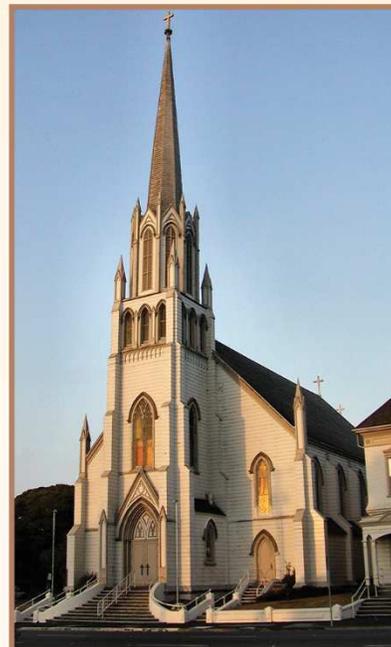
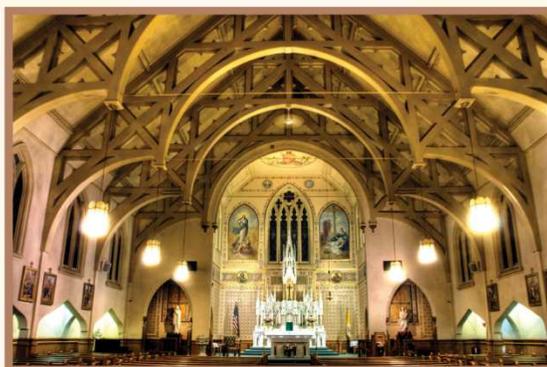
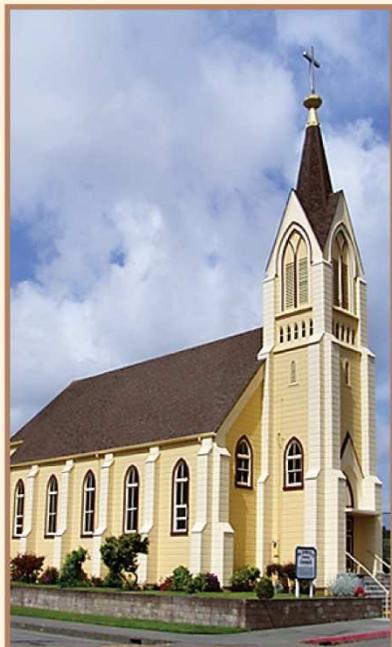


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Saturdays: 4:00 pm. (vigil), Sundays: 7:30 am.

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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Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.
-Mark 1: 17-18

And so, God’s line is never false. The people of Ninevah make it true in the best way by believing it to be true. When they respond with repentance, with trust and obedience, they cease to be what they were. And then, in that best way, Ninevah is destroyed.

-Eleonore Stump

The Destruction of Ninevah

The First Reading poses a puzzle that has bedeviled philosophers and theologians. God tells Jonah to tell the people of Nineveh this line from the Lord: *Forty days more and Ninevah shall be destroyed.*

God is announcing his own intention here, and God does not lie. Furthermore, the people of Nineveh believe this line to be true. That is why they fast and repent. And God is pleased with them for doing so.

BUT here is the problem: the line seems to be false. At any rate, forty days after Jonah’s announcement, the city is still standing.

And so here is the puzzle: could God tell a lie and approve people for believing a line that is false?

Philosophers and theologians have had a lot to say about this puzzle. But here is a simple thought.

When God intervenes dramatically in your life, he puts your whole life immediately at a major cross-road. You can either ignore him and continue stubbornly with your old life, as if God didn’t really matter, or didn’t really care what you did, or maybe didn’t really exist at all. Or you can open yourself to God. You can respond to him with trust and a willingness to obey. But if you do this, you will be leaving your old life aside, for a new life that might well have been unimaginable to you beforehand. You won’t be who you were before. You will be a new person, in him and for him.

The people of Nineveh respond to God’s call in this second way. When they hear God’s voice through Jonah and repent, their whole lives change. Because they repent, they become very different people from the people they had been. And so, the whole city becomes a very different city from the one it had been.

There are, then, *two* ways in which the Lord’s line can be true. Ninevah can be destroyed either because God destroys the city or because the people cease to be the Ninevah that they were. Either way, the old Ninevah will no longer exist.

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$886** and Latin America was **\$247.**

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 **\$25,096** in donations for the Matching Funds which will go towards the **renovation of the church sanctuary.** We appreciate your support.

Thank You Kim & Faith Formation Crew, Especially Parents, As Primary Educators Of Their Children

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Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 23

4:00 pm St B Academy Richard Kerr †

Sunday 24

9:00 am SH Sappells

10:30 am St B Academy Clarence Enos †

12:15 pm SH No Intention (Sp)

Monday 25

12:15 pm SH No Intention

Tuesday 26

12:15 pm SH In Honor of the Holy Spirt

Wednesday 27

12:15 pm SH Fr. Bernard D'Sa (HB)

6:00 pm SH Adoration & Confession

7:00 pm SH Marietta Tanchoco Tan † (Sp)

Thursday 28

12:15 pm SH Hugo Pompati & Family

Friday 29

12:15 pm SH No Intention

1:00 pm SH Adoration & Confession

1:45 pm SH Benediction

Saturday 30

4:00 pm St B Academy No Intention

Sunday 31

9:00 am SH Ann Lynch Int.

10:30 am St B Academy No Intention

12:15 pm SH No Intention (Sp)

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.

St. Thomas Aquinas Pray For Us- Feast Jan. 28th

January 28 is the feast of this great saint and doctor of the Church, the patron of students and Catholic schools. Thomas is one of the most brilliant philosophers and theologians the Catholic Church has ever had. Indeed, his reputation as an intellectual extends well beyond the Church and his scholarly thought has made its way into various organizations and governments, religious and secular. Perhaps because of his reputation as an intellectual heavyweight, he might seem a bit intimidating to us. Can I really relate to a medieval saint who spent his life immersed in books and teaching? Yes!

Thomas was a very human saint, one who can be a great model for us in many ways. Physically he was a big man, and Thomas was a gentle giant, known for his humility and kindness to others. Here are some things about him that are fun to know:

1. He was born and grew up in a castle.

Thomas was from a well-to-do family in Roccasecca, Italy. He had three brothers and five sisters.

2. He had a lifelong fear of storms.

That's probably because when he was a toddler, his infant sister was killed by lightning when they were both taking a nap in the same room. Later in life, Thomas always carried a relic of St. Agnes and prayed to her for protection during storms.

3. When he was a boy, he was sent to study at the famous monastery of Monte Cassino.

He stayed there through his teens and probably became a Benedictine oblate. While there Thomas got to know the spiritual writings of Saint John Cassian, which he treasured throughout his life.

4. He ran away from home to follow his Dominican vocation.

His family wouldn't have objected to him staying at Monte Cassino in view of becoming the abbot. But they just couldn't understand why Thomas wanted to become a Dominican. For them it was a step down in the world, since the Dominicans were itinerant preachers and went around begging. They tried to persuade him to drop the idea, but that didn't work.

5. He was stubborn.

When his family found out he had joined the Dominicans, a band of soldiers led by his brother Rinaldo captured Thomas and brought him back home. He spent about a year under a sort of house arrest while his family tried to persuade him to give up his dream. He did not.

6. He was called the "dumb ox."

This is often misunderstood. It didn't mean that the other students thought he was unintelligent. They called him that because he was very quiet and didn't talk much.

7. He had terrible handwriting.

It was so bad it's called in Latin the *littera inintelligibilis*. So, if anyone has ever criticized your handwriting, take heart, you're just like Aquinas!

8. He could dictate to two or three secretaries at once.

His handwriting didn't matter because he usually dictated to secretaries. Although it may seem incredible, it's well documented that Thomas could dictate to a few of them at one time. He could think a lot faster than they could write.

9. He never criticized people; he only critiqued ideas.

The closest he ever came to criticizing someone in his writings was when he called an opinion of a certain David of Dinant *stultissimus*, which loosely translated means, "wow, what a stupid idea!" But it was the *idea* he was criticizing, not David.

10. He was extremely humble and submitted all his work to the judgment of the Church.

At the point of death, he said, "I have taught and written much ... according to my faith in Jesus Christ and the holy Roman Church, to whose judgment I submit all my teaching." —Aleteia

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