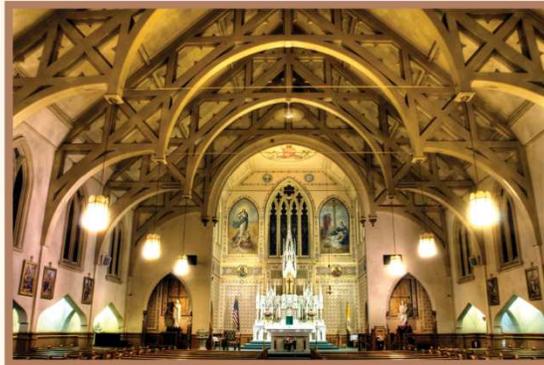


The Catholic Parish of St. Bernard

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February 7, 2021
5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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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On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told Him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to Him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew Him -[Mark 1: 34-39](#)

Eat Up

A Polish-American Jesuit friend once invited me to dinner at his mother's house. This sounded quite agreeable. The only instruction I was given beforehand was: do not refuse second helpings.

I was young and skinny and I knew I would even accept thirds.

But ...

Polish mothers take great pride in their traditional foods and in the multiple, large, large bowls in which they serve each one. Different foods, every one delicious, each and every one astonishingly filling.

So, I ate and ate and ate until the terrible moment arrived. "Here, have some more, oh my goodness you don't have anything on your plate, take some of this. And this. You are going to starve. You won't be ready for dessert if you don't eat your meal!"

Luckily, I did not roll my eyes. I took as little of each as I could politely do, dealt with dessert, and took my stuffed self away from the table, graced with a new friend in my new Polish mother, and a sore stomach.

Why do I tell you this?

Because Simon's mother-in-law in the Gospel must have been this sort of a woman. Whenever guests visited, I'm sure she would be hustling and bustling, stirring up a welcome, dish after dish.

But, when Jesus and the apostles came over one day, she was ill and helpless.

Jesus, immersed in his new career of preaching, curing, driving out unclean spirits, and showing the great tenderness of God for people, he saw how much out of character it was for her to just lie there and watch her guests. He took her hand, healed her without ceremony, and lifted her out of her frustration. The Gospel says that, "she waited on them." Just like the Polish mother.

But there is a contrast. In the First Reading we hear the ancient words of Job, who does nothing but complain that everything has been taken away from him. "My life is like the wind," he says, "I shall not see happiness again."

I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.

Many of us will recognize these symptoms from our own lives. But Job lost more than just sleep. He had been prosperous, with a wife and servants, children, - land, livestock, and a sterling reputation. Now they were taken away.

What had he done to deserve such huge deprivations?

For that matter, what did Jesus do to deserve the loss of his people (and his frequent meals with them), and of his preaching and curing and befriending? When he hung on the cross did he remember his mother's meals?

And did she?

We too have to know that loss is included in the way of the world.

God knows this also.

And he remains with us either way. "Father and fondler of heart he has wrung."* God shows that love means "being with us" in good times and in bad as well. Yes, he does join us in delightful meals.

But he does not take troubles away. He joins us in them. -John Foley, SJ

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$506** and St. Vincent & Betty Chinn was **\$537**.

HOLY COMMUNION INFO There are many faithful Catholics who participate in the Holy Mass virtually due to the pandemic. Keeping in view the pastoral aspect, the Bishop has granted permission to the Priests of the Diocese to distribute Holy Communion to these faithful Catholics. Therefore, if you participate in the Holy Mass virtually and want to receive Holy Communion thereafter, you may call the priest at 707-800-2699 and schedule a time to come by the parish to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Matching Funds

An anonymous benefactor from our parish has graciously offered to match dollar-for-dollar up to a total of a **\$30,000** donation. We have now raised **\$25,146** in donations for the Matching Funds which will go towards the **renovation of the church sanctuary**. We appreciate your support.

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 06

8:30 am SH Stella Reyes Int.
4:00 pm St B Academy Richard Kerr †

Sunday 07

9:00 am SH John Moon †
10:30 am St B Academy Marivic Aguilar Int.
12:15 pm SH Francisco Vega † (Sp)

Monday 08

12:15 pm SH In Honor of the Holy Spirit

Tuesday 09

12:15 pm SH Harold & Jean Nason †

Wednesday 10

12:15 pm SH Lynn Yost Int. (HB)
6:00 pm SH Adoration & Confession
7:00 pm SH No Intention

Thursday 11

12:15 pm SH Concezio Salvi †

Friday 12

12:15 pm SH Emyris Cameron Int.
1:00 pm SH Adoration & Confession
1:45 pm SH Benediction

Saturday 13

4:00 pm St B Academy Richard Kerr †

Sunday 14

9:00 am SH Alyce & Peters
10:30 am St B Academy Marivic Aguilar Int.
12:15 pm SH Marietta Tanchoco Tan † (Sp)

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Please pray for: Barbara, Shawn, Laurie Morales, 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.



40 Days For Life Feb. 17- March

28 You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization of prayer, fasting,

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!

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. Grace and Peace,

St. Bernard Church Office will be closed on Monday, Feb. 15th for Presidents' Day.

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