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Mass Schedule at St. Bernard

Sundays: 10:30 am.
Weekdays: 12:15 pm. Mon, Wed, Fri
Holy Days: Vigil 7:00 pm, 12:15pm
Confessions: Wednesdays 1-2 pm. & by appt.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wed. 1-9pm.

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.
The First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014

Don’t Forget Manana. According to Mark’s Jesus, nobody knows about “that day or hour” in which the Son of Man will return, neither the angels in heaven, nor Jesus himself, but only the Father (Mk 13:32). Yet Jesus assured his immediate audience that they would not “pass away until all these things have taken place” (Mk 13:30). His thrice-repeated exhortation, “keep awake, stay alert,” highlights the urgency of the situation.

To appreciate Jesus’ exhortation, a modern Western reader needs to understand the Middle Eastern view of time and the relationships between master and servants. Mediterranean cultures are oriented primarily to the present. Future events are very difficult to imagine and nearly impossible to grasp. Activities that do not have to take place at the present moment (e.g., cooking the next meal, getting dressed to start the day) are routinely put off. For Hispanics there is mañana, and for the Italians, domani. Even Jesus reminded his followers not to “worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today” (Mt 6:34).

The Middle Eastern concept of the present includes tomorrow. People with a strong cultural orientation to the present need to be nudged to think more about the future, even if only tomorrow, just as Americans whose cultural orientation is primarily toward the future need to be reminded to think about the present, today, this very moment. So what is the point in today’s Gospel? In Mark 13, Jesus has announced an event that is imminent, along with its accompanying signs. But none of these signs was yet visible to his listeners, and the normal cultural tendency would be to put such an exhortation and event out of mind. “Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

Further, because the Mediterranean cultures are group centered the slave’s status is seen as a member of the extended household. These slaves are family. The master who goes on a long journey expects every member of the household, every family member, to do the work they are assigned. They must not put it off for tomorrow.

The doorkeeper, too, is to keep watch for the master’s return, lest he find the family fast asleep instead of eager to greet and welcome the returning head of household. Anyone who has returned home after a long absence at a late hour knows the difference between being greeted by a loved one and entering a house where all are asleep.

Mark’s Jesus urges his listeners and subsequent generations of believers to be ever watchful for the return of a beloved family member. It is, after all, a fact of our faith: the beloved Master will indeed return and expect to be welcomed by family in fitting fashion. Are we ready?

Finance Corner
The collection last weekend was $3005.

Second Collection
This weekend the collection is for St. Vincent de Paul. Please make your checks out to St. Bernard Church.

Eucharistic Adoration is at St. Bernard Church every Wednesday after the 12:15 pm Mass until 9 pm. Come let us adore Him.

All Are Welcome – Join the choir. Rehearsals are at 11 am on Saturdays at St. Bernard’s Church. Please contact Issa @ 707-840-9514 with any questions.

WEEKLY MASSES & INTENTIONS

St. Joseph Church
11/29 Sat 4:00 pm +Fr. Eric Freed
11/30 Sun 7:30 am +John Dellabalma & Family
12/02 Tue 7:30 am +Lazios Employees & Family
12/04 Thu 7:30 am +Mary Leppek
12/06 Sat 4:00 pm +Helen Gierek Scuir
12/07 Sun 7:30 am Mass for the People

St. Joseph Hospital
12/02 Tue 11:30 am +Edwin & Mildred Ruess
12/04 Thu 11:30 am +Dan Seekins

St. Bernard Church
11/30 Sun 10:30 am +Mass for the People
12/01 Mon 12:15 pm In Thanksgiving
12/03 Wed 12:15 pm +Emily Gomes
12/05 Fri 12:15 pm +Rick Casanova
12/07 Sun 10:30 am +Lisa & Ernie Domingo

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To be happy, be thankful.
To be thankful, have faith.
Faith is understanding that all is God's.