



# St. BERNARDINE of SIENA

Catholic Church and School

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#### PASTORAL TEAM:

PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Robert J. McNamara  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Albert H. Avenido  
PASTOR EMERITUS: Rev Msgr Richard H Murray  
SUNDAY ASSOCIATE: Rev Fr. Eugene Foley, O.Carm.  
DEACONS: Jerry Cellner, Dan McHugh, Dale Taufer

#### MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY: 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00nn, 5:30 p.m.  
WEEKDAY: Mon thru Fri.: 6:30am & 8:30 a.m. (1st) Fri: 11:30 a.m.  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm.  
Confessions: Sat: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m

### Notes from the Pastor

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Our new Youth Minister, Andrew Gafvert, will introduce himself at all of the Masses this weekend. His home parish was Holy Family in South Pasadena where he was an Assistant Youth Minister and, more recently, he worked with youth and young adults in St. Barbara's in Santa Barbara. We welcome him to our staff and pray he will be blessed in his ministry to our youth.

~ Fr. McNamara

### Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 2004



A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

— Psalm 51:12



#### IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 18/19** Food Gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.
- Sept. 20** Justice And Peace Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 28** Christian Service Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 1/2** Sandwich Sunday for the Homeless. Those interested in helping Fr. Albert distribute sandwiches to the homeless on Skid Row will meet in the parish parking lot after the 5:30 Mass.
- Oct. 5th** Sanctity of Life presentation by Fr. Richard Benson, C.M. at 7.30 p.m.

#### BOOK DISCUSSION

Our next selection for Father McNamara's Book Discussion Group is The Enduring Heart: Spirituality for the Long Haul by Wilkie Au. All are welcome to join the group on **Thursday, September 23rd at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center for presentation/ exercises/ discussion.

**YOUTH: FREE FOOD AFTER MASS TODAY, Sunday, September 12th,** youths, grades 9 through 12, are invited to a **"Hawaiian Luau-themed End of the Summer-Fall Kickoff Barbecue."** Follow the music down to the school playground and picnic tables after the 5:30 Mass (until 9:00 p.m.), for an evening of food, folks and fun! And don't forget to say hello to our new Youth Minister, Andrew Gafvert (aka DJ4TM) at the DJ booth. See you there!

**ALTAR CARE – Sept. 17, 2004**  
Lelah McLaughlin, Judy Sabo, Helen Robinson, Michele Croson, Bernice Galbreath, Carmen Rivera.

**"Come and See"** These are words that Jesus said to the Apostles when they inquired as to where he stayed. He invited them to come and share their stories, ask questions, and listen to how God wanted a closer relationship with each of them.

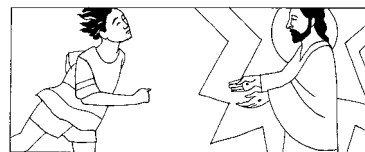


The **RCIA Process** is for adults (18 and over) inquirers, including non-baptized persons, Baptized Christians of other denominations, and Baptized Catholics who now wish to be confirmed and receive the Eucharist.

Call the RCIA Office at **340-2087** for more information and/or to sign-up. There will be an Open House and Information Evening on **Wednesday, September 15th at 7:15 p.m.** in the Veranda Room. The RCIA Team will be there to welcome you.

**"Come and See."**

~ Sanctity of Life ~  
~ Arts & Crafts Drive This Weekend ~  
Today, the Christian Service Committee's will be collecting art, crafts, and school supplies for our sister parish, Guardian Angel, In Pacoima. We will collect crayons, washable markers, paste, pencils, art paper, copy paper, etc., after all of the Masses today including the 5:30 p.m. Mass. So if you have forgotten your donation, please come back at the 5:30 Mass!



#### Sandwich Sunday Update

The continued generosity of the St. Bernardine community is much appreciated by the homeless men and women living downtown. Father Albert and his helpers were able to deliver over 150 bagged meals and several cases of sorely needed water. We were also able to distribute nearly 200 hygiene kits assembled from the personal care items that were collected in August. These kits contained shampoo, lotion, soap, comb/brush, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash/floss, moistened towelettes and individual packs of tissue—and were very gratefully received.

## Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Bits 'N Pieces

*Last weeks' Labor Day Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon was dedicated to the memory of 13 year old poet, Mattie Stepanek, who died of MD.*

Dear God,  
I was going to thank you tonight  
For a beautiful sunrise,  
That was pink behind the fog down the hill!  
And for a wonderful rainbow,  
That I ran under pointing to  
All my favorite colors.  
And for such a great sunset,  
That sparkled orange across the water.  
I was going to thank you tonight  
For all of these special gifts,  
Except that none of them happened.  
But do you know what?  
I still love you God.  
And I have lots of others things  
That I can thank you for tonight,  
Even if you didn't give those  
Very special gifts to me today.  
It's o.k. God,  
Because I'll look for them all again  
When my tomorrow comes. *Mattie Stepanek (age 9)*  
Amen.

### Faithful Citizenship

For the weeks leading up to the election, the Justice and Peace Ministry will have a table outside of all of the Masses with **non-partisan voter information**. This information has been gathered from several sources including the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Network Lobby, The League of Women Voters, and the Holy Cross International Justice Office. Each week, the focus will be on a different area of Catholic Social Justice teaching:

- Sept. 11/12** - "Life and Dignity of the Human Person"
- Sept. 18/19** - "Call to Family, Community and Participation"
- Sept. 25/26** - "Rights and Responsibilities"
- Oct. 2/3** - "Option for the Poor and Vulnerable"
- Oct. 9/10** - "Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers"
- Oct. 23/24** - "Solidarity"
- Oct. 30/31** - "Caring for God's Creation"

We encourage all registered voters to stop by and "become informed, active and responsible participants in the political process." (USCCB Faithful Citizenship, pg. 8). Interested in the St. Bernardine's Justice & Peace Ministry? Call Teri at 716-7773 or Kathy at 883-4238..



Pray For  
The Sick

**In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish,** Anna Becino; Julian Oliver Walker; Fr. Leo Bartel; Kathy McNamara; Gabino Cruz; Lucia Paulson; Walter Dougherty; Dorothy Leaper; Joe Restivo; Barbara Melancon; Rick Driscoll; Mary Alice Head; Jean Gilbertson; Jean Williams; Luke Rogers; Barbara Johnson; Steven Crapo; Tati Cardero; John Cote; Terry Asbury; Kevin Webber.



**Please pray for the happy repose of the soul** Carl Whitesides, husband of Frances.



Next weekend, the **Respect Life Group** will be distributing baby bottles after all of the Masses. Please take one home and fill it with your loose change, or a donation, for the **Pregnancy Counseling Center**. A crib will be set up in the vestibule for collection of the bottles the following weekend. This money will help give moms and their babies alternatives to abortion.  
**Donate. Vote. Volunteer. You can make a difference in helping the fight to end abortion.**

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Michael & Denice **Apodaca**; Kent & Robin **Black**; Joaquin & Kristen **Contreras**; Tom & Lynn **Dolan**; Amando & Norma **Eulano**; Robert & Alejandra **Gasser**; Miriam **Heyward**; James & Jennifer **Irwin**; Derrick & Alicia **Joseph**; Gary & Sheri **Lawrence**; Greg & Allison **Murphy**; Steve **Nolan**; James & Wendy **Rozelle**; Arnold & Jennifer **Sandoval**; Gary & Moira **Sinise**; Wilfred & Jane **Tomaneng**; Robert & Barbara **Williams**.



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes for children in the first through sixth grade begin on **Tuesday, September 21 and 22nd**, from **4:00 p.m.** to 5:30 p.m. If you have not registered, forms are available in the parish Center.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

We need a teacher for our first grade Religious Education class on Wednesday afternoon. Lesson plans are already prepared, there is an aide for the classroom, and there are 17 wonderful six year olds anxious to learn about God. Please call Eileen at **340-1440**.

*"Do small things with great love"* Mother Teresa

The **Co-workers of the Missionary Brothers of Charity** are in need of volunteers to drive downtown Los Angeles, once every six weeks on Sunday. (depart: 10:45 a.m., return: 1:30 p.m.) They are also in need of cooks. Please call Jean Sampson at **888-7073** if you can be of assistance.

**Prime Timers: There will be no Meeting in September.** Our next meeting will be **Sunday, October 24th** in the parish Hall at **2:00 p.m.**

We need baked goods for the **School Festival in October 15, 16, & 17th.** We also need volunteers to help in the booths.

### BOY SCOUT SIGN-UPS

6th through 8th grade boys and their parents are invited to the Boy Scout Sign-up Night in the Parish Center Veranda Room on **Thursday, September 30th** at **7:00 p.m.** Also, look for our **Boy Scout Information Table** after church and at school during the month of September. For additional information, please call Paul Lacayo at **(818) 933-0120** or placayo@bsa-la.org.

Mass Intentions



September 12 through September 18, 2004

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo

8:30 a.m. Judy Preciado+

10:00 Joyce Fizzolio+

12:00 Juanita Vallera

5:30 Hughes Bakewell+

MONDAY

6:30 a.m. Charita Tomaneng+

8:30 a.m. Barbara Johnson+

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. Wilred Joseph Tomaneng III+

8:30 a.m. Joseph Bonaduce+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. Ed leandro Ttumaneng+

8:30 a.m. Isabelle Lily Vitobello+

THURSDAY

6:30 a.m. Francis L. Legaspi+

8:30 a.m. Mary Pastirko+

FRIDAY

6:30 a.m. Marissa L. Lagaspi+

8:30 a.m. Isabelle Lily Vitobello+

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Shelby Marie Storey+

5:00 p.m. Janine Baril

The West San Fernando Valley District of the Los Angeles Council of Catholic Women will have its District Meeting on Monday, September 27th at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 18115 Sherman Way, Reseda. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. and includes an interesting speaker, Mass, catered luncheon, and concludes at 1:30 p.m. The charge for the day is \$9 pre-paid. The reservation deadline is Thursday, September 23rd. For information call Lucy Valucki at (818)342-7538. Catholic women automatically belong to the ACCW- There are no dues!

**From Your Finance Council:** Have you remembered your church in your will or trust? The correct legal title is "The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole, for the benefit of St. Bernardine of Siena Parish, (or school) Woodland Hills, California." For more information, call Priscilla Brehm, Parish Finance Council at (818)591-6201.

AROUND THE VALLEY

October

- 1 "Stem Cells and Cloning: The Scientific and Moral Issues" with speaker Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Director of Education National Catholic Bioethics Center, PhD Neuroscience. The event will be held at the St. Mel Parish Activity center at 7:00 p.m.