



St. BERNARDINE of SIENA

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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,

Easter is in sight. After next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we will enter into Holy Week and then the greatest Sunday of the year. Next week, as is usual on Palm Sunday, we will try to get a sense of procession as in the first Palm Sunday. So next week, let's gather in front of the church for the blessing of the palms and then enter remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. If for any reason this would be a hardship for you, simply tell the ushers that you cannot wait outside.

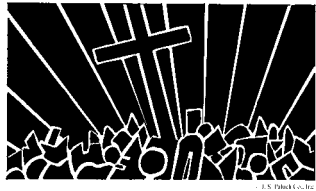
April First this year is an important date for our parish. On this Thursday we are having our Communal Penance Celebration. Appropriate date? In an ironic way - of course. The times we choose sin are our foolish moments. Let us ask the Lord for forgiveness for our foolishness. I am gathering a group of priests for the evening and our Youth Ministry is designing the prayer service. So come, let us gather as a community acknowledging our sinfulness and celebrating the generous forgiveness our Lord offers us.

Did you get the Holy Week schedule in the mail? Holy Week is often a life changing week for people. The dramatic message of the passion and resurrection of Jesus can hit us with "shock and awe." We are doing something right when our liturgies move us. I pray we can all be touched again this year. Check the times of the various services and I hope you can make them all.

~ Fr. McNamara

P.S. If you did nothing for Lent this year, I believe it is never too late.

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 28, 2004



I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

— *Philippians 3:8*

Fridays of Lent
6:00 p.m.: Soup (Parish Hall)
7:30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross (Church)

Book Discussion: The Passion
 Join us for the second part of our discussion of the **Gospel Passion Narratives: Tuesday, March 30th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Using Raymond E. Brown's book, **A Crucified Christ in Holy Week**, for guidance and commentary on the New Testament Gospel Accounts, we will focus on Luke (22:39-23:56) and John (18:1-19:42). These are the two accounts we will hear this year on Palm Sunday and on Good Friday. Read the accounts yourself as if for the first time., Then come and share your experience. Raymond Brown's book is available at the Calabasas Barnes & Noble at a 20% discount.

The Memorial Day Picnic has been cancelled this year

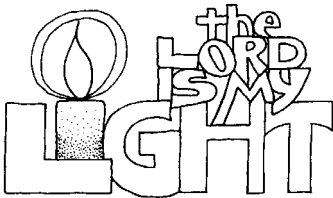
SANDWICH SUNDAY—April 4th
 Most nights, the homeless men and women living downtown go to sleep hungry. Next Sunday, you can help hundreds of them go to sleep with a full stomach The Peace and Justice Committee's Sandwich Sunday Ministry Team will be collecting bagged means (sandwich, chips, cookies, candy, fruit), blankets and new socks at all of the Masses. We also need cases of bottled water. Everything will be distributed downtown Sunday Night after the 5:30 Mass. We are actively seeing volunteers for this ministry. We especially need people with minivans or SUV's to drive downtown. We pack up the vehicles after the 5:30 Mass and leave around 6:45; we are usually back at St. Bernardine by 9:15. If you would like to be a part of this ministry in any way, please call the parish center and leave your name and number and someone will contact you. Thank you.

Christian Service - Justice & Peace - Death Row
Sanctity of Life
 Detention - Missionaries of Charity - Respect Life

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 31	Respect Life Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Apr. 3 & 4	Sandwich Sunday for the Homeless. Those interested in helping Father Albert distribute sandwiches to the homeless on Skid Row will meet in the parish parking lot after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday.
Apr. 6	Sanctity of Life Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Apr. 17/18	Food Gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.
Apr. 19	Justice and Peace Committee Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ALTAR CARE – April 2:
 Mary Kesterson, Amy Okonski, Tony Palmisano, Jane Twomey, Sheila Stoll.



FORGIVEN

Today's liturgy continues the message of forgiveness and reconciliation that we heard last week. The Church seems to be doing its utmost to deliver one simple message: "Your sins are forgiven!" What good news this is!

Isaiah declares that God's saving action on our behalf is not something trapped in the past, but here and now. Paul urges us to recognize that true life is not "won" by following laws, however strictly, but is a free gift of God. Thus, our focus must be on the future, not on past misdeeds. Our eyes must be on the prize of life forever with God.

In the Gospel, Jesus is challenged to demonstrate that he is a law-keeper, but he knows that this is a trap. If he counsels mercy, he will be declared an opponent of the law. If he follows the law and condones its punishment, he will be denounced as an inciter to murder. Jesus decides to do neither. Instead, he turns the tables and invites the crowd to forgo "legality" for the sake of forgiveness and reconciliation.

PRIME TIMERS: Our Annual Holy Thursday Trip will be to the Gamble House (a guided tour) in Pasadena with lunch at Coco's (buy your own), and a visit to St. Andrew's Church. We will depart from St. B.'s at 9:00 a.m. and plan to return at 5:00 p.m. the cost is \$12 per person. Please make checks out to Prime Timers and send them to Angela Adams 7143 Salisbury Rd., West Hills, CA 91307. The cut off date for payment is April 1st.



See's Candy will be sold after all of the Masses **April 3 & 4th**. Any large pre-sale orders, please call Marge Denchak at **716-9551**.



Pray For The Sick In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish, John Onestinghel; Gail Davis; Jesus Abarcar; Tati Cordero; Louise Garifo; Andrew Mazur; Lily Vitobello; Terry Asbury; Eunice Joyce; Lucia Paulson; Frances Erlinger; Sagarika Savur; Gabino Cruz; Linda Hoops; ; Ann Lepore; Mark Blaschak; Joe Sampson.

Names remain for a period of one month and can be re-added each month as needed. Please notify the office to add or delete names.



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Rita Alexy.



FIRST FRIDAY SENIOR CITIZENS MASS & LUNCHEON

On the first Fridays of each month, October through June, we offer a special Mass for our senior citizens at **11:30 a.m.** in the Parish Hall. Mass is immediately followed by a delicious luncheon, occasionally with entertainment. All seniors are encouraged to attend, especially those who are normally homebound. Transportation is available to those who need it. Call Carole for ride information at **999-3764**. Our next **Senior Citizen Mass and Luncheon** will be this **Friday, April 2**.

Vacation Bible School, SonGames 2004
St. Bernadine on **June 28-July 2**

Come join the A-team! Be part of the team that brings the Olympics to our parish children. It takes so many helping hands to make this week the most exciting event of the year. Help kids learn about the Olympic games, discover they are members of God's team and help them meet one of God's most valuable players, Paul. We need adults to help with decorating, mission projects, games, crafts, snacks, and prayer. Call Eileen to volunteer at **340-1440** and "Let the Games begin!"

"Forget Me Knot Boutique"

Please join us in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, April 3rd** for a wonderful day of shopping. The **"Forget Me Knot Boutique"** will be open from **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Please plan to stop by and see our lovely assortment of items. We are sure you will find that special creation for Easter, Mother's Day or just for keeps in your own home.

The Lord's Passion & Easter will soon be upon us. **Gifts for the Spirit**, your parish gift shop, has a beautiful selection of Easter cards and gifts. First Communions and Confirmations begin taking place at St. Bernadine's in April and May. Come and see our lovely array of gifts & cards for each occasion.

Rosaries are repaired free of charge.

We are located upstairs in the parish Center across from the Hall. The shop is open Sundays from **9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** and Monday through Friday (check in the office first) from **9:00 to 12:00**.

Mass Intentions



March 28 through April 3, 2004

SUNDAY

- 7:00 a.m. Pro Populo
- 8:30 a.m. Donald Gaughan+
- 10:00 Frank Lang+
- 12:00 Antonio Daulo+
- 5:30 Patrick Habig

MONDAY

- 6:30 a.m. John Steele+
- 8:30 a.m. Mary Madrid+

TUESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Frank Lynch+
- 8:30 a.m. Mary Madrid+

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Thomas Lynch+
- 8:30 a.m. Mary Madrid+

THURSDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Helena Radmiller+
- 8:30 a.m. Joseph Tutoni+

FRIDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Jean Shields+
- 8:30 a.m. Mary Madrid+

SATURDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Mary Madrid+
- 5:00 p.m. Nick Ettaro+

SACRED HEART WOMEN'S RETREAT

Two retreat weekends will be offered at the **Sacred Heart Retreat Camp, Big Bear Lake: April 23-25 or April 30-May 2.** Both retreats will be conducted by the Sacred Heart Sisters and will include communal and private prayer. Celebrations of the Eucharist and Reconciliation will highlight the retreat experience. Come and be refreshed by the love and company of our Lord Jesus Christ. Donation: **\$75.** For additional information, please call **(909)866-5696.**

The **SFV Couple-to-Couple League** will be teaching a **Natural Family Planning Class** at Holy Family Catholic School, Rm. 13, 220 East Elk Ave., Glendale. The cost for the class is **\$75.** The first of four two-hour sessions is **Sunday, April 18th.** Please contact Joe or Agatha Poteat at **(818)956-8195** to sign-up and for more information.

AROUND THE VALLEY

April

- 7 Catholic Community Luncheon "Take Up Your Cross"** with speaker Dominic Berardino at Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn, 4222 Vineland Ave, North Hollywood. Fellowship at 11:30, buffet at 12:00 noon, cost \$15. For reservations call Marilyn at **(818)846-3271.**
- 10 Young Adult Diners' Club:** for young adults (singles and couples in their late teens, 20's and 30's), will meet at Szechuwan Garden Restaurant, 484 New Los Angeles Avenue, Unit 124, Moorpark at **7:00 p.m.** For additional information and reservations call Deanna at **(805)529-8644.**

