

The Catholic Parish of St. Bernard

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Happy New Year!

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.

Mass Schedule at St. Bernard

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

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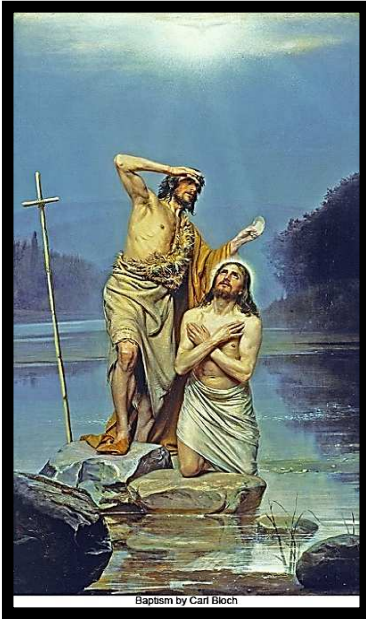
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Jan. 13th, 2019 The Baptism of the Lord



Staying With

Sunday marks last day of the Church's Christmas season. Jesus' birth has now been celebrated. His public life comes next. His baptism begins it.

I know, I know, Christmas has been over for ages and we have gone on with life. The American custom is in force: just days to rip down decorations and go on to the next thing.

But now we begin Jesus' public life,

beginning with Baptism.

We hear the voice of God the Father speaking to him:*

You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased ([Gospel](#)).

Wouldn't Jesus or anyone else want to hear such words over and over? The beloved of God! It is like having candy and circuses and ice cream and all your favorite things. God has settled upon you as his special one. *Everything will be fine.*

Except that "being fine" does not turn out to be the true meaning of being beloved.

Let me illustrate with a story....

I was visiting a Jesuit friend of mine in Washington DC, Pete, who is a prankster. He was in the kitchen cooking up homemade spaghetti. Lcky mess. I asked him what time we were due to be somewhere or other, and he said "I don't know, but we can ask Joe." Joe was another Jesuit who on that Saturday was working at his job at an official Jesuit building. Pete put the kitchen phone on its speaker and floured in the phone number.

Joe answered and Pete said, "hi, how are you doing, Joseph?" Joe said, "just great." Pete said, "how wonderful, since you are spending your weekend working."

Joe came back semi-humorously and said, "No it is ok. God told me everything was going to be fine." Without skipping a beat Pete said, "Yeah that's what he told his Son."

I was on the floor laughing at such a quick, piercing reply, seemingly delivered with no forethought at all. But notice what is behind that joke.

God does in fact tolerate pain and suffering for his beloved son on the cross. This is the other side of being "The Beloved" of God.

Suffering and temptation.

Jesus had gone to the desert to ponder the words he heard from the Baptist. But there the devil offered huge, slick temptations: be big, like me. Build up your earthly power and honor, use your new public status as "Beloved."

This was directly and deeply contrary to Jesus' mission, of course, but God let such a temptation happen.

Why?

Well, God is like a parent watching a teenager's growing pains. Help all you can, but definitely do not stop the growing. Temptation and suffering create an urgent need for a person to open up, to broaden their scope, to understand better what love is, to see that love does not mean God taking charge and making everything alright, but rather it means his staying with you, the beloved, continuing to love and admire you, but not just taking over. Love at its root means *sharing another's life*, not taking it over.

To paraphrase the Father's words at the Jordan: Receive my love that never runs away, never lets go, even in the desert, even on the cross. -John Foley, SJ

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Reading II: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 62:1-5

Reading II: 1Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

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 **\$18,561** in donations for the Matching Funds which will go towards the **renovation of the church sanctuary**. We appreciate your support.

Adult Faith Workshop

You are welcome to attend our adult classes on Thursdays from 6:15-7:30pm at Pacific View Charter School on Henderson. We cover a wide variety of topics, so feel free to bring your questions! We will have no meeting on Dec 27th or Jan 3rd.

Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 12

4:00 pm SJ Nancy Elgin †

Sunday 13

7:30 am SJ Nick Pepper & Marge Ford Int.

9:00 am SH Douglas Williams †

10:30 am SB John Jaramillo †

*6:00 pm SH Mass for the People (Sp)

Monday 14

12:15 pm SB Erin Ford Int.

Tuesday 15

7:30 am SJ Arcelia Martinez †

11:30 am SJH No Intention

Wednesday 16

12:15 pm SB Clarence Enos †

7:00 pm SH(Sp)Dorothy Stipovich †

Thursday 17

7:30 am SJ Lazio's Employee & Families †

11:30 am SJH No Intention †

Friday 18

12:15 pm SB Dec. Members of ICF †

Saturday 19

4:00 pm SJ Charles & Angelina DelGrande †

Sunday 20

7:30 am SJ Chad Kryla Int.

9:00 am SH June & Feda Ignacio Int. 20th Anniversary

10:30 am SB John Jaramillo †

*6:00 pm SH Mass for the People (Sp)

***NO 4:30 pm Mass at Sacred Heart on Sundays**
Spanish Sunday Mass has been moved to 6:00 pm.

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$3,645**. The Solemnity of Mary was **\$1,236**. The Second collection this weekend is for Building & Maintenance.

Please pray for: Melissa Brandes, Jim Barry, Bill Scott, Gerry M., Danny, Cheyanne, Kay B, 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, Fred Pepper, and Edgar Dickinson.

Prayer Line Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. It is an act of charity to pray for others in need. Call Toni 24/7 at 445-3616.

Adoration!

At your request, we have decided to extend our Advent adoration indefinitely on Wednesdays from 3:30-8:30pm. Please stop by St. Joseph's Church and spend a few minutes or even an hour with the Lord. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Deacon Dance at 442-2233.

PATRICK MADRID IS COMING TO EUREKA Mark your calendars! St. Bernard Parish will be hosting Patrick Madrid, a popular Catholic radio and EWTN apologist. **Friday, March 15th, 7PM. The topic: "The Case for Christ."** "This will be a free event; however, space may be limited, so please register to reserve your seat. Call 707-442-6466 or email office@saintbernards.org. For more information www.saintbernards.org. **Save the date!**

If you would like a copy of your 2018 donations for tax purposes please call the office 442-6466 and leave your name and address.

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Birthday Celebration for Fr. Bernard Sunday, Feb. 3rd following the 10:30 Mass, St Bernard Parish Hall.

Potluck! Please bring your favorite dish. Birthday cake, coffee and punch will be supplied. This is a combined party for both Sacred Heart and St. Bernard Parishes.

Let's celebrate Fr. Bernard and his dedicated service to both parishes. (Note: There will be no Pancake Breakfast in February)

40 Days For Life -March 6-April 14 times.

Help Save Lives in Humboldt County-You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization. Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers. Here's how to take part: Vigil location: Corner of Walford & Wilson in the public way near Planned Parenthood Eureka, CA Vigil Hours: 7am to 7pm daily Contact: Stephanie 707-498-7758

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