



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

Dear Friends,

Palm Sunday is next week. The blessing of palms will take place outside of Church near the fountain. Please gather there before Mass and then we can process into the church together. Pick up your palms as soon as you arrive. They will be blessed while you are holding them. This is our way of celebrating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday.

The Monday after Palm Sunday, March 21, the shortest day of the year, we will have our Penance Celebration at 7:30 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity to make your Easter confession. I plan to have a good group of priests so mark your calendar and see you then.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to you this Thursday and Happy St. Joseph's Day this Saturday. God bless you all!

~ Father McNamara

Please join us for **"Soup and Stations" Friday, March 18th.**

Homemade soup will be served from **6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.** in the Parish Hall, followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church.



**One Human Family Caring of Those in Need
2005 Collection for the Universal Church and
Catholic Relief Services**

will take place next weekend, **March 19th & 20th.**

The **BLOOD DRIVE** is **TODAY, Sunday, March 13th** from **8:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.** Thank you for participating in the most worthwhile of causes.

ALL PARTICIPANTS are eligible to WIN A TRIP: A 2-night stay at the Marriott Resort & Spa in Palm Springs along with a \$250 American express gift card. PLEASE donate and maybe you could be the winner of the big trip!!! WALK-INS WELCOME!

Lenten Scripture Series: Join Fr. Doug Glassman for the final installment of "From Torah to Trinity" on **Thursday, March 17th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. The session will focus on The Gospel of John and the Book of Revelation. Come hear Fr. Doug as he gives us his "secret knowledge" which is really open to everyone! Share your insights with your fellow parishioners.

Join us for the **Respect Life Meeting** on **Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** for a special video presentation of **"The Case For Life."** Find out how to stand up for pre-born babies; why you can't be Catholic and Pro-Choice; how to refute pro-abortion arguments about cases of rape, incest, and the life of the mother. We will also share the latest information of the **Assisted Suicide Bill** being proposed in California. Refreshments will be served.

ALTAR CARE – March 18, 2005
Lelah McLaughlin, Judy Sabo, Helen Robinson,
Michele Croson. Bernice Galbreath.



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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2005**

**Out of the depths I cry to you,
O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!**

— Psalm 130:1



IMPORTANT DATES

- March 12/13** Collection of used eyeglasses and frames.
- March 19/20** **Food Gathering** for the Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.
- March 21** **Justice and Peace Committee Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**
- March 22** **Respect Life Meeting at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center Music Room.

The Raising of Lazarus

Martha and Mary are beside themselves with grief at the death of their brother. Lazarus. When death strikes close to us, we are truly upset. We need to **pray** for those who face unnecessary death around the world due to lack of proper medicines or poor sanitary conditions. Their deaths should upset us, as do those of close relatives or friends. As we continue our journey with **Operation Rice Bowl** this week, let us **fast** as a sign of mourning for all those hundreds of thousands of children who die each year not even attaining their fifth birthdays. Let our **almsgiving** support **Operation Rice Bowl** to direct funds that carry on projects designed to bring clean water and sanitation facilities to improve the health of people in communities around the world.

Our **Operation Rice Bowl Donations** will be **collected** next weekend, **March 19th & 20th.** You may drop off your filled "rice bowls," (or a check made out to St. Bernadine's clearly marked **OPERATION RICE BOWL**), in one of the bins that will be located at the entrances to the church.

Remember, 75% of the proceeds will be sent to Catholic Relief Services and the remaining 25% will stay in our Archdiocese to assist with local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Thank you for including **Operation Rice Bowl** in your Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this year. By donating to Operation Rice Bowl, you give the hope of a better future to our brothers and sisters around the world. If you would like to learn more about how donated funds are distributed, check out www.catholicreliefservice.org and click on Operation Rice Bowl.



McNamara's Band

Oh! Me name is McNamara,
I'm the leader of the band.
Although we're few in numbers
We're the finest in the land.
We play at wakes and weddings
And ev'vy fancy ball,
And when we play to funerals
We play the march from Saul.
Oh! The drums go bang,
And the cymbals clang;
And the horns they blaze away;
McCarthy pumps the old bassoon
While I the pipes do play;
And Hennessey Tennessee tootles the flute,
And the music is something grand;
A credit to old Ireland is McNamara's Band.
Faith 'n begorah, Thursday is St. Patrick's Day.



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"Safeguard the Children Parish Committee"

The purpose of the Safeguard the Children Parish Committee is to increase the awareness of child abuse/child safety issues and to facilitate the implementation of preventative measures to protect children in our churches, schools, homes, and communities. In accordance with these objectives, the Archdiocese has mandated **"Protecting God's Children Awareness Sessions."** These sessions are for any adult in our parish who is working with minors in their parish activities.

Awareness Sessions will take place **TOMORROW, Monday, March 14th (9:30a .m. to 12:30), and Saturday, March 19th (1:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).** Call Eileen Fewless at **340-1440** to register for a session.



Pray For The Sick

In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish, Rose Marie Imber, daughter of Aurelio & Rose Salazar; Thomas Minter, husband of Patricia; Peter Culhane, brother of Tim; Sahron Clark, wife of Bill & mother of Heather & Matthew; Tom Vorgitch, son of Maxie & George Vorgitch; Louise Krause; Tati Cardero; Victoria Ibarra; Gabino Cruz; Debbie Straw; Hana Hrabec-Snyder; Jack McKeever; Jack Maranto; Joyce Angelini; Keith Hunter; Louis Lynn; Maxine Brehm; Sr. Molua Conheady, SSL; Charles Weber; Mary Alice Head; Larry Levine; Pat Pietrowski; Rose Marie Imber; Stoddard White; Carol Babineau; Sharon Clark; Kim Gerhard; David Miller; Ann Bromley; Debbie Poucher; Frank Smedley; Giovanni Beltran; Don Vetter; Diane McElliott.



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of MaryAnn Clarke, grandmother of Amanda Nowakowski; Josephine Pitillo, cousin of Terry Piscitello; Krystyna Wesoloska, mother-in-law of Mark Bojsva;

SANDWICH SUNDAY UPDATE—MARCH 6TH

"You brought me hope, that will sustain me." These are the very words spoken Sunday night by John, a homeless man living downtown. He asks for our prayers. The abundant generosity of the St. Bernardine community was much appreciated by all of the homeless men and women living on the downtown streets. We brought two SUV's stuffed with bagged meals—350 of them provided by the St. Bernardine schoolchildren as part of their Lenten journey and beautifully decorated. We also distributed blankets and warm clothing, along with bottled water and oranges fresh from the tree. We were liberally thanked and wished God's blessing.

Our next Sandwich Sunday will be April 3rd.
Your continued participation is much appreciated.

Prime Timers Meeting: Plan to join us **Sunday, March 20th at 2:00 p.m.** to celebrate **St. Patrick's Day.** A BBQ Tri-tip/lemon chicken dinner will be provided by Stonefire Grill, **\$8** per person (\$10 non-members). Entertainment will be 12 members of the West Valley Banjo Group. For reservations call Marge Denchak at **716-9551.** Remember to wear **GREEN!**

New members are always welcome!

Would you like to have your child's picture etched in stone in commemoration of their First Communion or another special event? These beautiful stones include the date of the celebration, along with a scripture etching (or other words of your choice). Samples are available in our gift shop, **Gifts for the Spirit.** Please come in and browse our wonderful selection of R.C.I. A., Easter and Confirmation cards and gifts.
We are located upstairs in the Parish Center across from the Hall. We're open Sundays from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Mon-Fri (check in the office first) from 9:00 to 12:00.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE:

After the **5:30 Mass tonight, 3/13,** all those interested in becoming **ushers/greeters** for the **5:30 p.m. Youth Mass,** are invited to stay for a training session in the church. The **Confirmation Team** will meet tomorrow, **Monday, April 14th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** in the Parish Office Conference Room. The Jr. High Youth Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, March 15th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** The **Youth Ministry Core Team** will continue to meet in the Conference Room on **Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** If you are interested in volunteering in Youth Ministry (youth or adult), come to the Core Team Meeting on Wednesday, 3/16, the meeting is open to all. Next Sunday, **March 20th,** both Sr. & Jr. High have Confirmation Sessions. All youth are to meet in the sections of the church reserved for Confirmation students by 5:20 p.m. Finally, our **Year Two Confirmation Retreat** is just one month away (**April 15th-17th**). We continue to need adult chaperones and small group leaders. Call the youth Ministry Office at (818)**710-1662** if you are over 18 and willing to jump on board.

Mass Intentions



March 13 through March 19, 2005

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo

8:30 a.m. Carmella Ettaro+

10:00 Rosa Cueva+

12:00 Angela Abbene+

5:30 Jackie Schinkel+

MONDAY

6:30 a.m. Helen Hill+

8:30 a.m. Joe Pierre+

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. Paul Mangat, Sr.+

8:30 a.m. Antonio Daulo+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. Sister Antonia Byrne, SSL+

8:30 a.m. Margaret Beyerl+

THURSDAY

6:30 a.m. Liam Morrissey+

8:30 a.m. Maryjean Rohn+

FRIDAY

6:30 a.m. Stan Baker+

8:30 a.m. John Maglieri+

Saturday

8:30 a.m. Vincenza Martinez+

5:00 p.m. Miss Campos+

Los Angeles ACCW (Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women) invites **ALL WOMEN** of the archdiocese to the **ACCW Second Annual Mass** at the *Cathedral of Our Lady of The Angels* on **Tuesday, April 5th** at **10:00 a.m.** Parking is **\$5**. Please carpool (or take the bus/metro; the redline Civic Center station is 1/2 blk. from the Cathedral).

* **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!** *
* **MEND** thanks all who supported them by attending *
* the play "It's Not Going My Way." The event was a *
* great success as approximately \$25,000 was raised *
* from the sales of tickets and the silent auction. This *
* money will be used immediately to continue the ser- *
* vices that MEND (Meet Each Need With Dignity) pro- *
* vides to serving the poor in the Northeast Valley. *
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SAVE THE DATE

St. Bernardine of Siena Dads will be hosting a

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT

Saturday, April 9th in the Parish Hall at **7:00 p.m.**

The cost is **\$100** which includes instruction (if necessary), light refreshments, beverages and awards. All proceeds will benefit the new St. Bernardine of Siena School Kindergarten Playground. Tickets will be available after all of the Masses the weekend of **April 2 & 3rd**. Contact Todd Borowski at (818)348-5650 with any questions.



Everyone over the age of 21 is welcome to participate!