THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. BERNARD

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Mass Schedule at St. Bernard

Sundays: 10:30 am
Weekdays: 12:15 pm. Mon, Wed, Fri
Holy Days Vigil: 5:30 pm
Confessions: Wednesdays 1:00 pm-
& by appointment
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wed. 1-2 pm
First Friday Devotion 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

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.
Aug. 19th, 2018 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Tasting in Order to See

The readings this week highlight the importance of wisdom. But what is wisdom? And how do you get it?

In the world of Nazi Germany everyone in the Nazi party got a party badge. Hitler’s own party badge was made of gold. To the Nazis, Hitler’s badge symbolized all the things in the world most worth having. At the end of his life, Hitler gave that gold badge as a gift to Magda Goebbels and she said that it was the proudest moment of her life when he did.

But he gave her that gold badge in the bunker under Berlin as Germany was losing the war. In that bunker in the last days of the war, Magda killed all six of her children and herself in an appallingly misguided act of loyalty to Hitler. When the invading soldiers of the Allied armies conquered Berlin and found her body, one of them took that little bit of a gold badge from her dress and pocketed it as a souvenir.

Magda shows us what folly is, doesn’t she? She couldn’t tell the real goods, the real gold, from the fake goods, the things that glitter but are worthless. The gold badge that symbolized what Magda Goebbels lived and died for is a fitting symbol of the terrible foolishness of her life.

Wisdom is the very opposite. It is the ability to discern between the real goods and the shiny fakes. But the very best of the really good things is the goodness of God. And so wisdom is the ability to see the goodness of God wherever it is to be found in the world.

The Psalm tells us how we get the capacity for seeing the goodness of God, so important for us if we are to live our lives wisely, and not foolishly like Magda Goebbels. We get this capacity by tasting! Taste and see that the Lord is good, the Psalm says.

Taste what?

The Gospel gives us the answer: Christ is the bread from heaven, and every person who tastes this bread will live. He will have the real goods, not the worthless fake goods; and he will see the difference between the two, because he will see God’s goodness in Christ.

Here is the end of the story then: taste the bread from heaven and see the goodness of the Lord. Wisdom lies in this!

-Eleonore Stump

Readings For Sunday
Reading I: Proverbs 9:1-6
Reading II: Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel: John 6:51-58

Readings For Next Sunday
Reading I: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Reading II: Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
Gospel: John 6:60-69

Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday, Aug. 18
4:00 pm  Int. Anderson Family  St. Joseph
Sunday, Aug. 19
7:30 am  +Sheryle Gierek  St. Joseph
9:00 am  +Douglas Williams  Sacred Heart
10:30 am  +Andy Tran  St. Bernard
12:15 pm  (Sp) Mass for the People  Sacred Heart
4:30 pm  +Javier Lopez  Sacred Heart

Monday, Aug. 20
12:15 pm  Int. Lisa Hall  St. Bernard
Tuesday, Aug. 21
7:30 am  +Lazio’s Employ & Fam.  St. Joseph
11:30 am  Int. Olga Day  St. J. Hospital
Wednesday, Aug. 22
12:15 pm  Int. Chad Kryla  St. Bernard
7:00 pm (Sp)  +Bob Thul  Sacred Heart
Thursday, Aug. 23
7:30 am  Int. Levi S.  St. Joseph
11:30 am  No Intention  St J Hospital
Friday, Aug. 24
12:15 pm  +Evelyn Bongio  St. Bernard
Saturday, Aug. 25
4:00 pm  +Don Michael  St. Joseph
Sunday, Aug. 26
7:30 am  Mass for the People  St. Joseph
9:00 am  Int. Ray Anthony  Sacred Heart
10:30 am  +Felipe Hernandez  St. Bernard
12:15 pm  (Sp) No Intention  Sacred Heart
4:30 pm  +Javier Lopez  Sacred Heart

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was $3,535 and Building & Maintenance was $1,371. Next weekend the Second Collection is for Peter’s Pence.
We are called upon to do good. “To worship and serve in Jesus’ names.” We always need to remember that Jesus died for the world, but His saving mission goes on. We, too, should plan that the good we have done in this life lives after us. One way is to make certain that a share of our worldly goods is left to charities, church, and the needy. Your financial advisor or attorney can help you plan.


If you have a special need of any sort, we have a prayer team who will pray on your behalf. Let us pray with you, and for you. Surround yourself with prayer. Call our prayer line leader Toni at 445-3616-24/7.

PRAYER LINE
Calling for People Who Want to Pray: Would you like to be a member of our parish telephone-tree Prayer Line? Members receive and pass along prayer requests, and pray daily for the special intentions of anyone who has called to ask for prayer. We keep requests confidential. Please call Toni @ 445-3616 if you are interested in this ministry.

Children’s Faith Formation: Teachers and Teacher Aides (bilingual-Spanish a plus) are needed for the upcoming 2018-2019 Faith Formation Year. If there are any of you who like to work with grade school aged children and are willing to commit Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm during the Academic Year, (Mid-Sept. - early May) please consider this wonderful ministry. Maybe God is calling you now to volunteer for this year. For additional information please contact: Melanie Broswick #442-6466 ext.1103

Squires of Christ: St. Bernard and Sacred Heart have started a new Youth Group called “Squires of Christ” (open to anyone ages 10-18.) Contact: Marc Matteoli #498-0862

From Friday, August 3, 2018 to Friday, September 28, 2018, the weekly Call to Prayer will be adapted as a nine-week Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life. In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intention of the novena.

PRO-LIFE Rosary, every Saturday morning at 7:30, at corner of Wilson St. and Walford Ave, Eureka.

Chicken & Polenta Dinner
Family Style
Sunday, Sept. 9
St. Mary’s Parish - Leavey Hall
1730 Janes Road – Arcata - Cost: Adults - $15.00
Children 6-12 - $7.00
Seating Times: 4 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Reservations Advised - Call:
Doris – 822-3049  Joan – 443-5176
Toni - 663-5679
Italian Catholic Federation
St. Mary’s Church
Charities & Scholarship Benefit

The Miracles of Jesus in the Gospels
FR. DAVID ANDERSON
Fr. David Anderson will join us again this Fall for a series of 6 lectures. His topic will be “The Miracles of Jesus in the Gospels”. This year we will meet at ST. JOSEPH CHURCH in Fortuna. The church is located at 14th and N Streets in Fortuna. Please call the parish office at 725-1148 for more information.

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 $15,241 in donations for the Matching Funds. Please send in your donations. We appreciate your support.

Eucharistic Adoration is at St. Bernard Church every Wednesday after the 12:15 pm Mass until 2 pm. Come let us adore Him.

Please pray for the recently deceased and his family members: Jim Bugbee.
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....

John 3:16
American Bible