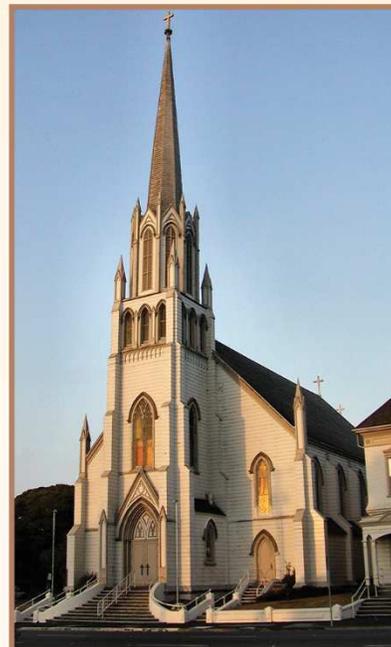
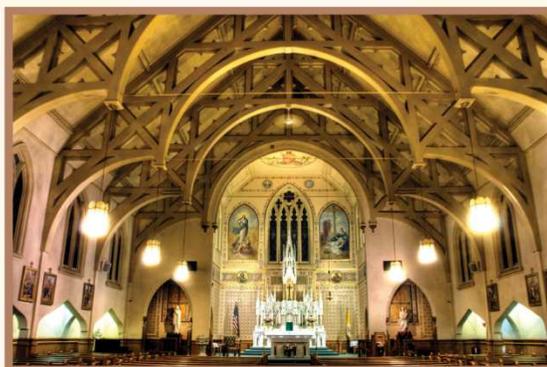
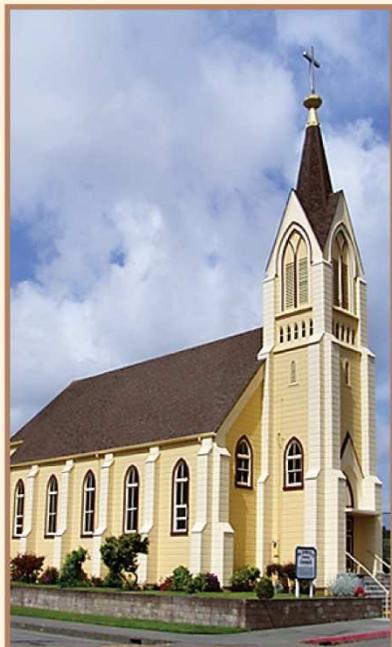


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January 31, 2021
4th Sunday in
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St. Joseph Mission Church Mass Schedule

(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

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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The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. ... All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they

obey him." 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: 21-28](#)

Fear

"If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts." Words from the Psalm for Sunday.

As a composer, I can understand some of the devices I might use to make a musical setting of this [Psalm](#). But when I hear them I don't really concentrate on any one or the other word. I am taken away by their meaning.

Sunday's Readings give a similar command. We are told to hear with our hearts the word of God, not to get sidetracked.

By what?

The [First Reading](#) offers an answer. Moses quotes God's words:

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth.

Moses has acted as intermediary between God and the people, and now they are promised another mediator between them and the God they fear.

Fear?

Yes. If you have a bible handy, look at people's reaction to God's gift of the ten commandments (or just click this link: [Exodus 19:16](#)). There the Lord descended upon Mount Sinai in great fire and thunder and the blare of trumpets! The people understandably became afraid and trembled and stood far off.

"Don't make us listen to that voice again, or see that great fire again, because we might die from it."

In today's [First Reading](#), Moses reminds them of this reaction. Fear had frightened the people away from God. They did not even hear the word of God because dread had deadened their hearts.

Do we ever find God too large and threatening for our small selves? Do we ever want to ignore such a voice, especially when it is speaking commandments that go against what we find much easier?

Television and so many movies depict the joys of sins that make them part of the landscape and hard to resist! We can be lured. Maybe we take the

name of the Lord our God in vain. Or miss Mass on Sunday. Or—you know the rest—dishonor our parents or desire to commit adultery, or steal or lie, or lust after already committed wives or husbands in spite of their relationships—or ours. Isn't such behavior common in today's world?

But God's voice is a lure also, especially as it evokes the psalm setting, as in the [Second Reading](#). We are to be wrapped in the luxury of God's words, to bask in the beauty of a love that only wants our own good. St Paul says "I should like you to be free of anxieties."

So, would we have been afraid of Jesus as well? In the [Gospel](#), we find him teaching "as one having authority." I suppose the answer, then, is yes. He drove a devil out of the man in the synagogue, who, notice, was violently afraid, no joke about it. Jesus gave a command and "the unclean spirit convulsed [the man] and with a loud cry came out of him."

Notice: God and Jesus become stern for our good, not because they are destroyers. Destruction is what they are trying to get us to leave behind.

We sing joyfully to the Lord, the psalm says.

All rebukes from the Lord are for our own good. If today we hear God's voice and listen to it and don't harden our hearts out of fear, maybe we will find this out.

-John Foley, SJ

Readings This Sunday

[Reading I: Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#)

[Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35](#)

[Gospel: Mark 1:21-28](#)

Readings For Next Sunday

[Reading I: Job 7:1-4, 6-7](#)

[Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23](#)

[Gospel: Mark 1:29-39](#)

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$870.**

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.

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 30

4:00 pm St B Academy Judy Giannini †

Sunday 31

9:00 am SH Ann Lynch Int.

10:30 am St B Academy Dan Cloney †

12:15 pm SH No Intention (Sp)

Monday 01

12:15 pm SH Msgr. Gerard Brady †

Tuesday 02

12:15 pm SH Martin Cote †

Wednesday 03

12:15 pm SH Clarence Enos †

6:00 pm SH Adoration & Confession

7:00 pm SH No Intention

Thursday 04

12:15 pm SH Bertha Yost †

Friday 05

12:15 pm SH Marivic Aguilar Int.

1:00 pm SH Adoration & Confession

1:45 pm SH Benediction

5:30 PM SH First Friday Reparations,

1) Rosary) 2) Confession,
3) Mass, and 4) Holy Hour

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)

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, Fred Pepper & Family, Erin Ford, Paul Shabata & Family.

Prayer Line

We receive many prayer requests for others at this time of year, and it is fitting that we do. The Holy Spirit is at work in our hearts and beckons us to heed this call. We are grateful to pray for you and join in His work. 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 **\$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 for making sure that in this challenging time religious education continues for our precious children.

RIP Reverend Mathew Ittiyaparra, who was an active priest in the Diocese of Santa Rosa until his retirement in September 2009, died at the age of eighty-three on January 18, 2021 in India. He served as Parochial Vicar at St. Bernard Parish in Eureka from 1980 to 1983, at St. Mary Parish Arcata from 1983 to 1984 and at the Cathedral of St. Eugene from 1984 until 1987. From 1987 until 1995 he was pastor of Christ the King Parish McKinleyville and of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Yountville from 1995-2009 before retiring to India. May he rest in peace.

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,

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