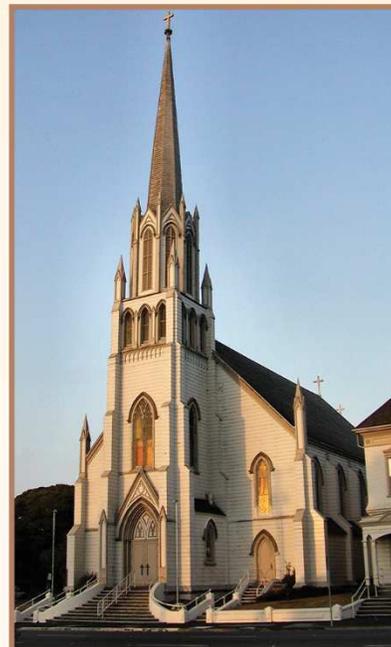
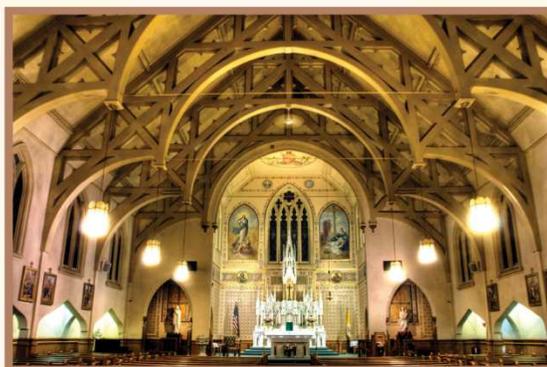
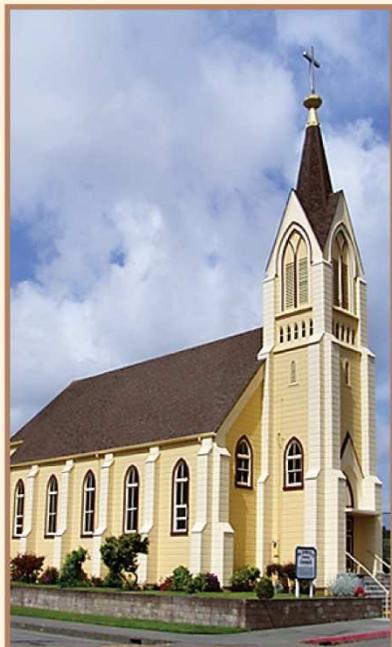


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Saturdays: 4:00 pm. (vigil), Sundays: 7:30 am.
Weekdays: Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30 am.
Holy Days: 7:30 am
Confessions: Saturdays 3:15-3:45 pm & by appt.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wed. 3:30-8:30 pm

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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Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. “Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and

of his kingdom there will be no end.” -Luke 1: 29-31

Celebrating Family in Light of The Holy Family

In my childhood—a while back, admittedly—I looked forward every year to the big New Year’s Eve party my parents had. A number of times, looking for something to do, I wrote and dittoed off a tiny newspaper for the entertainment of everyone in attendance! To my mind that party came second only to Christmas!

But of course, Christmas was the big deal. It was the main holiday—the presents, the Christmas village my mother constructed each year on the mantel, and increasingly for me, the birth of the Christ child.

These holidays always had and have a big footprint, even during the pandemic. That is why I wonder about placing the feast of the Holy Family between them. Won’t family be put into the shade, even if the shopping and decorating have to be curtailed this year, if people adhere to COVID-19 cautions.

How can we make room for Holy Family Sunday, tired or not, curtailed or not? Maybe by looking at what we would miss if we ignored this feast, especially the Gospel.

First, what this “feast” for? The Presentation in the Temple, portrayed in our Gospel, will be celebrated on February 2nd, using exactly the same Gospel reading. Thus the “historical” significance of this event is reiterated later when it can have full significance. It is as if the Church has something besides chronology in mind when it puts this reading right after Christmas.

What would that be? The spiritual content of this Mass.*

Some highlights:

1. This Sunday contains one of the few descriptions of the Holy Family in all scripture. Their appearance here emphasizes how important family

care is for children and for all human beings. Mary and Joseph seem hesitant but have exquisite care for the baby Jesus.

2. Look at the important words of Simeon, which interpret the Nativity for us, though they may not seem to:

Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.

Obviously, these words refer to the baby born just a few days ago.

They are like using an underliner on the Christmas story. The child brings peace; He is a fulfillment of the Lord’s word that a Messiah would come; He is an entrance of the Word into the whole world, not just to part of it: He is sent to Gentiles as well as to Israel; He is a revelation and He is a glory. Don’t we need this kind of interpretation? Why ignore it?



3. There is not only Simeon, but also Anna. We are told she had done Advent fasting and prayer in the temple until she was 84 years old! At last, poignantly, she begins to speak about the child, addressing everyone who had been awaiting redemption. Isn’t she a symbol of the Advent we have just been through: patient waiting and learning?

These are only three of the quiet beauties found in the Gospel this Sunday. They celebrate family, they bring out spiritual qualities of the birth of Our Lord. What if we let this Sunday quietly unpack Christmas and our lives for us? -John Foley, SJ

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

Reading II: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 60: 1-6

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

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$866** and **B & M** was **\$299**.

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 26

4:00 pm SBS Don Int. & Marilyn Murphy †

Sunday 27

9:00 am SH Mildred & Edwin Ruess †

10:30 am SBS Mass for the People

12:15 pm SH No Intention (Sp)

Monday 28

12:15 pm SBS David Spooner †

Tuesday 29

12:15 pm SBS Mary Gierek Hoffman †

Wednesday 30

12:15 pm SBS Bea & Joseph Romero †

Thursday 31 Solemnity of Mary Vigil

4:00 pm SBS Fr. Eric Freed †

Friday 01 Solemnity of Mary

9:00 am SH Solemnity of Mary

12:15 pm SBS Solemnity of Mary

5:00 pm SH Solemnity of Mary (Sp)

Saturday 02

4:00 pm SBS Msgr. Gerard Brady †

Sunday 03

9:00 am SH No Intention

10:30 am SBS Brad Masterson †

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

Please pray for: 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.

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/>

A BIG Thank You to the parishioners who helped with the Christmas mailing: Deb Allen, Alan Knapp, Illeen Knapp and Fritz Sorensen. Thanks so much for all your help. We really appreciate you. Also, a **big Thanks** to those who helped with last week's bulletin when Cathy was on medical leave.; Angelia from Sacred Heart Church and Fr. Bernard

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.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God, feast day Masses

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On the 1st of January 9.00 am SH

12.15 pm SB school

5.00 pm SH Spanish Mass



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