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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.

Sept. 23rd, 2018 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."
Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them,
"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."*

Christ and Child (1873) -Carl Bloch

A pastor was complimented for his "humble personality." As a gesture of recognition the parishioners presented him a plaque inscribed: *To the most humble priest.* To the surprise of many he displayed the plaque on the center wall of the parish hall, replacing the crucifix that had hung there for many years. What a paradox of humility!

Despite Jesus' clarification to the disciples that He is not to establish the expected Davidian Kingdom, but rather be a Messiah who would suffer and die, it made no sense to them. Just to the contrary, they were debating among themselves who would be number two in command once Jesus overthrew the rule of the Romans in Israel. Jesus steals this opportunity to bring home a powerful message of humility: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."

I wish to quote a Chinese proverb here: "Be like a bamboo, the higher you grow, the deeper you bow." It's absolutely true, the taller the bamboo grows, the lower it bends. The Lord himself bent down and washed the feet of the Apostles, a perfect example of humility and service. Also, I was struck by the Gospel reading the other day which contained the same message. A centurion (commander of soldiers) was begging Jesus to cure his slave. It is amazing to note, that a centurion who held privilege, was concerned about the health of a slave who had no status in Roman society during those days. He intercedes for the slave before Jesus Christ.

Similarly, parents are the true leaders in a family. The children look up to the parents as their role models; yet parents are at the service of their children. It is the parents' mission of humility to work hard for their well-being. It is worth noticing therefore when a Dad lowers himself to help his little kids to put on their socks and shoes.

The Lord, however, calls us to step out a little more, to render our service beyond our family circle. We are called to serve our brothers and sisters in the world because they are created in the image of God. Saint Mother Teresa said: "I see Christ in whom I serve." Once Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the then prime minister of India who

was tall, said while presenting Mother Teresa to an audience "I feel myself dwarfed when I stand before this holy mighty woman who heroically showed the world how to practice Christian love in sacrificial and humble service."

Let us serve the Lord in our humble service to humanity. God bless you. –Fr. Bernard D'Sa

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Reading II: James 3:16 -4:3

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Numbers 11:25-29

Reading II: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 22

4:00 pm +Richard Leo Bessette St. Joseph

Sunday, Sept. 23

7:30 am +Jim Bugbee St. Joseph

9:00 am +Jose Gomez & Dan Adams

Sacred Heart

10:30 am Mass for the People St. Bernard

12:15 pm (Sp) +Ricardo Galvez Calleja

Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Int. Stella Reyes Sacred Heart

Monday, Sept. 24

12:15 pm Honor of the Holy Spirit St. Bernard

Tuesday, Sept. 25

7:30 am +James Bugbee St. Joseph

11:30 am +Bob Thul St. J Hospital

Wednesday, Sept. 26

12:15 pm +Barbara & Earl Kerr St. Bernard

7:00 pm (Sp) No Intention Sacred Heart

Thursday, Sept. 27

7:30 am +Joann McKenzie St. Joseph

11:30 am Int. Allen Rode St. J Hospital

Friday, Sept. 28

12:15 pm Int. Tony Sstrom St. Bernard

Saturday, Sept. 29

11:30 am Memorial Mass +Bob Thul Sacred Heart

4:00 pm +Gary Nelson St. Joseph

Sunday, Sept. 30

7:30 am +Helen Guglielmina St. Joseph

9:00 am +Bob Thul Sacred Heart

10:30 am Mass for the People St. Bernard

12:15 pm (Sp) +Ricardo Galvex Calleja

Sacred Heart

4:30 pm Int. Daniel Freitas Sacred Heart

Memorial Mass for +Bob Thul is on Saturday, September 29 at 11:30am at Sacred Heart followed by reception at Sacred Heart parish hall.

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$2,202** and Seminarians was **\$1,046**.

***The 2nd collection for this weekend will be a mission appeal for Fr. Francis' home diocese of Nalgonda, India,** as recommended by the Diocese of Santa Rosa for the Ministry to the Estranged Lepers. The Diocese of Nalgonda runs two leprosorias for the care of people with leprosy. Skilled health care workers visit 2300 villages and identify those with leprosy and then those people are moved to the care centers for treatment without any cost. After treatment the cured are provided with free housing, self-employment and education. Donations received are used to pay for the training and salaries of health care workers, the purchasing of equipment and medicine, utilities, and rehabilitation services. Please pray for this ministry.

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, Debbie McCollister, Mervyn Dody, Bill Bergesen, Steve Mill, Ryan Pepper, and Edgar Dickinson.

Children's Faith Formation News:

Classes for K-6 have begun! The first day of class was this past Thursday, September 20th - however registration is ongoing, if you have not signed up your child and would like to do so, please pick up an orange Registration Form to complete and return to the Parish office. You may also bring it by Pacific View Charter School this Thursday, Sept. 27th at 6:00pm and we will get your child set up in their classroom. If you are interested in the Sacrament of Confirmation, please pick up a lime green registration form found in each of the Parish offices or in each of the churches. Classes for Confirmation will begin in October, please continue to watch the bulletin for more information.

For any questions, please contact DRE Melanie Broswick #442-6466 ext.1103

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.

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

\$17,241 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.

Patrick Madrid To Speak In Eureka St. Bernard Parish will be sponsoring the popular Relevant Radio host and best-selling author, **Patrick Madrid**, for a speaking event on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM. More details on the event will be announced in the coming weeks. **Volunteers are needed immediately** for a publicity and planning committee. Anyone interested should contact Bob at 303-877-1465 **very soon**. We are very excited for this opportunity and need to start planning now!

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. We will be more than happy to re-introduce you in the ministry once you undergo the training on the next schedule. We will have one training after each Mass, so you are welcome to attend any one you like.

September 29th - St. Joseph's after 4:00pm Mass
October 7th - St. Joseph's, after 7:30am Mass
October 14th - Sacred Heart, after 9:00am Mass
October 21st - St. Bernard's, after 10:30am Mass
October 28th - Sacred Heart, after 4:30pm Mass

Rummage Sale: The Secular Franciscans will be having a rummage sale on Sunday, October 7th, at the St. Joseph Parish Activity Center in Fortuna, from 9am to 2pm. The proceeds will be donated to the Catholic Charities Fire Relief fund in Santa Rosa and the H2O Water Project, to help bring clean water to people in communities that don't have clean water.

Join us to pray the Rosary Coast to coast!

Location: St. Bernard Catholic Church

12:15PM First Rosary

12:45PM Second Rosary

1:00PM Universal Rosary in union with all Nations

1:30PM Spanish Rosary

For more info contact us:

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