

# 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

## Parish Staff

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# December 22nd, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Advent



Little Johnny was taken for practices regularly for the Christmas pageant. His role was that of an innkeeper. His only dialogue was to say "I do not

have a place in my inn" to St. Joseph.

At the Children's Mass on Christmas Day, little Johnny and the other theatrical artists were all set with their respective costumes on. The church was a full house. When his scene appeared and Joseph and Mary approached him, Joseph asked twice and little Johnny replied "I do not have a place in my inn" But the third time Mary asked with tears in her eyes. Little Johnny who could not contain his emotions said "Hang on," rushed to his father in the pews and said "This time *Mary* asked Daddy, I feel sorry for her, Can we give her the room above the garage"? The microphone carried the conversation of little Johnny all over the church and the people burst out laughing. The embarrassed father was put on the spot by little Johnny and he said "Yes, my son." Little Johnny came running and told Mary and Joseph they could come to *his* house. Little Johnny messed up the whole nativity act as he did not act as rehearsed. But the whole congregation rose in their pews and applauded little Johnny.

Later in his homily the Pastor began "Little Johnny messed up even my sermon, but he preached a better sermon to me and to all of us."

It's true Christmas is a story where Jesus asks the fundamental question: "Do you have a place for me to lodge?" We have been preparing for this joyous feast: perhaps by breaking our heads over what gift will be the best for which person, unpacking and dusting our annual Christmas decorations and writing Christmas cards and the list goes on...

Have I given a thought for making room for Jesus with holiness; room for mercy and forgiveness where in relationships love reigns instead of hatred and there is compassion for those enduring sorrow and pain. Reaching out to someone in need with a kind word will bring Christ's joy to our hearts.

Are you ready to play the spontaneous role of Little Innkeeper Johnny by saying "Yes, Jesus I have room for you this Christmas in my heart? Welcome!

Merry Christmas to everyone. May the Infant Jesus bless you. -Fr. Bernard

## Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 7:10-14

Reading II: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

## Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Reading II: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



## **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](mailto: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 21

4:00 pm SJ Helen Gieriek 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

### Monday 23

12:15 pm SB Scott Mather †

### Tuesday 24

4:30 pm SH Children's Mass

8:00 pm SH Midnight Mass (Sp)

11:30 pm SB Caroling

12:00 am SB Midnight Mass

### Wednesday 25

7:30 am SJ Christmas Mass

9:00 am SH Christmas Mass

10:30 am SB Christmas Mass

12:15 pm SH Christmas Mass (Sp)

### Thursday 26

7:30 am SJ Marilyn Murphy †

11:30 am SJH Maria Carmela Costa †

### Friday 27

12:15 pm SB Laurey Sullivan †

### Saturday 28

4:00 pm SJ Leonard Cahill & Family †

### Sunday 29

7:30 am SJ Mass for the People

9:00 am SH Rich Kissling †

10:30 am SB Mary Gieriek Hoffman †

12:15 pm SH Duke Krum Int. (Sp)

4:30 pm SH Rosita Luzame †

**Finance / Stewardship Collection:** The plate last weekend was **\$2,575** and Retirement Fund for Religious was **\$1,071**. Next weekend the Second Collection is for St. Vincent de Paul/Betty Chinn.

**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 and Fr. Francis in Arcata. Please Beware!!!**

**Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the recently deceased and her family members: **Mary Mahoney.**

## **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](mailto: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**

All donors and their loved one are recognized in the insert in this week's Christmas bulletin.

## **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!



**A BIG Thank You** to all the ladies who helped with the *Christmas mailing: Evelyn Waters, Maria Enos, Shirley Kryla, Lynn Yost,* and Virginia Casanova. Thanks so much for all your help. We really appreciate you.



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