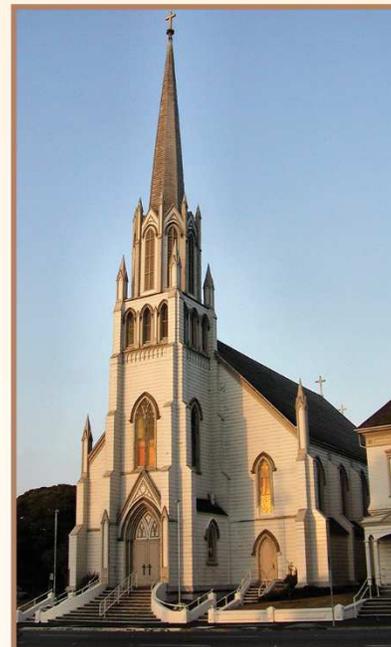
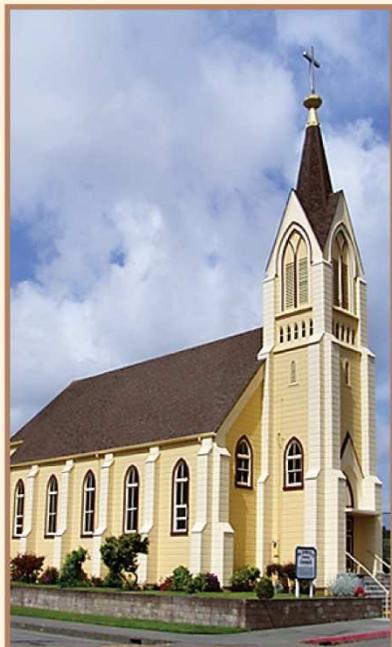


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March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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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March 14th, 2021 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent



Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn

the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

-John 3:14-21

Heartbreak

As the First Reading describes it, the enemies of the Jews smash Jerusalem. The walls of the city are torn down. The Temple of God is burned up, and all its holy things are destroyed. And the people are taken captive to Babylon. It's all lost, their country, their customs, their language, their cult, their Temple.

In the Psalm, there is a poignant picture of the people's heartbreak over this destruction of their home. The enemies who had wrecked Jerusalem wanted the Jews to sing Hebrew songs for them. "How can we sing the Lord's songs in a strange land," the captive people say to themselves in their grief.

The Second Reading declares that God is rich in mercy and great in love. So why doesn't God protect his people from the heartbreak that his people had when Jerusalem was destroyed?

The answer to the question lies in the Readings.

God doesn't want to destroy people and God doesn't allow suffering for the sake of hurting people either. Instead, God is looking for a remedy, as the First Reading implies. God is willing to use desperate measures, even the heartbreak of his people, to save them.

And not only that, but God is willing to use his own suffering too. As the Gospel Reading says, God gave his beloved Son to save the world. Christ was betrayed by his disciples, shamed in front of his family and friends, mocked by his community, condemned by the legal authorities, publicly flogged, and put to death by crucifixion. Any one of these things is enough for heartbreak, isn't it? And so, in the incarnate Christ, God uses his own great suffering as the final remedy to bring people from death into life, when all other remedies have been tried and failed.

Heartbreak by us, by Christ, is for life not for death.

And here is what else we need to see. Jerusalem was rebuilt and the Temple was restored, as the First Reading explains. Christ's death was followed by his resurrection. In each of these cases, heartbreak was turned into joy.

And so, heartbreak is not the last word. Elsewhere (Ps 37:3-4) the Psalmist says, "put your trust in the Lord, ... and he will give you the desires of your heart." When the story is God's, heartbreak is not the end of the story.

Joy in finding your heart's desire is. -Eleonore Stump

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Reading II: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reading II: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$939.**



Year of Saint Joseph Novena and Resources

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph." It is a wonderful opportunity to increase our love for St. Joseph and knowledge, "to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal" (*Patris Corde*). **You are invited to join us every morning at 7:30 am at St. Joseph Church for Mass and recitation of the Novena.** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has composed this novena to be prayed yearly **on March 10-18, the nine days that precede the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19.** The parish web page now has a page of resources gathered from around the web to enrich your celebration of the Year of Saint Joseph. One of the links on the page allows you to download the Novena so you can either read it online or print it out. You can also find out about traditions such as Saint Joseph's Table. Visit sacredhearteureka.net to see all this and more!

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 13 St. Joseph Novena

7:30 am St Jo Novena Mass
3:15 pm St Jo Confessions
4:00 pm St Jo Msgr. John Farrell †

Sunday 14 St Joseph Novena

7:30 am St Jo Mass for the People
9:00 am SH Frank & Ruth Kutil †
10:30 am SB Craig Perrone †
12:15 pm SH John Benz † (Sp)

Monday 15 St Joseph Novena

7:30 am St Joseph Novena Mass
12:15 pm SB James Hary †

Tuesday 16 St Joseph Novena

7:30 am St Jo Richard Kerr †

Wednesday 17 St Joseph Novena

7:30 am St Joseph Novena Mass
12:15 pm SB Carl Schneider Int.
6:00 pm SH Adoration & Confession
7:00 pm SH Linda Bareilles Int.

Thursday 18 St Joseph Novena

7:30 pm St Jo Ashley & Emyris Cameron Int.
5:30 pm SB Adoration & Confessions

Friday 19 St. Joseph Feast Day

7:30 am St. Joseph Feast Mass
12:15 pm SB Ryan Pepper Int.
1:00 pm SB Stations of the Cross
5:30 pm SH Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm SH Station of the Cross (Sp)

Saturday 20

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

Sunday 21

7:30 am St Jo Norma Jean Clark Int.
9:00 am SH Craig Perrone †
10:30 am SB Mass for the People
12:15 pm SH Francisco Vega & Oscar Camacho † (Sp)

Please pray for: Dan McCaskill, Elizabeth McCaskill, Star Salazar, Barbara, Shawn, Laurie Moralez, Marilyn Ziblich, Monika Rose Cleenewerck, Chad Kryla, Basil & Santos Mainus, Harold Giacomini, Chet Branum, Florence, Lindy Timmerman & Family, Mary James, Dave Silverbrand, John Bertain, Denise Sledge, 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.

Rest in Peace—Please pray for the recently deceased and his family members: Dennis Grate

ST. JOSEPH - FEAST DAY FRIDAY MARCH 19

In her autobiography, St. Teresa of Avila, the holy Carmelite mystic and reformer, sings the praises of her holy father, St. Joseph, and gives proof of his powerful intercession:

"I took for my patron and lord the glorious St. Joseph, and recommended myself earnestly to him. I saw clearly that both out of this my present trouble, and out of others of greater importance, relating to my honor and the loss of my soul, this my father and lord delivered me, and rendered me greater services than I knew how to ask for.

I cannot call to mind that I have ever asked him at any time for anything which he has not granted; and I am filled with amazement when I consider the great favors which God hath given me through this blessed Saint; the dangers from which he hath delivered me, both of body and of soul.

To other Saints, our Lord seems to have given grace to succour men in some special necessity; but to this glorious Saint, I know by experience, to help us in all: and our Lord would have us understand that as He was Himself subject to him upon earth—for St. Joseph having the title of father, and being His guardian, could command Him—so now in heaven He performs all his petitions. [...]

Would that I could persuade all men to be devout to this glorious Saint; for I know by long experience what blessings he can obtain for us from God. I have never known anyone who was really devout to him, and who honored him by particular services, who did not visibly grow more and more in virtue; for he helps in a special way those souls who commend themselves to him. [...]

But I ask, for the love of God, that he who does not believe me will make the trial for himself—when he will see by experience the great good that results from commending oneself to this glorious patriarch, and being devout to him.

Those who give themselves to prayer should in a special manner have always a devotion to St. Joseph; for I know not how any man can think of the Queen of the angels, during the time that she suffered so much with the Infant Jesus, without giving thanks to St. Joseph for the services he rendered them then. He who cannot find anyone to teach him how to pray, let him take this glorious Saint for his master, and he will not wander out of the way." (*Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, ch. 6*)

St. Teresa also makes clear the best reason to love and to have recourse to St. Joseph: Jesus and Mary did so! In a vision of Our Lady and St. Joseph, St. Teresa recounts: "*Our Lady seemed at once to take me by both hands. She said that I pleased her very much by being devoted to the glorious St. Joseph.*"

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