



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

Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

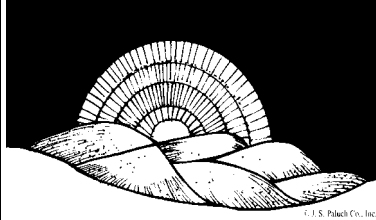
The response to the Together in Mission appeal last week was magnificent. Following Eileen Bonaduce's talk, many were moved to help the struggling parishes and schools of our own diocese. As you know, our goal this year is \$121,895.70 and last week over \$81,000.00 was pledged. Thank you all so much. I am hoping those who missed pledging last week will do so today and we

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and Lent begins. We will have four Masses: 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Ashes will be distributed at all of the Masses. The 11:00 Mass will be a school Mass with the children highly involved - all are welcome to attend.

During Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast (only one main meal), and abstinence (no meat). The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence only. I strongly urge you to use this season of Lent to work on your spirituality. The traditional practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving call for our attention. For prayer, many come to daily Mass, many say the daily rosary or visit a church every day. Fasting is done in many ways using food, drink, TV, etc. Almsgiving is regularly directed to the parish or Together in Mission or to a host of other worthy causes.

Coincidentally, the Lunar New Year falls on Ash Wednesday. If it is part of your culture to celebrate the Lunar New Year, the Cardinal has decreed that your Ash Wednesday obligation to fast and abstain can be transferred to Saturday, February 12th. May Lent be a blessing for all of us.

~ Father McNamara



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 6, 2005**

Light shines through the darkness for the upright.

— Psalm 112:4

MEND (Meet Each Need With Dignity) Invites you to enjoy a night out and help the needy of the valley.

Plan to attend **"Its Not Going My Way,"** a hilarious comedy produced by the same company who staged "Late Night Catechism." The play will take place in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, February 26th.** A social hour and silent auction will precede the play at **6:30 p.m.** Call Jan Mayers at **360-5928** for reserved seating (tickets are **\$40**). **Tickets will be on sale outside of church next weekend, February 12th and 13th.**

**The Magnificat Intercessory Prayer Group
will meet in the Veranda Room
at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 10th
in the Music Room.**

APPLICATION SUNDAY

If you are interested in enrolling your child in St. Bernardine of Siena School for the fall 2005, the office will be open **TODAY, Sunday, February 6th** from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** You may stop by to pick up an application and receive information about the school. Applications will be available throughout the month of February at the school office. The deadline for applications is **Friday, February 22nd.**

ADMISSIONS AND NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY


St. Bernardine of Siena admits students of any race, color, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or ethnic origin. Priority is given to registered parish families in good standing who desire a Catholic Education for their children. There may be certain circumstances relating to special physical or learning needs where St. Bernardine of Siena School cannot provide an adequate educational program for a student, therefore, admission or re-registration may be denied after consultation with the parent.

ACCREDITATION

St. Bernardine of Siena School is authorized as a Catholic Elementary School by the Los Angeles Archdiocese and is under the direction and guidelines of the Department of Catholic Schools. Our school is fully accepted by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and by the Western Catholic Educational Association.

SEX DISCRIMINATION POLICY

St. Bernardine of Siena School does not discriminate against any applicant or employee because of sex and does not discriminate against any applicant or pupil because of sex in its admission, educational programs, or activities.



IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 5/6 **Sandwich Sunday** for the homeless. Those interested in helping Fr. Albert distribute the sandwiches on Skid Row will meet in the parish parking lot after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Feb. 8 **Sanctity of Life Committee Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

Feb 12/13 **Justice and Peace Awareness Weekend**

Feb. 19/20 **Food Gathering for the Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.**

ALTAR CARE – February 11, 2005
Wil & Ann Gartland, Sue Vigo, Jan Wheatman,
Carmen Rivera, Jan Pexioto.

LENT

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Please join us for our annual **"Soup and Stations"** every Friday evening during Lent. 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.

The RCIA Program is desperately seeking help to sew robes for the children going through the Rites of Initiation this Easter season. These robes are simply made and you do not have to be an experienced seamstress. If you are interested in helping, please call the RCIA Office at **340-2087**.

Volunteers Needed for Work Parties

Our **Parish Facilities Committee** is in need of your help with two **painting** tasks around the outside of the parish. We would like to begin painting next weekend from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

All needed materials will be supplied. If you can help, call Jim Witt at **347-8166** or Vic Walker at **888-4880**.

The Safeguard the Children Committee is holding **"Protecting God's Children Awareness Sessions."**

The archdiocese now mandates this training for any adult who is working with minors as a part of their parish mission. Sessions are scheduled for **Monday, February 7th (7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)**, and **Monday, February 24th (7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)**. These sessions are open to anyone who would like to attend. Additional sessions will be announced in the Parish Bulletin. Please call Eileen Fewless at **(818)340-1440**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—St. Bernardine's Nursery Care Program needs volunteers on Sunday during the **10:00 a.m.** Mass. Please call if you are able help with babysitting - Carole at **999-3764**.

ASH WEDNESDAY



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Pray For The Sick



In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish, Kim Gerhard, granddaughter of Birdie Westmoreland; David Miller, husband of Cathy Miller; Ann Bromley, mother of Randall; Debbie Poucher; Frank Smedley; Giovanni Beltran,; Don Vetter; Diane McElliott; Wayne Smith; Max Moffat; Rose Marie Imber; Sharon

Clark; Herb Wiedoef; ; Susan Phillips; James Zukowski; Carmela Kemp; Margaret Delatorre; Judy Sanford; Rick Driscoll; Tati Cardero; Laurie Pearson; Deborah Puleo; Tom Holwager; Judy Sanford; Terry Asbury; Joe Restivo.



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Joe Pierre, husband of Sunny; Jenie Ruiz, mother of Christopher Ruiz; Jackie Schinkel, mother of Pam Ferguson; Margaret Beyerl, Aunt of Birdie Westmoreland.



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Gifts for the Spirit

Very soon, the children of St. Bernardine's will be making their First Communion. **Gifts for the Spirit**, your parish gift shop, carries a beautiful selection of rosaries, metals, prayer book, crucifixes, picture frames and albums to commemorate the children's friendship with Jesus. Please come in and browse our selection of special items. We also have a great array of St. Valentine's , St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day gifts and cards.

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.

Prime Timers: Our trip to Harrah's Ricon on **Tuesday, February 15th** is almost full. The price is **\$10** per person including the bus trip, 1/2 price lunch buffet, and \$5 back. The bus departs from St. B.'s at **8:00 a.m.** For reservations call Angela Adams at **347-6709**. (A valid picture ID. is required)

Plan to join us for President's Day fun on Sunday February 20th at 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall (hot dogs, snacks, pie a la mode for \$2 per person). Bring in your badge to update your yearly membership (**\$3**).

OPERATION RICE BOWL

A World Awareness Quiz:

- Today, _____ people in the world suffer from malnutrition.
A. 300 million B. 840 million C. 737 million
- How many people in the world live on less that \$1.00 per day?
A. 1.2 billion B. 500 million C. 250 million
- How many people in the United states live in poverty?
A. 16 million B. 28.3 million C. 32.9 million

Answers:

- (B) More than 840 million people in the world are malnourished, 799 million of them are from the developing world. More that 153 million of them are under the age of 5 (*Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations*).
- (A) Of the 6.2 billion people in the world, 1.2 billion live on less than \$1.00 a day. (*United Nations Development Program*).
- (C) 32.9 million people (nearly one out of every eight people) in the United States live in poverty. (*US census, Current Population survey. Sept. 2002*).

What Can We at St. Bernardine's Do?

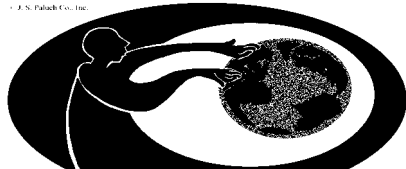
Answer: Support The Rice Bowl

This Lent, our parish will participate in **Operation Rice Bowl**, a program of the Catholic Relief Service. As we enter the season of Lent with its themes of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we add the theme of **"learning."** We pray for the people of the countries in **Operation Rice Bowl** as we learn more about them, their lives and their work. Our fasting is a form of solidarity with our neighbors around the world as we become more aware of the billions of people who scrape a living, experience hunger on a daily basis, and depend on unsafe water sources to quench their thirst. Our almsgiving lends assistance to those who need help the most through the Catholic Relief Service's development projects. Let this Lent be a journey with the peoples of the world as we all work for the establishment of the reign of God.

Materials to support you during your Lenten Journey will be distributed after all of the Masses next weekend, February 12th and 13th.

St. Bernardine of Siena Children's Center will be holding **REGISTRATION** for children 2 yrs 9 months and potty trained through Pre-Kindergarten, beginning **Wednesday, February, 16th at 9:00 a.m.** All parishioners interested in the summer and fall sessions should come to the school office on that day. We are anticipating full enrollment by the 18th, so please **Do Not Wait.** Beginning Tuesday, February 22nd, registration will be open to everyone. Please call the preschool office at **(818)716-4730** with questions .

This Sunday, Pope John Paul has declared **World Day for Consecrated Life.**



*We recognize and give thanks for our sisters, brothers and priests who have consecrated their lives to God and the church through their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in a religious order. Today's gospel encourages all Christians to let their light shine. May the light of Christ shine brightly through women and men who have chosen the consecrated life to live out their baptismal commitment. If you are interested in how you might join a religious community, contact Kathy at SrKBryant@la-archdiocese.org or call **213-637-7248**.*

PARENT & ME: Join us for a sing-a-long this **Thursday, February 10th at 6:30 p.m.** Parents discuss educational options while the children sing and play. For more information contact Kari at **(818)345-9038**.

Mass Intentions



February 6 through February 12, 2005

- 7:00 a.m. Pro Populo
- 8:30 a.m. Randy Green+
- 10:00 Maria Magbanua
- 12:00 Lynn Hall+
- 5:30 Patsy Kelly+
- MONDAY**
- 6:30 a.m. Patrick Lynch+
- 8:30 a.m. Tony Viso+
- TUESDAY**
- 6:30 a.m. Thomas Lynch+
- 8:30 a.m. John Maglieri+
- WEDNESDAY**
- 6:30 a.m. Gabrielle Sataloff+
- 8:30 a.m. Sr. Antonio Byrne, SSL
- 11:00 a.m. **School Mass**
- 7:30 p.m. Carole Hooyenga+
- THURSDAY**
- 6:30 a.m. Pedro Crisistomo+
- 8:30 a.m. Janine Baril+
- FRIDAY**
- 6:30 a.m. Ashley Mazur
- 8:30 a.m. Jeff Forrester+
- Saturday**
- 8:30 a.m. Fred McNeil+
- 5:00 p.m. John Paul Cassidenti+