

December 6th, 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent



The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God...

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”-Mark 1:1-8

FAITH -The Bethlehem Candle

How are you doing Monsignor?

“I am holding on my own, I can’t complain,” was the immediate reply from Msgr. Brady. Absolutely true, he knew no language of complaint, but was always grateful to God and everyone.

Yesterday (1st of December), after administering the sacrament of the sick to one of the parishioners, I rushed to St. Bernard School to set up the altar for outdoor Mass. Fr. Rowell and I were moving the altar to the tent when my phone rang. It was Fr. Mike Cloney who said: “I need help, Msgr. Brady is on the floor.” We dashed to the rectory only to find gentle Msgr. Brady lying peacefully in his washroom. The professionals were called in and they declared that Msgr. Brady had gone ahead of us. Like the good gatekeeper of last week’s Gospel, I am sure we all appreciate Fr. Mike; who like the good gatekeeper, was “watchful and alert” of his brother priest.

When I arrived in Eureka in August of 2017, Msgr. Brady was the ‘go to priest’ for me specifically, when I wanted to learn the history of our local parishes. He was one of those senior priests who opted to dedicate their priestly ministry to the newly erected Diocese of Santa Rosa, California in 1962. Hence, he was like a walking encyclopedia and provided us new priests with information about every historical event in our Diocese. He never missed an opportunity to mention the Sisters of Orange, how they arrived in Eureka and began their congregation here in Humboldt County.

Msgr. Brady held the Eucharist very close to his heart. Whenever I asked him to offer Mass, His reply was “Thank you Bernard for giving me the opportunity to offer up Mass to the faithful.” When his health began to dwindle from Nov. 2019, he continued saying: “Once I feel better, I will help you Bernard in offering Masses.” I asked him last week to offer Thanksgiving Mass, as it was his

birthday. He gladly did and said: “My birthday comes on Thanksgiving Day once in seven years.” His entire life was a testimony to the meaning of the word Eucharist: Thanksgiving.

Yesterday, Fr. Rowell expressed to me that he had always looked up to Msgr. Brady as a role model and inspirational priest. He added that he would be missing his “spiritual guide.” I am sure, all of us will feel the vacuum created due to the passing away of our humble, beloved priest.

As we pray for the departed soul of Msgr. Brady, let us remember to pray for more vocations to the priesthood.

“I am holding on my own.” Now the Lord holds his beloved priest Msgr. Brady in His arms.
-Fr. Bernard

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Reading II: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Reading II: 1Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$858** and Thanksgiving **\$185**.

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.

Confirmation News... It’s that time of year again for us to begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you or a loved one is between 7th grade and 17 years old, now is the perfect time to join us! Please leave a message with Dn. Dance @ (707) 442-2233 / email at dancefarrell@gmail.com, and clearly say that you are interested in Confirmation, leave your name, the name of your child, and your phone number. Deacon will contact you soon regarding classes! Deacon W. Dance Farrell, St. Bernards / St. Joseph’s & Sacred Heart Parishes
Director of Campus Ministry – St. Bernards Academy

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 05

8:30 am SH 1st Sat. Marian Devotion
Stella Reyes Int.
4:00 pm SBS Mass for the People
6:00 pm SH Rosary & Holy Mass (Sp)

Sunday 06

9:00 am SH VanderVeldt Family Int.
10:30 am SBS Lisa & Ernie Domingo †
12:15 pm SH Novena Rosary & Holy Mass Sp
Francisco Vega & Oscar
Camacho †

Monday 07

12:15 pm SBS Virginia DelGrande †
6:00 pm SH Novena Rosary & Holy Mass Sp

Tuesday 08

12:15 pm SBS Msgr. Gerard Brady †
6:00 pm SH Novena Rosary & Holy Mass Sp

Wednesday 09

12:15 pm SBS Bertha Yost †
6:00 pm SH Adoration
6:00 pm SH Novena Rosary & Holy Mass Sp
For the healing and support for the victims of clergy
sexual abuse.

Thursday 10

12:15 pm SBS Msgr. Gerard Brady †
6:00 pm SH Novena Rosary & Holy Mass Sp

Friday 11

12:15 pm SBS Lowell Allen †
6:00 pm SH Novena Rosary & Holy Mass Sp
Smelcers Int.

Saturday 12

7 am SH Our Lady of Guadalupe
Las Mananitas followed by Feast
Mass
4:00 pm SBS Don Michael †
5:00 pm SH Las Mananitas followed by Feast
Mass
6:00 pm SH Rosary & Holy Mass (Sp)

Sunday 13

9:00 am SH Carmen Salazar †
10:30 am SBS Orletta Hook †
12:15 pm SH Mass for the People Sp

Please pray for : Marilyn Ziblich, Baby
Olivia, Monika Rose Cleenewerck, Chad Kryla,
Basil & Santos Mainus, Harold Giacomini, Chet
Branum, Florence, Garrett Anderson, Isela
Adams, Lindy Timmerman & Family, Mary
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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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WILL BEGIN SOON

We are awaiting our home instruction books for enrolled families and will inform you as soon as possible of the starting date of religious education. Thank you for your patience. This year, due to COVID, Religious Education will begin with at-home instruction by the family. Assistance from parish catechists will be available after Masses monthly for registered families in person or by phone. Contact Kim Farrell, DRE for more information. Her phone number is on the bulletin. Our Faith and Life series is still our main text, but during at home instruction this text is much easier for parents: <https://www.comcenter.com/program/429/>

Poinsettia Donation for the

Altar: Contrary to last week's bulletin, (10-29-20), we will not be collecting money for poinsettias. Rather, we ask those of you who wish, to purchase your own poinsettia in memory of a loved one, and then bring it to the Christmas Mass to place at the altar. You will be able to take it home to enjoy after Mass. Watch for any further updates.



Ferndale Portuguese Hall Association - Annual Beans & Linguica Dinner

It's the time of year again for the Portuguese Hall Board of Directors to have their annual Beans and Linguica Dinner to benefit the hall repairs. This event will be on Sunday, December 6, 2020 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This year the event will be held in compliance with COVID safety restrictions, meals will be available for take-out and public health approved indoor dining will be available. Masks are required while inside the building and guests must maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from those not in their immediate family or dining party. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Sunday, December 6, 2020

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm__Portuguese Hall – Ferndale
Benefits: Portuguese Hall Repairs
Donations: \$12 Adults, \$6 Children (ages 6-12)
The City of Ferndale also lights its Town Christmas Tree on this evening. Please come and enjoy a family fun evening. Any questions, please contact 834-0668, or Stephanie Koch at 786-4964.

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John 3:16
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