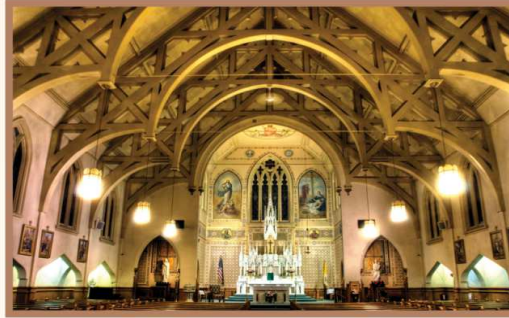


The Catholic Parish of St. Bernard

615 H St. Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 442-6466



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.

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

Mass Schedule at St. Bernard Church

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

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

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

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December 15th, 2019 – Third Sunday of Advent



No Offense, But...

In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah predicts that when the Messiah comes, he will make the blind see, the deaf hear, the mute speak, and the lame walk and leap.

In the Gospel Reading, when John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus whether Jesus is the one the Israelites have been waiting for, Jesus says they should tell John that Jesus has done all these things and more. Even the dead are raised!

This is, of course, a spectacular list of wonders. Anyone who can make the blind see is amazing. Anyone who can raise the dead is working great miracles. And so, a person who does what Jesus did clearly has the power of God. For that reason, he is to be admired, loved, and feared.

So why does Jesus finish his list of miraculous deeds by saying "Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me?" *Offense? Offense at what?!*

Well, think about it this way. What is God anyway, philosophically? Pure act? Being itself? Utterly unknowable by us? Those phrases have a lot of dignity about them, don't they? Somehow, they seem worthy of the Deity. Why would we think our puny minds could know anything about something so magnificent, so great, as God? Why wouldn't God be something totally other than any of his creatures?

But notice that it's hard to have a personal relationship with being itself, and pure act doesn't seem like a person who can seek you first. At any rate, if God is unknowable by you, then you don't have to worry about facing him on a daily basis. You can't face what you can't know.

And for how many people is that subterranean thought deeply comforting?

But Christ wrecks it.

Christ is not unknowable, and he is not something abstract like being itself. He is a particular person, and he has a face. True, he is God incarnate, and his face is human. But, still, his face is the face of God. If you have seen me, you have seen the Father, Jesus tells Philip (John 14:9).

So we can know God, and we can see God's face in the face of Jesus. God is present to us as a person in the person of Christ. And God in the

person of Christ is always with us (Mt 28:20)! We can know him and face him every day.

Blessed is the one who takes no offense at this.
-Eleonore Stump

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

Reading II: James 5:7-10

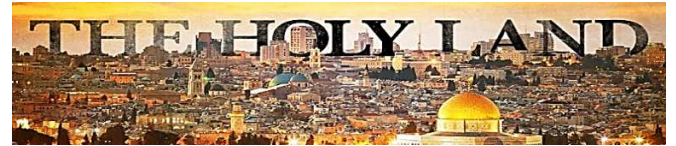
Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 7:10-14

Reading II: Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24



There was a meeting for The Father Bernard pilgrimage group trip to the Holy Land.

At this meeting we talked about information we will need to be prepared for the trip in regards to such things as clothing, money, daily tours, transportation, tickets, seating, insurance, roommates, badges, detailed programs, etc. If you were not able to attend, I will be happy to answer your calls over the phone or by emails. Best regards. Feras (Frank) Qumseya 1(800)-655-8644 (Feras) Email: holylandtourstravel@gmail.com

Annual Ministry Appeal 2019

Goal: \$34,120

Pledges: \$28,855

Paid to date: \$26,785

Capital Campaign 2019

Goal: \$425,000

Pledges: \$356,146

Paid to date: \$309,971

Thank you for your generosity towards your annual ministry appeal. The pledges made over our annual goal will be returned to our parish, for our various ministries and the mission of the Catholic Church.

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 14

4:00 pm SJ Don Michael †

Sunday 15

7:30 am SJ No Intention

9:00 am SH Lynch Family Int.

10:30 am SB Douglas Williams †

12:00 pm SH Oscar Camacho †

4:30 pm SH Mass for the People

Monday 16

12:15 pm SB Lazio's Employee & Families †

Tuesday 17

7:30 am SJ No Intention

11:30 am SJH Servando Aguilar, Jr. & Ligaya Lorilla Int.

Wednesday 18

12:15 pm SB Chad Kryla Int.

7:00 pm SH Maria Carmela Costa †

Thursday 19

7:30 am SJ Deceased Members ICF †

11:30 am SJH Servando Aguilar, Jr. & Ligaya Lorilla Int.

Friday 20

12:15 pm SB Hugo Pompati & Family †

Saturday 21

4:00 pm SJ Helen Gierak Scuri †

Sunday 22

7:30 am SJ No Intention

9:00 am SH Douglas Williams †

10:30 am SB Gerald Long, Jr. †

12:15 pm SH Rosita Luzame †

4:30 pm SH Mass for the People

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$3,035** and Building & Maintenance was **\$1,263**. The Second Collection this weekend is for Retirement Fund for Religious.

Please pray for : Fran Hill, Isela Adams, Lindy Timmerman, Kaitlyn Anderson, Tristan White, Mary James, Dave Silverbrand, Mary Lou Rogers, John Bertain, Denise Sledge, James Iron Shell, James Lemon, Wm. Hahn Family, Rose Ann Hurst, Armado De Los Santos, Kristin, Phil Buihner, Judy Mill, Julia Walters, Connie Mather, Steve Mill, Ryan Pepper, Fred Pepper, Paul Shabata & Family.

There is a Texting Scam Using Fr. Bernard's name. Please Beware!!!

ADVENT Reconciliation Schedule

Dec. 18th Sacred Heart 5 pm - 7 pm. Eng. & Sp

Please join us for Children's Mass Nativity rehearsal!

Practices will be Saturdays, December 14 and 21 and Monday, December 23 at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Church. We will need plenty of parent volunteers and musicians! Children's Mass will take place Tuesday, December 24 at 4:30 pm! Call 442-2233 or email sacredsaintccd@gmail.com with any questions!

Adoration

There will be no adoration on Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas Day. Adoration at all churches will resume on Wednesday, January 1st. Come and celebrate our Mother by spending time with our Lord!

Our St. Bernard's and St. Joseph's Music

Ministry provides comfort, inspiration & joy for our celebrations because of and through musical gifts and generous commitment of our community and parish members.

Please consider sharing your talents and participate in the music for mass and other festivities. Contact Mikelyn at 442-1695 or 572-9523.



Poinsettia Donation for the Altar Would you like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one? \$10.00 each. There are envelopes on the church tables to place your money, then drop in the collection basket or leave in the church office **BEFORE DECEMBER 16**. All donors and their loved one will be recognized in the Christmas bulletin. (A limited # of poinsettias will be ordered, so place your order early.)

SVDP CHRISTMAS MEAL VOLUNTEERS

St. Vincent de Paul Dining Facility will host a Christmas Holiday Meal on Wednesday, December 25, 2019. Volunteers are most needed for the following: **Food Prep: DEC 23-24, 12:00 – 4:00 PM Clean-Up: DEC 25, 1:30 – 3:30 PM** You can also volunteer DEC 25, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Drop-Off Food Donations – Boneless Spiral Sliced Hams, Potatoes, Green Beans (canned or frozen), Cream of Mushroom Soup (large can), Fried Onions, Broccoli, Rice Noodles, Red & Green Cabbage, Yams, Green Onions, Cauliflower, Cranberry Sauce, Pies, Canned Fruit (pears, pineapple, oranges). Also, consider a *Toy* for a teenager. Please contact Mary or Steven at 707-445-9588 SVDP Dining Facility - 35 W. Third Street, Eureka 95501 Thank You for your support!

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