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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.

## Dec. 2nd, 2018 First Sunday of Advent



HOPE...Prophet's Candle.... Why do we have Advent?

You say, "I don't know, it always just comes along," or, "I don't know, no one ever told me." I have heard these answers and others, a number of times. Especially this one: if Christ has already been born, what is this Advent "waiting" about? Have we forgotten that he is already born, and a long time ago?

Strangely that is part of the answer. It does have to do with his birth long ago, but also into our hearts today. And our forgetfulness as well.

Our hearts get drowsy and lazy, tired out by the anxieties of daily life. Maybe we distract ourselves from our troubles by working very hard, or becoming depressed, or becoming fascinated with drink, or sex, or out-of-control emotions, or gambling, or email, or golf, or surfing the web, or pride, or, or, or. Whatever it is for you, the very clear message of Advent is, "Settle down for a while." Open the door just a crack to let God in. Jesus is to be born again.

Something you may not have noticed. The Church has a liturgical strategy in the Advent Sunday readings. Each week's First Reading is the *carrot*: usually positive, a promise of good. Then the Gospel hits you with a big *stick* to wake you up.

Take the encouraging <u>First Reading</u> this Sunday. It reminds us of the promise God has made to his people: rightness and justice will come to the earth. Security. The day of the Lord will arrive, though long delayed. Peace in our day.

What a lovely thing it is to think of such a time. Too good to be true? Just pious thought? Read the First Reading now and ask yourself those questions. Spend time with them. Pray to God for help. The Responsorial Psalm will help you. It asks God to make known his ways to us, to guide us and to teach us.

The <u>Second Reading</u> urges us to put God's promise of peace into action, even if we are not yet sure what it means. Love others and be loved.

Ah, and then the <u>Gospel</u>. It tries to wake us up, especially if the above has not helped. "But I am

perfectly awake," you say. Alright then, go ahead and read the Gospel. It is the "stick."

Signs in the sun, moon and stars, nations in dismay, the roaring of the sea and the waves, people dying offright, and the Son of Man appearing in the clouds with power and great glory.

#### Terrifying?

So you are all ready for it? Let yourself imagine what it might be like. Picture it scene by scene and don't worry about being exact. Just experience it. Will such a shakeup really happen literally? We do not know.

Maybe much worse is to come, judging from the state of the world today. Do you live without fear of terrorist acts, of proliferating nuclear weapons, of a horrific climate change, of a crash of the entire world economy, of amateur leadership at the top, or the greed that fills so many hearts to overflowing in your city, in your state, your world?

If you can say "You are right, I am afraid of these," then go back to the Responsorial Psalm and pray. Beg that Christ be given birth in your soul and in so many others in this world that need it so badly. Welcome to Advent.

-John Foley, SJ

#### Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Jeremiah 33:14-16 Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

#### **Readings For Next Sunday**

Reading I: Baruch 5:1-9
Reading II: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

#### **Holy Mass Schedule**

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Sunday, Dec. 02					
7:30 am +Lowell Allen	St. Joseph				
9:00 am +Janet Cote	Sacred Heart				
10:30 am +Douglas Williams	St. Bernard				
12:15 pm (Sp) No Intention	Sacred Heart				
4:30 pm Int. Pope Francis	Sacred Heart				
Monday, Dec. 03					
12:15 pm +Jim Bugbee	St. Bernard				

# Tuesday, Dec. 047:30 am+Bob ThulSt. Joseph11:30 amNo IntentionSt. J Hospital

Wednesday, Dec. 05				
12:15 pm Int. Chad Kryla	St. Bernard			
7:00 pm (Sp) Souls in Purgatory	Sacred Heart			
Thursday, Dec. 06				

7:30 am	+Bob Thul	St. Joseph
11:30 am	Int. Phillip Schwartz	St. J Hospita

#### Friday, Dec. 07

12:15 pm Int.Jon Omey
5:30 pm Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception
St. Bernard

#### Saturday, Dec.08 Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 am Immaculate Conception
10:30 am Immaculate Conception
4:00 pm No Intention

Sacred Heart
St. Bernard
St. Joseph

Sunday, Dec. 09

7:30 am +Tony Mello St. Joseph
9:00 am +Douglas Williams Sacred Heart
10:30 am Mass for the People St. Bernard
12:15 pm (Sp) No Intention Sacred Heart
4:30 pm Int. Fr. Eddy Ramon Sacred Heart

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was \$2,890 and Thanksgiving was \$406. Immaculate Conception collection on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Building & Maintenance collection on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray for: Danny, Cheyanne, Kay B, Margaret Murdock, Bettye DeHennis, Kaci Taylor, Kristin, Filipina Aguilar Family, Cecilia Simi, Phil Buihner, Tommy Smith, Judy Mill, Julia Walters, Susan B., Connie Mather, Joe Saragosa, Tom Halliday, Martina Traylor, Yvette Logan, Yara Hailey, Chet Williams, Gary Cormier, Mervyn Dody, Bill Bergesen, Steve Mill, Ryan Pepper, and Edgar Dickinson.

#### **Adult Faith Workshop**

Our weekly workshop, currently on the "Last Things" continues on Thursday nights at 6:15 at Pacific View School. (The old St. Bernard's Elementary on Henderson) We will have no session on Thanksgiving.

Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas"
Poster Contest Age Groups are 5-7, 8-10, and 11-14
Each Age Group will have a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, place.

1<sup>st</sup> place in each group will receive \$50.00
2<sup>nd</sup> place in each group will receive \$30.00
3<sup>rd</sup> place in each group will receive \$20.00
\*Entries due by December 9<sup>th</sup>
Poster Contest forms will be available at the Keep Christ in Christmas Card Stands after church.

#### Please join us for Children's Mass Nativity

rehearsal! Practices will be Saturdays December 8, 15 and 22 at 2:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church! We will need plenty of parent volunteers! Children's Mass will take place Monday, December 24 at 4:30 pm! Call Kim Farrell 442-2233 or email <a href="mailto:sacredsaintccd@gmail.com">sacredsaintccd@gmail.com</a> with any questions!

Looking for a ministry to participate in with minimal time commitment?

Children's Faith Formation could use your help! We meet Thursdays at Pacific View Charter School 6:15-7:30 pm! Contact Kim Farrell at 442-6466 Ext 1103 or email sacredsaintccd@gmail.com

#### **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Schedule:**

Dec. 3-11 Novena Schedule:

\*6:30 pm Rosary \*7:00 pm Holy Mass

Dec. 9 Holy Mass (English) and breakfast (\$10) 12:00 -1:00 pm Marian Procession from St. Bernard Church to Sacred Heart Church 1:00 pm Holy Mass @ Sacred Heart (Lunch \$10) NO 7:00 pm Mass

Dec. 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Schedule:

- \* 5:00 am Mañanitas
- \* 5:30 pm Holy Mass
- \* 6:30 pm Virgin Mary apparition Pageant
- \* 7:00 pm Procession to Sacred Shed
- \* 7:30 pm Celebration

Catholic Detention Ministries is requesting donations of Christmas cards and small individually wrapped candies. Please only unused Christmas cards with envelopes for the use of the inmates of the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. The facility requests that candies remain in their unopened store packages in which they are sold for safety reasons. Please leave donations at the church or church office no later than Monday December 10th for pickup. For information or questions call Bob at 677-1952

#### **Advent Adoration!**

We would like to open adoration during the season of Advent from 3:30-8:30 at St Joseph's Church, starting Dec. 5th. If you would like to help by being a "captain" of an hour, please contact Dn. Dance at 442-2233. It only takes an hour a week, the perfect time to prepare your heart for Christmas!

#### St Bernard Pancake Breakfast

Prepared by the Knights of Columbus will be held Dec. 2nd in St Bernard Parish Hall. Time 8:30 am till 12. Menu is pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs and all the usual wonderful trimmings! Cost \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12. The proceeds go to the St. Bernard's Building Maintenance Fund.

A Big Thank you to all the parishioners who helped support Sacred Heart's Holiday Wine & Crab Fest. It was a



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