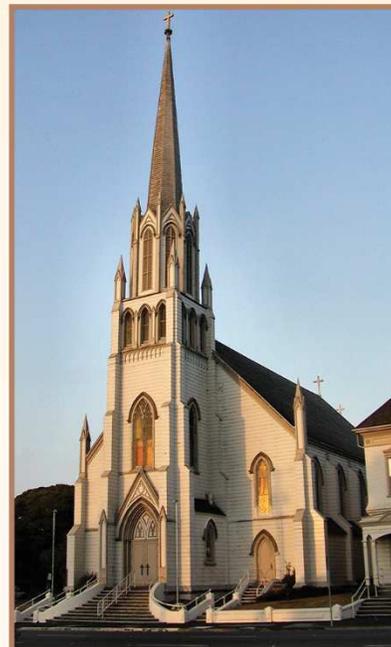
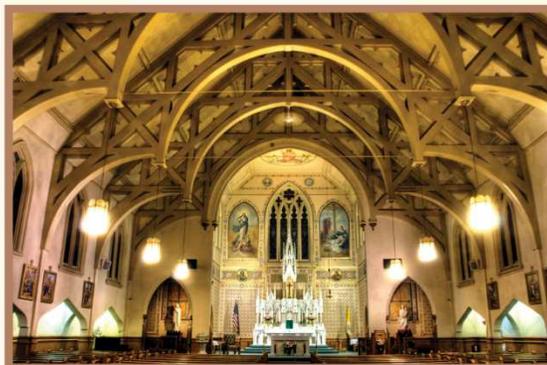
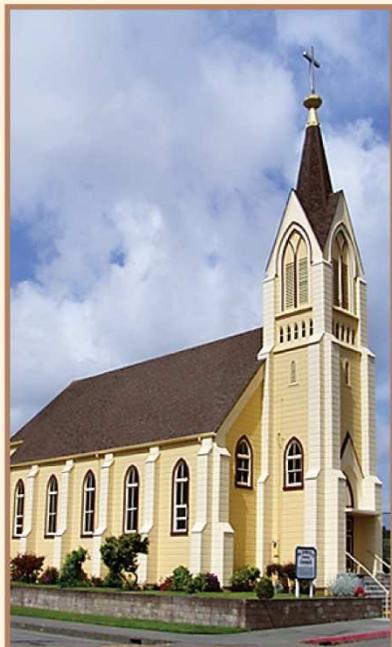


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**January 3rd, 2021
Epiphany of the Lord**

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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And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.-- MT 2: 8-11

Who knew?

Who knew the Messiah was born as the baby Jesus in Bethlehem in that wintertime? In this Sunday's Gospel Reading, a lot of people came to figure it out.

The chief priests and scribes knew where the Messiah would be born because they could interpret the parts in the Old Testament that predicted the Messiah's birth. The magi from the East knew that the Messiah had been born, because they could interpret the presence of the star in the sky. When the magi followed the star to Bethlehem to see for themselves, Herod the King ordered them to come back and tell him too.

For all these people, there was a way to know the birth of the Messiah. The priests could interpret Scripture, and the magi could read the stars. King Herod had the political power to command their knowledge and wisdom for his own purposes.

But what about people who lack the advantages of the priests and magi and who have no power to command others? How are they to know? Does God make provision only for the fortunate?

Consider the shepherds. They lacked the money needed for education, and so they lacked the ability to use Scripture or stars to know the birth of the Messiah. They had no power to command others to share the fruits of their education with them either.

But it isn't powerlessness or poverty that keeps a person from knowing the birth of the Messiah. In the end, it was not the shepherds but the powerful and wealthy King Herod, with his evil-hearted intentions, who didn't know the baby Jesus was the Messiah. The magi didn't tell him, because God warned them in a dream not to. And so, Herod the King didn't know.

In spite of their lack of all worldly advantages, the shepherds in fact outranked the king and all the others. They were by the side of the Messiah first, and they didn't have to figure it out for themselves either.

The shepherds may have been poor and simple, but they were trusting and open-hearted, too. And so they knew Christ Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem that cold winter night because they heard the angels sing. -Eleonore Stump

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Reading II: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 55: 1-11

Reading II: 1 John 5: 1-9

Gospel: Mark 1: 7-11

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$1501** and Christmas was **\$2390.**

NEW MASS TIMES & PLACE

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 02

8:30 am SH 1st Sat. Marian Devotion
Stella Reyes Int.

4:00 pm SJ Msgr. Gerard Brady †

Sunday 03 Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am SH No Intention

10:30 am SB Brad Masterson †

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

Monday 04

12:15 pm SB Hugo Pompati & Family †

Tuesday 05

7:30 am SJ No Intention

Wednesday 06

12:15 pm SB Judy Giannini †

6:00 pm SH Adoration & Confession

7:00 pm SH Holy Mass (Sp)

Thursday 07

7:30 am SJ Dolores & John Int.

Friday 08

12:15 pm SB Msgr. Gerard Brady †

1:00 pm SB Adoration & Confession

1:45 pm SB Benediction

Saturday 09

4:00 pm SJ No Intention

Sunday 10 The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 am SH No Intention

10:30 am SB Barbara Masterson †

12:15 pm SH Francisco Vega † (Sp)

Please pray for : 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, Ryan Pepper, Fred Pepper, Paul Shabata & Family.

PRAYER LINE

He will shelter you with his pinions, and under his wings you may take refuge; his faithfulness is a protecting shield. ~
Psalm 91: 6 Call our prayer line leader, Toni at 445-3616 24/7.

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 **\$24,946** in donations for the Matching Funds which will go towards the **renovation of the church sanctuary**. We appreciate your support.

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.

In case you wish to read more about the vaccine and morality, kindly browse [www.usccb.org>moral-considerations-covid-vaccines](http://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines).

If you would like a copy of your 2020 donations for tax purposes please call Cathy at the office at 442-6466 and leave your name and address.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Pray For Us –Jan. 4th

A convert to Roman Catholicism, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was foundress of the American Sisters of Charity, which was the first sisterhood native to the United States. She was the first person born in the United States to become a canonized saint. During her lifetime, she was a wife, mother of five, widow, sole parent, foundress, educator, social minister and spiritual leader.

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City on August 28, 1774 to a prominent Episcopal family, and lost her mother at the age of three. After the death of his first wife, Dr. Bayley married (1778) Charlotte Amelia Barclay (c.1759-1805), of the Jacobus James Roosevelt lineage of New York. Elizabeth and her sister were never accepted by their stepmother. The marriage ended in a separation as a result of marital conflict.

In 1794, at the age of 19, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. William died of tuberculosis penniless in 1803, leaving Elizabeth a young widow. After discovering Catholicism in Italy, where her husband had gone in vain to recover health, Elizabeth returned to the United States and entered the Catholic Church in 1805 in New York. After a number of difficult years enduring rampant persecution for her Catholic faith, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, planting the seeds of Catholic education in the United States.

Her legacy now includes religious congregations in the United States and Canada, whose members care for widows and orphans and work on the unmet needs of people living in poverty in North America and beyond. Elizabeth had a special concern for children who lacked educational opportunities, especially religious instruction in the faith. Elizabeth's pathway to inner peace and sanctity flowed from her way of living the Paschal Mystery in her own life.

Pope Paul VI canonized Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton on September 14 during the Holy Year of 1975. The Holy See accepted three miracles through her intercession. These included the cures of Sister Gertrude Korzendorfer, D.C. (1872-1942) of St. Louis of cancer; a young child, Ann Theresa O'Neill (b.1948) of Baltimore from acute lymphatic leukemia; and Carl Kalin (1902-1976) of NY from a rare form of encephalitis

.-Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine (Detailed bio)



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