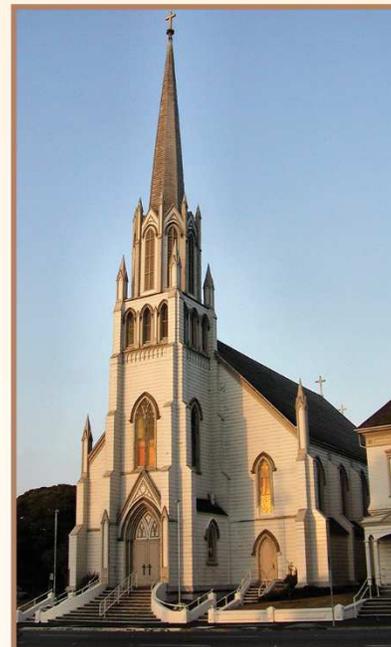
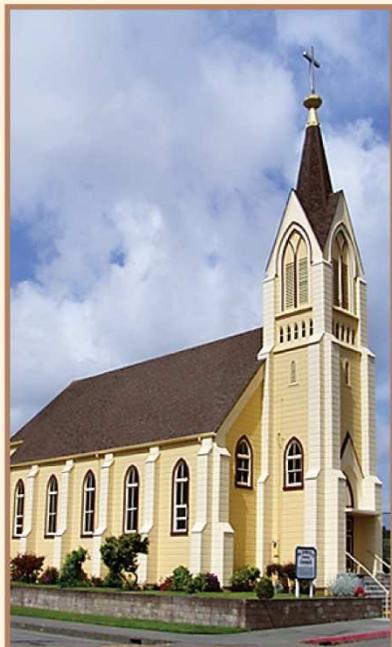


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February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent

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

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 28th, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Lent



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.... Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."
-Mark 9: 2-4,8

Light from Light

I have told you this story before, probably, but it bears on Sunday's Lenten readings.

The incident occurred a long time ago, just before I was ordained. For some reason—why I cannot remember—I had been chosen to give the Easter Vigil homily at the hugely packed College Church at Saint Louis University.

There was a complication, of course. I was scheduled to be on my ordination retreat at the very same time.

No problem. I rode in with four other Jesuits from the retreat place, way out in the countryside, into the city, into the church, into the sacristy, into an Alb and stole, and out to the altar. Needless to say, I was very nervous, since I had only given a few homilies before in my whole life.

It happened that a huge thunderstorm had struck just the night before. I had watched it through the high plate glass doors of the retreat house. If you are tired of rain or snow all over this country, you may no longer see what used to be the beauty of our rain storms. Dark rain pouring down, unexpected volcanic lightning flashes, blistering forth in naked power. Every single smallest detail of the landscape visible for seconds, as if twenty thousand florescent lights had suddenly flashed on and then off again.

This tremendous power dwarfed me.

It reminded me of what God had told the prophet: "Do not look at me directly as I pass by; the sight is too much for your eyes" (Ex 33:20). In other words, we are too small for such brilliance.

I found a much more humane version of light at Easter Vigil. The Easter Candle of course was lighted from the fire at the back, and the large assembly lit their small tapers gradually from its flames.

Since I was in the sanctuary, I could witness for the first time this soft light spreading forth from countless miniature candles, combining the crowd into a gentle oneness, a hearth of human faces, wrinkles forgiven. Comforting glow made each face a vessel which held deep inside itself the quiet being of the person and of the Lord.

Such a contrast: thunderous power, followed so quickly by warmth, love, small light. It enacted the true contrast between God's transcendent greatness—too much for human eyes—and Jesus' quiet love. Jesus absolved wrinkles and crippled legs and unseeing eyes. He is our glimpse of the awe-filled intensity of God-the-infinite, but through our tiny, finite eyes. Jesus is God -and also one of us. He is lightning turned into candle glow.

Alright, you say, that is very interesting, but what about Lent and this week's Gospel? Well, in his transfiguration, Jesus, who was quiet light, reversed himself and showed up as God the infinite fire. My mere encounter with lightning was nothing compared to this.

Why such a transformation?

One appealing speculation would be that at the very center of each bolt of lightning is the same stuff that gently caresses our faulty faces and makes them glow.

God does not extinguish his own light. But he can filter it and offer it to anyone who will look.

-John Foley, SJ

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Exodus 20:1-17

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$1,337.**

Religious Education will remain with at-home instruction for the remainder of the 2020/2021 education year. While it was our hope to be able to resume normal classes by now, the constant changes in tiers and regulations make this extremely difficult. Catechists will continue to be available after Masses the first weekend of every month, but feel free to call 442-2233 or email sacredsaintccd@gmail.com if you need help. For those eligible for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, these Sacraments will be given at normal Masses individually or in small groups. When your child has completed their text, please call us to schedule an interview with your family to make sure they are prepared and set everything up.

The Bishop has given faculties to Fr. Bernard for Confirmation through June, so please be sure to schedule early for Confirmation this year.

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 27

3:15 pm St Jo Confessions
4:00 pm St Jo Richard Kerr †

Sunday 28

7:30 am St Jo Mass for the People
9:00 am SH Dorothy & Richard Stipovich †
10:30 am SB Emilie Patton Int.
12:15 pm SH Craig Perrone † (Sp)

Monday 01

12:15 pm SB Fran Wahlund †

Tuesday 02

7:30 am St Jo Virginia DelGrande †

Wednesday 03

12:15 pm SB Mary Grinsell †
6:00 pm SH Adoration & Confession
7:00 pm SH Dale & Trena G (Sp)

Thursday 04

7:30 pm St Jo Darrell Keating †
5:30 pm SB Adoration & Confessions

Friday 05 Stations of the Cross

12:15 pm SB Bertha Yost †
1:00 pm SB Stations of the Cross
5:30 pm SB First Friday Devotion
1) Rosary) 2) Confession,
3) Mass, & 4) Holy Hour
5:30 pm SH Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm SH Station of the Cross (Sp)

Saturday 06

8:30 Am SH First Saturday Devotion
SH Mike & Chris Scanland †
SH Terry & Louise Scanland Int.
SH Annie Scanland & Family Int.
3:15 pm St Jo Confessions
4:00 pm St Jo Marivic Aguiler Int.

Sunday 07

7:30 am St Jo Mass for the People
9:00 am SH Richard Kerr †
10:30 am SB Catalina Parbas †
12:15 pm SH Francisco Vega † (Sp)

Please pray for: Star Salazar, Barbara, Shawn, Laurie Moralez, Marilyn Ziblich, Monika Rose Cleenewerck, Chad Kryla, Basil & Santos Mainus, Harold Giacomini, Chet Branum, Florence, Garrett Anderson, Isela Adams, Lindy Timmerman & Family, 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, Fred Pepper & Family, Erin Ford, Paul Shabata & Family.



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peaceful vigil and community outreach. The Vigil location is on the corner of Walford Ave, and Wilson St. near Planned Parenthood in Eureka. Vigil hours are 7am-7pm Daily. Local contact is Stephanie 707-7758 or 40DaysForLife.Humboldt@gmail.com Please visit: 40daysforlife.com/Humboldt to sign up for peaceful vigil 1 hour time periods or to learn more. Thank you for standing for God's great gift of life!



2021 Lent and Lenten Regulations

The current discipline is as follows:

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of **fast** and **abstinence**, that is, limited to a single, full meal and abstinence from meat.

The other Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence** from meat. The law of **fasting** permits only one full meal a day, but it does allow the taking of some food in the morning and a second light meal at noon or in the evening, as you prefer. Persons who are 18 years old through 60 years old year are obligated to fast. The law of **abstinence** from meat applies to all persons who of are 14 years old and older.

However, it is highly recommended that children from ages *seven* to *fourteen* years also follow the law of **abstinence**. All Catholics are encouraged to receive Holy Eucharist frequently during Lent and to receive the Sacrament of Penance so that all may be prepared to celebrate more fully the paschal mystery. Those who have received their first Holy Communion are to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. The determination of these days of obligatory penance, as listed above, should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. This penance is to help us see and shorten the distance between our present lives and the life God wants for each of us. "Penance should not be only internal and individual but external and social."

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