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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.

Oct. 7th, 2018 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Marriage...

In the Gospel Reading Christ has a stern thing to say about all marriage: if a husband divorces his wife and marries again, he commits adultery, and so does his wife if she

remarries.

Given that stern saying, why would anyone want to marry? Why would God *want* anyone to marry?

The First Reading describes the way God arranged the first marriage. When Adam is without Eve, God says that it isn't good for Adam to be alone—and *that's* the reason for God's creating Eve and arranging Adam's marriage to her.

But who made the man in such a way that it isn't good for him to be alone? God did, didn't he? God didn't make the angels this way. Angels don't get married. They don't have children either. No angel is in himself the union of two other angels, who merged something of themselves to form him.

As far as that goes, angels have no gender either. An angel isn't male or female. No angel can say to another angel, "You complete me." It is perfectly fine for an angel to be alone.

Human beings have what angels lack: the glorious richness of embodied, gendered human life. But there is a fragility about this rich embodied life too. Those who do get married are open to each other and dependent on each other, and so they become terribly vulnerable to each other, too.

And here it is worth noticing that both the Readings focus on men. In the First Reading, God's arrangements for Adam have the result Adam sketches: a *man* will leave his parents and cling to his wife. In the Gospel Reading, Christ is responding to the Pharisees' question whether it is lawful for a *husband* to divorce his wife. Most of the time, in the post-Fall world, the risks of marriage are unequally distributed between the genders. They tend to fall more on women than on men.

When God made human beings embodied and gendered, he gave them the great gift, lacking for the angels, that they could be joined together for life in marriage, with children. For us, who live in the post-Fall world Adam bequeathed us, this gift comes with beset with risks for heart-breaking suffering. The challenge for us is to preserve the promise and beauty of God's gift.

The perils of marriage for women—and also for men—is hedged in by Christ's stern prohibition against divorce.
-Eleonore Stump

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Genesis 2:18-24

Reading II: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Wisdom 7:7-11

Reading II: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 06

8:30 am In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sacred Heart

4:00 pm +Helen Gierek Scuri St. Joseph

Sunday, Oct. 07

7:30 am Mass for the People St. Joseph

9:00 am +Norene Eileen Balderson Sacred Heart

10:30 am +Douglas Williams St. Bernard

12:15 pm (Sp) +Bill Phillips Sacred Heart

4:30 pm +Chuck Alvey Sacred Heart

Monday, Oct. 08

12:15 pm Int. Chad Kryla St. Bernard

Tuesday, Oct. 09

7:30 am +Hugo Pompati & Family St. Joseph

11:30 am +Francis Schwartzes St. J Hospital

Wednesday, Oct. 10

12:15 pm Int. Richard Kerr St. Bernard

7:00 pm (Sp) No Intention Sacred Heart

Thursday, Oct. 11

7:30 am +Fred Pepper, Sr. St. Joseph

11:30 am +Rosie & John Games St. J Hospital

Friday, Oct. 12

12:15 pm +James Hary St. Bernard

Saturday, Oct. 13

4:00 pm +Mary Hoffman St. Joseph

Sunday, Oct. 14

7:30 am +Anita Pera St. Joseph

9:00 am +Douglas Williams Sacred Heart

10:30 am Mass for the People St. Bernard

12:15 pm (Sp) +Russell Gene Barrett, M.D. Sacred Heart

4:30 pm +Joan Bronder & +Scott Reynolds Sacred Heart

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$2,824** and St. Vincent de Paul was **\$634** and Betty Chinn was **\$420** and St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room was **\$370**. Next weekend the Second Collection is for Building & Maintenance.

Please pray for: Kaci Taylor, Kristin, Mike Adams, 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.

Children's Faith Formation News K-6:

Thank you again to all the families who have brought their children to our Faith Formation classes and as a **reminder: the last day to register children for this 2018-2019 year is this Thursday, Oct. 11th.** Spread the word around to your family and friends who have not yet signed up and are wanting to; the time is now!

Youth Ministry:

ANNOUNCEMENT: Confirmation Classes will begin this **Tuesday, October 9th** from **6:00-7:30 pm, upstairs in the RCIA/Youth Room in the Hall at St. Bernard's.** If you have any questions for either the K-6 or Confirmation programs, please contact: Melanie Broswick #442-6466 ext.1103.

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 **\$17,541** in donations for the Matching Funds which will go towards the **renovation of the church sanctuary.** We appreciate your support.

Winter is approaching and we are collecting blankets, preferably wool but all will be welcome, for the homeless. We have placed collection barrels in St Bernard's and St Joseph's Churches for the season. Please clean out your linen closets of those long unused blankets and put them to good use.



78th Annual Assumption Parish BAZAAR

Fri. & Sat. Oct. 19th & 20th. Ferndale Portuguese Hall. Dinner served both nights 6:00 pm. Silent Auction, Family Fun & Games begin at 7 pm

Sunday, Oct. 28 5 pm – 7 pm

Chicken & Polenta Feed-All you can eat St. Bernard's High School 222 Dollison St Eureka
Tickets \$15 Adults \$7 Children
Contact Bonnie 444-3377 or Betty 444-6396

Our Monthly All Parish Pancake Breakfast

will begin again Sunday Oct 7 from 8:00 am to Noon in St Bernard's Parish Hall. It's a really enjoyable event for everyone and the food is wonderful!



We have been shorthanded and could use some Parish volunteers to help. Call Frank @ 601-2061 and tell him what times you are available. Even though this is a friendraiser more than a fundraiser, and we haven't raised prices in decades, but the grocers have, so we are finally going to \$8 adults and \$4 children under 12.

Extraordinary Ministers:

We will be meeting to go over our procedures for service at Mass. If you do not attend one of these trainings, we will presume that you are unable to serve as a minister, though we will hate to see you go.
October 7th - St. Joseph's, after 7:30 am Mass
October 14th - Sacred Heart, after 9:00 am Mass
October 21st - St. Bernard's, after 10:30 am Mass
October 28th - Sacred Heart, after 4:30 pm Mass

Italian Catholic Federation of Eureka invites all parishioners to enjoy the Jerry Colivas Memorial Scholarship spaghetti dinner on Saturday October 13th from 5:00-7:00 PM. The cost is \$10 adults \$5 children \$25 family. Dutch raffle will also be featured.

Tickets will be available for purchase after Mass on Oct 6th and 7th and by calling Joe Bonino at 445-5799 or Betty Senestraro at 442-6396.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults meets every **Thursday** in the SB Parish Hall, 7-8:30.

Who can participate? Unbaptized adults seeking baptism in the Catholic Church. Those baptized in another Christian denomination wanting to learn about Catholicism. Catholic adults who haven't received Confirmation or Eucharist. Baptized Catholics not raised in the faith, desiring to become practicing Catholics. Catholics who have been away from the faith and wish to return. Interested persons are invited to speak with Fr. Bernard or call Dianne at 442-8812.

The Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Octoberfest on Saturday evening, Oct 20 in St Bernard's Church Hall starting at 5:00 pm. We will be featuring all the traditional favorites: Wiener schnitzel Cutlets, Wurst Sausage, Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, and Apple Strudel. Of course there will be plenty of beer, wine, a full bar and great music. Adults \$15, Children under 12, \$10.

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