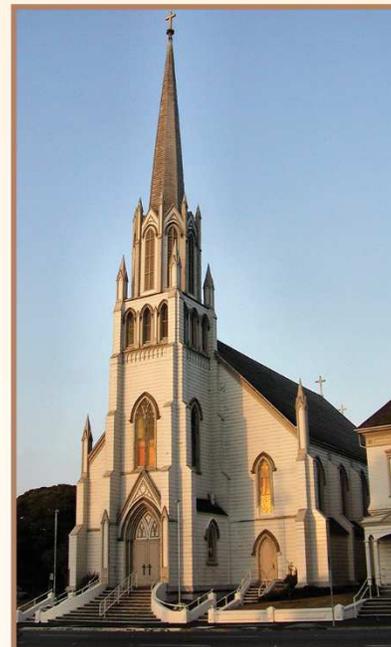
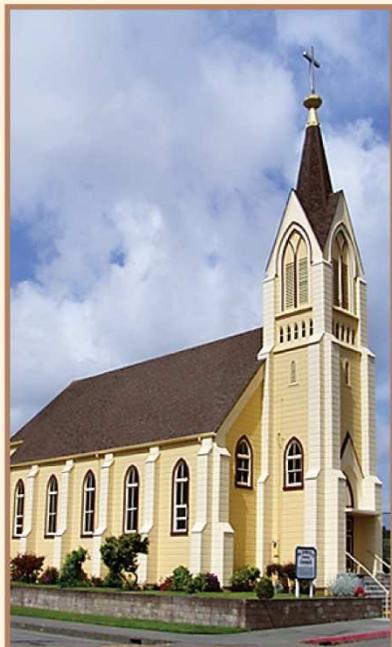


The Catholic Parish of St. Bernard

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March 21, 2021
Fifth 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 21st, 2021 – 5th Sunday of Lent



“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.”
-John 12:20-33

Coming to Pieces

A tiny grain plants itself deep within the soil. It tucks its self into complete darkness. It is fearless, comforted by the tough, safe shell that is its home. It belongs there, and knows it. In quiet. In growth. Home.

Then calamity.

The shell-shelter turns tight and invading and painful. The growing seed finds its peace replaced by shock. Its formerly great protector is now opposing it, holding it back. Crushing it. Then, suddenly, as if planned from all eternity, the protecting shell cracks right open. “Wait, wait, I need you,” shouts the seed. Nothing doing. The shelter goes to pieces! Moisture trickles in, and bits of dank, cold soil. Anything and everything can now wriggle right into the heart of what was a quiet, pure place.

The seed goes crazy. What is left of it copes somehow, wildly extending a new, thin arm outward, then slithering out its whole self. “Steady by jerks” through the cracks in its shell. It had to get out of there, so it dares its way into the rough, cold mud. How foolish and how shaming. Stay where safety is, you fool!*

But the slowly transforming tiny self seems to take on a new life. Is this its new home now, in the slippery soil? It moves with caution. It is going upwards.

Too much is in its path, including a huge, unyielding rock. A jagged, rough, uncaring rock, heedless of tiny green shoots.

And so, the story ends.

Except that the former seed appears to have will power. It is seeking something—urging itself toward some pressing objective, rooting its way with intuitive ambition.

Along the under-edge of the rock, brutally, fearfully and with rending pain. After what seems like years it achieves the far under-edge of the gnarly rock and, guess what. It starts upward again.

Now there are hard clods to press through and plenty of pebbles. The higher it goes the drier the surrounding soil becomes. Then the top crust. It forbids any penetration. It is an ultimate, intractable, stupefying barrier.

And so, the story ends.

Except for one voice from deep within. Push. Push, it murmurs. I am with you.

Now just a thinnest lesion in the tough skin. With a

certainty that might have been written on its heart, this vine-to-be gets to the place it was meant to be. In a heaven of light and warmth, bathed in the sun’s astonishing rays, it is now a plant and it stretches and yawns in the wafting breezes of Spring.

This is just like our own journey, isn’t it? Dark mud can take a chokehold on our life.

But Jesus says, do not worry, child, trust me. “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit”
(Gospel) -John Foley, SJ

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reading II: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Readings For Next Sunday

Procession: Mark 11:1-10

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$1,719** and Building & Maintenance was **\$650**.

A Fond Farewell To Deacon Tony and Judy

We wish to thank Deacon Tony Viegas and Judy Viegas for their many years of service to our Sacred Heart parish and the community. They will be moving and we send all our prayers with them for safe journeys and happiness in their new home. They will be deeply missed! May God guide and keep them in His tender care. Due to the pandemic, there will be a brief and loving acknowledgement after the March 28th Palm Sunday Mass. However, on a later visit there will be a celebration for them when possible.

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 **\$25,846** 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 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)

Monday 22

12:15 pm SB Thanksgiving Mass

Tuesday 23

7:30 am St Jo Gino Corpopassi †

Wednesday 24

12:15 pm SB Ashley, Todd & Hailey
Wormington Int.
6:00 pm SH Adoration & Confession
7:00 pm SH Linda Bareilles Int.

Thursday 25

7:30 pm St Jo Henry Lutje †
5:30 pm SB Adoration & Confessions

Friday 26

12:15 pm SB Nikki Irwin 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 27

3:15 pm St Jo Confessions
4:00 pm St Jo Norma Jean Clark Int.

Sunday 28

7:30 am St Jo Dick Lester †
9:00 am SH Mass for the People
10:30 am SB Barbara Clement Int.
12:15 pm SH Linda Bareilles Int. (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

STILL MORE SCAMS...

Someone is using Bishop Vasa's name to send emails. This is a SCAM! Please disregard and pray for their conversion.

From Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic

Women

Dear Sisters and Friends in Christ,
May the peace of Christ be with you! SRDCCW has committed to making this newsletter a launch for a more pro-active, pro-life presence in our Diocese. As I reflect on this mission, I wonder, as you read this, "What does Pro-Life mean to you?". Every day we make choices that either promote or detract from the Culture of Life. I invite you to share with us, how do you perceive this virtue going forward in our world? How do you perceive your role in this pro-life mission?

In my years as a volunteer for Birthright, in Petaluma and San Rafael, I've learned that being "anti-abortion" is only one, although significant, piece of being pro-life. The "seamless garment" of life, inspired by the garment of Christ, is our model that a true ethic of life is undivided. All of the ways that we share the Mercy and Love of Christ in our world uphold the pro-life way. We are each called to our own particular contribution. We at SRDCCW hope to support you in your journey and hope that you will participate with us, to be ever more present as a beacon of love, sharing the Life of Christ!

Deo Gratias! -Cindy

For information about membership and upcoming events please contact:

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Please Contact SRDCCW with ideas to promote the Culture of Life and support women in our diocese. Thank for your support.

Religious Education News

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, Kim Farrell DRE/SEC, Saint Bernard /Sacred Heart Parishes 442-2233

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