



# St. BERNARDINE of SIENA

Catholic Church and School

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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

**A Message from the Pastor**



Dear Friends,  
 We welcome today to our 10:00 a.m. Mass Rabbi Vogel and members of Temple Aliyah. It is 40 years since Vatican II produced "Nostra Aetate," a document which calls for "mutual understanding and respect" between Catholics and Jews. The visit of the Rabbi and his congregants today, and their invitation to us to visit them on October 21, is our local attempt to develop that understanding and respect. Here's another quote; and I love the picture conjured up: "Nor can she (the Church) forget that she draws substance from the root of that well-cultivated olive tree onto which have been grafted the wild shoots, the Gentiles." We are those Gentiles and that olive tree still nourishes us. Abraham, our father in faith, still inspires us. The prophets of old still speak to us. Our first reading and responsorial psalm taps into the wisdom and inspiration of that well-cultivated olive tree. Dear neighbors, all of us here at St. Bernardine's warmly welcome you today and thank you for joining us on this groundbreaking momentous occasion.

Last week, I used the phrase "phenomenal generosity" when I shared how much you donated towards the victims of hurricane Katrina. Today, I am at a loss of words. You have more than doubled last week's total and we have now reached a staggering \$65,000.00. I am so proud of you, seeing such faith in action. Your donations have been forwarded to Catholic Charities, who have been in the stricken area from the beginning. If you have not yet given, and are able to, and would like to, it is not too late. Every penny placed in an envelope marked "Hurricane Katrina" will be sent to Catholic Charities. Make checks payable to St. Bernardine. We will count it, credit you, and send one check (keeping their overhead low). Blessings and thanks to all who gave.

~ Fr. McNamara

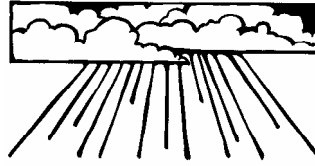


**SCHOOL NEWS**

St. Bernardine of Siena School has immediate openings in second grade *ONLY*. Please call the principal, Mrs. Dersom at **340-2130**, for an application and testing.



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 18, 2005**



**Turn to the LORD  
 for mercy;  
 to our God, who is  
 generous in forgiving.**  
 — Isaiah 55:7b

**WE NEED HELPING HANDS!** Join the **Respect Life Committee** on **Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall as we prepare baby bottles for our annual appeal for funds for respect life projects. We are also in need of volunteers to distribute the bottles after all of the Masses on October 1st & 2nd. Please contact Tracie at 818-340-7043 if you are able to help with either project.



**IMPORTANT DATES**

- September 18** Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.
- September 19** Justice and Peace Committee Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**"SEEDS FOR A SECURE FUTURE"**

Celebrating the **40th Anniversary of the Vatican II Declaration of the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions.**  
**Thursday, September 22nd from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of our Lady of Angels.  
**Reception** following on the Cathedral Plaza (*in accordance with the Jewish Dietary Laws*).  
**Tour** of the Cathedral preceding the event at **6:30 p.m.**  
 Parking **\$5** in the underground facility.

**ST. BERNARDINE YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**Senior High Youth Ministry** Core Team meets this Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Office's Staff Conference Room from 7:00-9:00 PM. Participation in Core Team is open to teens and adults who want to take on planning, vision, and support roles in building comprehensive youth ministry programming here at St. Bernardine Parish.  
**Junior High Youth Ministry** youth night this Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 PM in the parish hall. Registration is open year round and forms are available in the parish office and at every youth night.  
**Confirmation Program** Year One Day Retreat this Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM. Contact the youth ministry office for more information.

**ALTAR CARE September 23, 2005**

**Bob & Fran Van Buskirk, Theresa & Jerry Cofsky, Lil Grandinetti.**

**Justice & Peace Ministry**  
 "All things for ALL people!"

Please mark **Sunday, November 6th** on your calendars as St. Bernardine parishioners have been invited to join our brothers and sisters from Temple Aliyah as they celebrate their annual Mitzvah Day. One of the projects we will be working on with Temple Aliyah on Mitzvah Day is **Project Chicken Soup**. This project prepares hot meals at a kitchen in the park La Brea area from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The meals are then delivered to shut-ins, many of which are AIDS patients, in the Valley. We need volunteers to help cook and/or deliver meals. This project requires advance sign-ups as space in the kitchen is limited. For more information, please call the parish office as soon as possible at **888-8200**.

**OCTOBER IS RIGHT TO LIFE MONTH**

**San Fernando Valley Life Chain :**

Join us as we stand in a legal, peaceful protest against abortion on **Sunday, October 2nd** at Devonshire & Sepulveda Blvds. in Mission Hills from **2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Signs will be provided.



Join us as we "**STAND FOR LIFE**" on **Saturday, October 8th** from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** at Family Planning Associates, 10211 Sepulveda Blvd. in Mission Hills. St. Mel's Msgr. Richard Affirm will be leading prayer. Contact Tracie Shepard at **340-7043** for more details—or if you need a ride!

Join us **Thursday, September 22nd** at **7:30 pm.** For the third installment of Fr. Doug Glassman's series on Jerome Murphy-O'Conner's book **Paul His Story**. This session considers the issue of the Law vs. Faith. Was Paul's apparent disregard of the practice of the Mosaic Law really an attack on legalism? Did it have to be either/or? Why not both/and? Come with your questions and join us for discussion.



**In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish,** Marvin Asbury, brother of Jim; Sharon Clark, wife of Bill; Mary Anita Regali, cousin of Cardinal Regali; Monica Navarro, wife of Victor; Wayne Smith, nephew of Terry Piscitello; Laurie Pearson, daughter of Lori Reed; Marion Blodnikar; Raymond Kozak; Doris Piro; Stephen Shaffer; Larry Levine; Anne White; Ed Fraker; Mary Quezada; Mary Biondo; Norman Shapiro; Walter Lord; Patrick Breslin; David Espinosa; Crystal Taylor; Rose Marie Imber; Gabino Cruz; Tati Cardero; Dorothy Dhesse.



**Please pray for the happy repose of the souls** of Margaret Murphy, niece of Al Ferraro; Walter Lord, brother of Kathy Suppan; Felicísimo & Patrocinia Feliciano, parents of Aida Manasala.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to join the Eucharist Ministry. If you wish to become a part of this important ministry, please come to our **Training Meeting on Thursday, September 22nd** at **7:00 p.m.** in the church. For more information, please call Bob Nicholas at **346-8244**.

**IN NEED OF A "FAITH" LIFT?**

How about sharing your faith with the children of our parish! The **Religious Education Program** needs classroom assistants to help in our elementary program. Our classes meet on Tuesday or Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:30. We would like to invite you to join this very rewarding ministry. Call Eileen at **340-1440**.

**"Safeguard the Children Parish Committee"**  
 The purpose of the **Virtus Program** is to train adults on how to protect all children. The training makes you aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and easy steps one can take to prevent child sexual abuse. The Archdiocese has mandated this training for all staff and parishioners who work directly with children. However, it is highly recommended for all who are interested in preventing child abuse. We presently have sessions scheduled for **Saturday, October 1** and **Saturday, October 29th**. Please call Eileen Fewless at (818) **340-1440** to sign-up for a session.

**PRIME TIMERS**

Our next **General Meeting** will be **Sunday, October 23rd** at **2:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Watch the bulletin for upcoming details. **(There will be no meeting in September!)**

**Have you remembered your parish or school in your will or trust?**

For further information, please contact the rectory or H. Richard Closson, Director, Trust and Estate Programs at (213) **637-7472** or [HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org) or visit [www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc](http://www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc). Our 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."*



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**VOTE "YES" on Proposition 73**

One of the most important issues in the November 8th election will be Prop 73 which will require a doctor to notify at least one parent 48 hours before an abortion is performed on a girl under the age of 18.

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A **Catholic Home Schooling Group** is now forming in the San Fernando Valley. For more details, please call Annette Termini at (818)831-1170.

**14th Annual Catholic Scout Retreat  
Friday, September 30 to Sunday, October 2**

This even is open to all scouts and their families.

For further details:

<http://laccs.org/RetreatInfo/RetreatFlierFrame.html>.

Register for Boy & Girl Scout's **Pius XII Medals Class for Adventure**, for high school age scouts only.

**REGISTRATION *only*** will take place on **Monday, September 19th** at **6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. (Note: the meeting night of the class will be determined on the day of registration).

If you are unable to register on the 19th, and would like to attend the class, please call Velma Horvath at (818)610-2667.

**Chaminade vs. Calabasas High MOTHER & SON FOOTBALL GAME Friday, September 23rd at 6:00 p.m.** at Chaminade. Pizza Dinner before the game \$30 per mother & son (\$5 each additional child).  
*Presented by the St. Bernardine Social Committee*

**Our Lady of the Valley Annual Fall Festival  
September 23rd-25th**

*Topanga Canyon Blvd. at Gault*

**Mass Intentions**



**September 18 through September 24, 2005**

**7:00 a.m.** Pro Papulo

**8:30 a.m.** Steven Gonzalves

**10:00 a.m.** Juanita & Jesus Brilliant+

**12:00 noon** Alejandro Ocampo+

**5:30 p.m.** Ella Ryan+

**MONDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** Ken Reichert+

**8:30 a.m.** Al Archer+

**TUESDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** The Morrow Family

**8:30 a.m.** Robert MacGinnis+

**WEDNESDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** Homer Barry+

**8:30 a.m.** Timothy Guillory+

**THURSDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** Nettie Barry+

**8:30 a.m.** Clinton Pavelka+

**FRIDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** Dorothy Bichelmier+

**8:30 a.m.** Alberta Schlaechter+

**SATURDAY**

**8:30 a.m.** Po Chai Kan+

**5:00 p.m.** Paul & Ann Kruska+