

The Catholic Parish of St. Bernard

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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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February 16th, 2020 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Do not think that I come to abolish the Law or the Prophets: I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.”

-Matthew 5:17

Very frequently we make a “rolling stop” at a stop sign because there is no traffic or pedestrian in front of us. To our surprise the flashing red siren pulls us over and then we try to defend our actions: “Oh I was following the spirit of the law.” If your Lady Luck is with you then you may be spared. Does that ring a bell?

Jesus was seen breaking many customs, traditions and laws of his time. For example, He once healed a man of a withered hand on a Sabbath day. He and His disciples ate food without ritually cleaning their hands. He supported his disciples when they did not fast. Consequently, everyone felt Jesus was a new spiritual leader with a new teaching different from the traditional one. To them Jesus addresses today’s Gospel passage: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.” And He further tries to remove any misconceptions by elaborating on the spirit of the law and answering the profound questions: Whom does the law ultimately serve? Why does it exist? and What are its benefits? There are two important words “righteousness” and “judgement” in today’s passage.

Righteousness is not legalism; it can be translated as justice, uprightness, virtue, perfection. St. Matthew is constantly using this word in his gospel conveying the deeper meaning. It is not conformity to law, but a response to the plan of God. It appeals to your conscience. Judgement ends at the letter of the law but righteousness goes deeper and further.

Jesus is addressing His Gospel to the scribes and pharisees who were very fixated on the letter of the law. Jesus is turning the Jewish law and the prophets upside down. So He is making some statements to enable people to more clearly see the difference between judgement and righteousness. The letter of the law stated “Thou shall not commit adultery” and the law in its justice demanded death as a penalty. But Jesus is interested in the health of the human heart and soul, righteousness and redemption. He says “If you look at a person with lust you have already committed adultery. Clearly stating that before

there is action there is the thought in the mind. Our thoughts are what we must focus on to achieve holiness and virtue. In this way Jesus intends that we should avoid the evil actions that bring pain and suffering to ourselves and others.

Sometime ago I had watched a Bollywood movie where a politician goes ‘scot free’ because the victim of rape couldn’t provide proof and testimony in the court. The judgement is “not guilty” but the ultimate question that Jesus would ask is: “Does that make the perpetrator of this vile act a righteous person?”

To be part of the kingdom of God, your righteousness has to go beyond that of the scribes and pharisees, to go beyond the security of what the law will allow to a deeper discernment of the plan of God; to go beyond the mere avoidance of gross crimes like murder, adultery and the breaking of oaths to a deeper life of freedom from anger, lust and deceit.

Embrace the heart of Jesus and make your heart like His. God bless. -Fr. Bernard

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$3,470** and Building & Maintenance was **\$1,434**. This weekend the Second Collection is for Parish Religious Education.

Scripture Study: The Gospel of Matthew Sunday Jan. 12, 19, 26 & Feb. 9, 16, 23.

11:45-12:45 in St. Bernard Parish Hall. Please join us.

If you would like a year-end statement of your contributions for taxes for 2019, please call the office at 442-6466. Remember the only way you can get a year-end statement is if you are a register parishioner. We will not automatically be sending out statements unless you call due to the cost of mailing

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 15

4:00 pm SJ Mass for the People

Sunday 16

7:30 am SJ Marcelina Lim †
9:00 am SH Tom Halliday Int. Happy Birthday
10:30 am SB Hugo Pompato & Family †
12:15 pm SH Gilberto Delgado † (Sp)
4:30 pm SH No Intention

Monday 17

12:15 pm SB No Intention

Tuesday 18

7:30 am SJ Darrell Keating †
11:30 am SJH No Intention

Wednesday 19

12:15 pm SB No Intention
7:00 pm SH Jesus Garcia † (Sp)

Thursdays 20

7:30 am SJ Hugo Pompato & Family †
11:30 am SJH No Intention

Friday 21

12:15 pm SB No Intention

Saturday 22

4:00 pm SJ Mary Gierek Hoffman †

Sunday 23

7:30 am SJ Mass for the People
9:00 am SH No Intention
10:30 am SB Hugo Pompato & Family †
12:15 pm SH No Intention. (Sp)
4:30 pm SH No Intention

Please pray for : Chet Branum, Florence Hogarty, Tommy McCollister, Mary Grinsell, Fran Hill, Isela Adams, Lindy Timmerman, Mary James, Dave Silverbrand, John Bertain, Denise Sledge, James Iron Shell, James Lemon, Wm. Hahn Family, Rose Ann Hurst, Armado De Los Santos, Judy Mill, Julia Walters, Connie Mather, Steve Mill, Ryan Pepper, Fred Pepper, Paul Shabata & Family.

Prayer Line

After I enter the chapel I place myself in the presence of God and I say to him, "Lord, here I am"...Then I begin to tell Him of all that concerns me, my thoughts, my distress, and finally, I listen to Him." ~ St. Catherine Laboure ~ Call our prayer line leader Toni at 445-3616-24/7

Annual Ministry Appeal 2020:

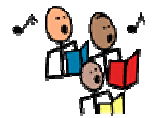
The weekend of Feb. 22/23 we will have in pew solicitation of the Annual Ministry Appeal 2020. Fr. Bernard and Fr Rowell will talk about the Appeal at both parishes.

The movie "Unplanned" will be playing in the Pinochi room after the 10:30 am Mass at St. Bernard Church on Sunday Feb. 23rd.

Refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend this amazing true story. 40 days for life starts on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th.

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.



The Religious Education program

for St. Bernard and Sacred Heart could use a few more volunteers to round out its program with 140 kids enrolled! Anyone above Confirmation age is welcome to volunteer! Please contact Kim Farrell at 442-2233 or sacredsaintccd@gmail.com if you'd like to take part in this important ministry!

40 Days For Life Starts Feb 26th -Come

Volunteer You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion Feb.26th-April 5! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days For Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers! With God's help, here are the proven results in 25 coordinated campaigns: 16,742 babies saved from abortion, 196 abortion workers converted, and 104 abortion centers closed. Here's how to take part in 40 Days For Life in our community:

Vigil location is at the Corner of Walford Ave. & Wilson St. near Planned Parenthood. **Vigil hours** are 7am to 7pm daily. **Local contact** is Stephenie Goodwin at 707-498-7758 or 40daysforlife.eureka@gmail.com. To learn more please visit: 40daysforlife.com/humboldt

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