

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 8th, 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Lent



Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.
---[Matthew 17:1-9](#)

Brilliant Suffering

Last week we saw Jesus being tempted just like the rest of us. We recognized our humanity. This week we see him transformed into dazzling light. Not so human. What is going on? Is he trying to teach us something?

To try for an answer, I want to describe a possible prayer experience.*

Please imagine yourself sad and discouraged, wishing God would help you. You want the faith that used to be yours ... but you do not find it. You go along in your normal patterns. But suppose that all at once you find yourself moved and attracted to God in a way you cannot doubt, a way that is “beyond you but within you.” Afterwards you cannot really doubt that it was from God, even though you don't really understand it. This would be an important moment, wouldn't it, a brief transformation of your experience of God, a reshaping of it. Call it a “transfiguration.”

Now apply such an understanding of “transfiguration” to Jesus in Sunday's [Gospel](#). The apostles suddenly behold Jesus with his divinity shining forth (like a “glorified body”). It goes through their usual filters. Their experience of Jesus is being, precisely, transfigured. For a moment they see Jesus in the complete union with God that he is.

Notice, we are talking about the complete union with God “that he is,” not that he “has.” In Jesus, divinity and humanity are at one with each other. Daily onlookers see only the human, but in this case, Jesus is showing the apostles his whole self: divinity in its complete oneness with humanity.

Why would Jesus make such a revelation to them?

Again, the answer might be found in the Ignatian prayer we are imagining. In such a prayer God can give us a brief vision of how things really are at their root. Sometimes it would be to keep us from getting discouraged, or to avoid letting our attention

drift away. Couldn't this be the case with the transfiguration as well?

Couldn't Jesus have seen one of his jobs as training the apostles—throughout the entire Gospel and in particular in this scene—as just one stage of the instruction?

Let us assume this to be the case.

Jesus would have taught them about himself,

gradually, all through Matthew's Gospel. He was a superb teacher. Just before Sunday's passage in Matthew, he had finally told them what a real Messiah

is. He said that the “Son of the living God must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised” ([Mt 16:13-23](#)).

A major revelation, one he had thought they were at last prepared for. If you remember, however, Peter had objected vehemently, when he took Jesus aside “and began to rebuke him, ‘God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.’” Jesus went so far as to call Peter “Satan” for resisting the new revelation. Suffering and death are not foreign to Jesus, the Messiah. They are of the essence. Such a hard lesson this is for each of us. Suffering, death and resurrection are at the heart of love!

I suppose the Transfiguration was one way for Jesus to reassure us and them that agony would not negate his divinity, it would fulfill it. It would be God's love shining forth. - John Foley, SJ

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Genesis 12: 1-4a

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1: 8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Exodus 17:3-7

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

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$2,585**. This weekend the Second Collection is for Building & Maintenance. Next 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.

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.

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 07

8:30 am SH 1st Sat. Marian Devotion
Stella Reyes Int.
4:00 pm SJ Mary Gierek Hoffman †

Sunday 08

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

Monday 09

12:15 pm SB Catalina Leija †

Tuesday 10

7:30 am SJ Tan Family †
11:30 am SJH No Intention

Wednesday 11

12:15 pm SB Janina Dzieciol Int.
7:00 pm SH For the conversion and just
punishment for the perpetrators & concealers of
clergy sexual abuse. (Sp)

Thursdays 12

7:30 am SJ No Intention
11:30 am SJH No Intention

Friday 13

12:15 pm SB No Intention
w/ Stations of the Cross After 12:15 pm Mass

Saturday 14

4:00 pm SJ Msgr. John Farrell †

Sunday 15

7:30 am SJ No Intention
9:00 am SH No Intention
10:30 am SB Jim & Martina Traylor †
12:15 pm SH Mass for the People (Sp)
4:30 pm SH No Intention

Please pray for : Basil & Santos Mainus, Harold
Giacomini, Chet Branum, Florence, 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.

All are Welcome

Join the Choir!!!



Rehearsals are at 10:00 am on Saturdays at
St. Bernard Church. Please contact Mikey

Kishpaugh at 442-1695 or 572-9523 with any
questions.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

St. Bernard Parish Hall Saturday, March 14th 5:00
pm Doors open & drinks available for sale
6:00pm Dinner Served Dinner:

Corned beef and cabbage,
Irish soda bread –
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40daysforlife.eureka@gmail.com. To learn more
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This Sunday Annual Ministry Appeal 2020 - One Family In Mission

The AMA provides valuable funding for key Diocesan
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and schools. In some cases these ministries provide
direct ministry that no one parish could accomplish
alone(i.e. Restorative Justice and Tribunal) Some
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interreligious Affairs, Hispanic Ministry, Marian Sisters
of Santa Rosa, Marriage and Family, Native American
Ministry, Religious Education, Respect life,
Seminarists, 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
Dellalbalma** and **Eain Graham**. They are now
considered the Elect. Please keep them in your
prayers as they continue their journey toward the
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Church.

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