 23-24, 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Christmas Day:

Serving Table Set-Up & Kitchen Help: 8:30 –10:45 AM

Meal Service & Kitchen Help: 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Clean-Up: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Drop-Off Winter Wear Donations – Wool Blankets, Gloves, Snowcaps, Heavy-Duty Socks, Winter Coats, Back-Packs, Disposable Face Masks
Please contact Mary or Steven at 707-445-9588
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