

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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March 15th, 2020 – 3rd Sunday of Lent



“ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed, the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who

worship him must worship in Spirit and truth....“My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish His work .”
-Jn 4:5-42

Living Water

The other day Fr. Rowell was sharing with me how he would walk over a mile to fetch fresh water when he was a little boy. Water is a basic necessity. This weekend the Lord identifies Himself as the *Living Water* that will never run dry and those who drink this water will quench their thirst forever.

In order to understand the Gospel passage for this weekend we need to have some geographical information about Samaria and an understanding about the relationship between Samaritans and Jews at that time. Palestine is only 120 miles long from north to south. Judea is in the extreme south, Samaria in the middle and Galilee in the extreme north. The Jews would go around Samaria if they had to travel from north to south and vice versa. They preferred a longer route of six additional days because of their hatred towards the Samaritans.

The historical background of this mutual hostility dates back to when the Assyrians carried the northern tribes of Israel into captivity. These enslaved Jews betrayed their cultural tradition and married the Assyrians, thus diluting their bloodline; hence, the southern Jews called them impure Samaritans. The southern Jews were also taken as captives by the Babylonian people but they claimed to be stubbornly resistant to the Babylonian culture. When Samaritans offered help to rebuild the Jerusalem temple the southern Jews rejected their assistance. Consequently, the Samaritans were completely ostracized.

So, the water-seeking Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well in this Sunday's Gospel reading belonged to a heritage rejected by the Jews. In addition, men in the ancient Middle East at that time systematically degraded women. This woman was also unwanted by her own people as she was living a morally indecent life. But Jesus deliberately placed himself face-to-face with this socially condemned woman. Jesus saw in her the person who mattered to God. Jesus' conversation with this moral wreck is a gradual progression from ordinary water to the *living water of life*, from physical to spiritual necessity. He

won her with kindness instead of an air of superiority. The woman was thirsty for love that would last and give her the true purpose of life. She found acceptance and dignity in Jesus' words.

We can see our own sinfulness and brokenness especially in this holy season of Lent. Allow Jesus to converse with you at a personal level and you will be healed by His grace and nonjudgmental, unconditional love. May God bless you.

Congratulations to our confirmation students.
-Fr. Bernard D'Sa

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Exodus 17:3-7

Reading II: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Reading II: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$2,654** and Building & Maintenance was **\$1,029**. This weekend the second collection is for Catholic Relief Services.

Please join our parish every Friday of Lent after the 12:15 pm Mass to pray the Stations of the Cross.

On Fire With The Holy Spirit and Purveyors of the Living Water of Christ...We Congratulate Our Confirmandi:

Elijah Altic, Isaac Altic, Noah Altic, Zaira Angon Gonzalez, Bethzy Barroso Cruz, Sidney Caampued, Sergio Calderon, Zachariah Camacho, Yajaira Cantu-Mendez, Adan Cardenas, Juan Cervantes Ramirez, Kevin Cervantes Ramirez, Nina Chiu, Angelina Conant, Omar Davila, Erick Esparza, Cutberto Felix Moralis, Alvaro Galindo-Ramirez, Eder Galindo-Ramirez, Koraima Garcia, Yaretzi Garcia-Gonzalez, Juan Garcia-Zepeda, Seamus Hilleary, Alexa Martinez, Natalia Mendoza, Rafael Parra, McCormick Petrus, Joana Petrus, Jocelyn Posos, Nadia Ramirez, Eva Rutledge, Visaira Yareli Salazar Munguia, Jair Sanchez Gordillo, Christo Feer Santiago, Emily Vargas, and Janethe Vega-Lopez. May you continue always to learn, grow and flourish in your Christian faith!

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 14

4:00 pm SJ Msgr. John Farrell †

Sunday 15

7:30 am SJ Mary Grinsell †

9:00 am SH Mary Krietsch Int.

10:30 am SB Jim & Martina Traylor †

12:15 pm SH Mass for the People (Sp)

4:30 pm SH No Intention

Monday 16

12:15 pm SB Int. Zaine Hagherill Int.

Tuesday 17

7:30 am SJ No Intention

11:30 am SJH Mary Krietsch Int.

Wednesday 18

12:15 pm SB Nancy Kerr Int.

7:00 pm SH For the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading their sheep from all harm. (Sp)

Thursdays 19

7:30 am SJ Sandra Lee †

11:30 am SJH Ryan Pepper Int.

Friday 20

12:15 pm SB No Intention

w/ Stations of the Cross After 12:15 pm Mass

6:00 pm SH Stations of the Cross

Saturday 21

4:00 pm SJ Mary Mahoney †

Sunday 22

7:30 am SJ No Intention

9:00 am SH Matthew Do †

10:30 am SB No Intention

12:15 pm SH Ramiro Melecio Gonzalez (Sp)

4:30 pm SH Mass for the People

Please pray for : Bettye & Don DeHennis, Basil & Santos Mainus, Harold Giacomini, Chet Branum, Florence, Tommy McCollister, 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.

Lenten Retreat : by Fr. Rowell

Date- 3/22/2020

Venue-St Bernard Parish Hall

Time- 11.45 am - 2.00 pm

Adoration & Confession - 1 pm -2 pm

The Italian Catholic Federation will be having a St. Joseph's Day table and bake sale after the 10:30 Mass at St. Bernard Parish on Sunday, March 22nd. All sales will be by donation and the proceeds will be donated to St. Bernard Church.

40 Days For Life Starts Feb 26th -Come

Volunteer 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

This Sunday Annual Ministry Appeal 2020 - One Family In Mission

The AMA provides valuable funding for key Diocesan ministry offices as they work to support our parishes and schools. In some cases these ministries provide direct ministry that no one parish could accomplish alone(i.e. Restorative Justice and Tribunal) Some other ministries funded in part by AMA are: Campus Newman Centers, Child and Youth Protection, Clergy Formation, Communication, Catholic Schools, Diaconate and Diaconate Formation, Ecumenical and interreligious Affairs, Hispanic Ministry, Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa, Marriage and Family, Native American Ministry, Religious Education, Respect life, Seminarians, Vocations and Youth Camps.

RCIA

On Saturday, St. Mary's in Arcata hosted the Rite of Election for the northern part of the diocese. St. Bernard was proud to present to the bishop our catechumens: **Benedette Adigheji, JoAnn Dellabalma** and **Eain Graham**. They are now considered the Elect. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey toward the Easter sacraments and full initiation into the Church.

Scripture Study; In memory of Fr. Eric Freed;

Scripture lectures on *The Messianic Prophecies* will be presented on Sundays March 8th, 15th and 29th in the Pinochi Room at St. Bernard Church. Lectures are from 11:45 to 1:15. Study Guide and coffee is provided. Detail flyers will be available at St. Bernard, St. Joseph and Sacred Heart churches.

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