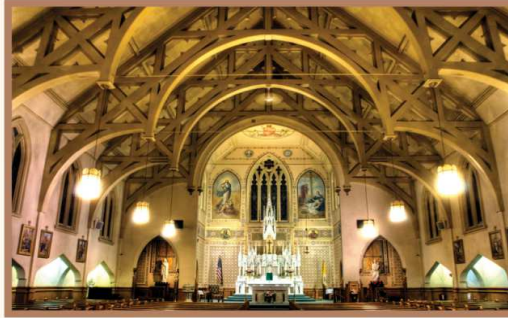


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(Located on the corner of C & Henderson St.)

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 9th, 2020 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”
---MT 5:15-16

Salt and Light Let me commence my column with a word of gratitude for your prayers for me. I had an enriching and blessed visit to India. It is always wonderful to spend time with family and friends.

After returning from India, I developed a sore throat due to changes in the weather. Every one invariably suggested a salt water gargle. At this suggestion I was considering with wonder the nature of salt, so ordinary, yet necessary and powerful in its many uses. Jesus too, in this weekend’s Gospel, while conveying His mission, asks his followers to be salt and light to the world. Here is a little reflection about salt, though to some of you it may be a reminder...

Salt was the most valuable item in the ancient past. The Greeks even called salt divine. and the Romans claimed that sun and salt are the most useful things. Salt has four special qualities: a) The elements in salt are necessary for life b) Salt is connected to purity because it is white. It is believed that salt kept the seas pure. As the salt of the Earth, the Christians must be an example of purity in speech, conduct, and thoughts. c) Salt is the commonest of all preservatives. My mind takes me to those old days when we didn’t have refrigeration in India. My mother would dry meats and fish with salt. Wow! It was very tasty. As the salt of the earth, the Christian must have a certain antiseptic influence on life and society, defeating corruption and making it easier for others to be good. Most of all we are called to preserve the “faith” when it is challenged and attacked. d) Salt lends flavor to food items. At this time I am reminded of a Turkish tale where a king condemns his son for expressing that he loves him more than salt. Sadly, the king realizes the wisdom of his son’s words when he was served insipid food. One of the main functions of salt is to season food, to give it taste and flavor. The salt which keeps our Christian identity intact even in a very secularized world is the grace of Baptism.

Jesus went on to say, If salt became insipid it was fit only to be thrown out and trodden on by men. Usually

salt does not lose its saltiness. But when mixed with impurities it can lose its flavor. Jesus thus cautions us to watch out for impurities that may crop up in our Christian life.

Once again Jesus calls every one of us today to act as salt and light by sharing in His ministry as priest, prophet and king.



May God bless you. -Fr. Bernard

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 58:7-10

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$3,499.** This weekend the Second Collection is for Building & Maintenance. Next weekend the Second Collection is for Parish Religious Education.

Rest in Peace—Please pray for the recently deceased and his family members: Ernest Ingraham.

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 08

4:00 pm SJ Natividao Mamplata †

Sunday 09

7:30 am SJ Dave Durbin †

9:00 am SH John Moon

10:30 am SB Harold & Jean Nason †

12:15 pm SH Rosemary Murphy Int. (Sp)

4:30 pm SH Mass for the People

Monday 10

12:15 pm SB Lynn Yost Int. Happy Birthday !

Tuesday 11

7:30 am SJ Marilyn Keating †

11:30 am SJH No Intention

Wednesday 12

12:15 pm SB Dave Durbin †

7:00 pm SH No Intention (Sp)

Thursdays 13

7:30 am SJ Hugo Pompati & Family †

11:30 am SJH No Intention

Friday 14

12:15 pm SB No Intention

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 Pompati & 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

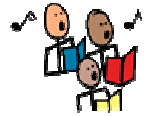
The movie "Unplanned" will be playing in the Pinochi room after the 10:30 am Mass at St. Bernard Church on Sunday Feb. 23rd. Refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend this amazing true story. 40 days for life starts on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th.

Chicken & Polenta Dinner

Family Style Sunday, February 9. St. Mary's Parish - Leavey Hall 1730 Janes Road - Arcata
Cost: Adults - \$15.00 Children 6-12 - \$7.00
Two Seatings: 4 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Reservations Advised - Call Doris - 822-3049 or Toni - 633-5679 Italian Catholic Federation St. Mary's Church Charities & Scholarship Benefit.

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 Italian Catholic Federation invites the parish communities of St Bernard and Sacred Heart to a Valentine's potluck dinner on Saturday Feb. 15th. The dinner will begin at 6:00 PM in the Pinochi Room in St Bernard Parish Hall. Dessert and refreshments will be provided. Please bring a main dish or side dish or salad to share.

All invited to February Ultreya

The Catholic Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Santa Rosa invites all Catholics to attend a Ultreya on Saturday, February 15, from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4595 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park. Ultreya means "moving forward," and teaches more about our faith and how to walk more closely with Jesus Christ and other Christians. Those who want to know more about the Catholic Cursillo Movement and those who have already lived a Cursillo weekend are invited to attend. For further information call Molly Touchette at 707-292-8389 or Olga Dorado at 707-755-0022.

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!

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