



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

A Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

After almost three years, it is with sadness I announce that Father Albert Avenida will be moving to another parish on July 1st. His new appointment, to Mary Star of the Sea in San Pedro, is also a three year assignment. His presence here has been a blessing for us and we will all miss him. His replacement has not yet been finalized.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. If you would like to include your Mother, loving or dead, in a Novena of Masses, a special Mass each day for nine days, there are envelopes in the back of the Church. There is also a nice card you may give to her. What better way to honor our mothers than to lift them up in prayer.

The last two Sundays have been exciting for our parish. We had 115?!? children make their First Communion over eight day period. They were all second graders from our school and religious education program. Then, last Sunday, Bishop Alex Salazar came and celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with 68?!? of our teenagers. Seeing so many young people move closer to the Lord speaks of the vibrancy of our parish. My congratulations to all and my gratitude to our parish teachers and staff.

~ Father McNamara

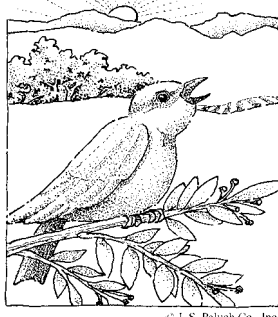
The Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity

We are compelled by the love of God to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, to help people help themselves. Since 1951 the Cardinal McIntyre Fund has provided parish priests with the means to solve immediate pressing problems. Last year, nearly \$531,180 was distributed as emergency funding for our children and adults through parishes in Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles Counties.

Your support of the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for charity will assure that as a Church we can continue to help the growing numbers of children and adults throughout our Archdiocese who suffer on a daily basis.

With my prayers that our Lord will abundantly bless you for your generosity, I remain.

Yours in Christ,
Roger Cardinal Mahony



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2005

I will ask the Father and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth.

— John 14:16-17

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BOOK DISCUSSION

Our May selection, Donald Cozzens' book, **Faith That Dares to Speak**, is available for purchase in our gift shop, **Gifts for the Spirit**. Pick up a copy and join Fr. McNamara for discussion on **Tuesday, May 24th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. The book is an exploration of ways to promote dialogue on issues which are polarizing in our church today.



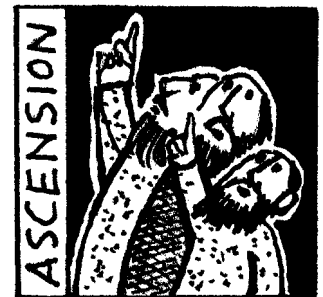
IMPORTANT DATES

- May 1** **Sandwich Sunday** for the homeless. Those interested in helping Fr Albert distribute sandwiches to the homeless on skid Row will meet after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday.
- May 3** **Sanctity of Life Committee Meeting** at 7:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are called to abide in the presence of God. Visit Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesday, May 3rd from **7:00 a.m. to noon** in the upstairs chapel.



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"Safeguard the Children Parish Committee"

The archdiocese has mandated that all parishioners who work with children—staff, choir, directors, religion teachers, Scout leaders, and anyone else whose work brings them into contact with children — must attend a **"Safeguard the Children Awareness Session."** The purpose of these sessions is to increase 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. The next session is scheduled for **Sunday, April 23rd** and **Saturday, May 21st**. Please call Eileen Fewless at (818)340-1440 to sign-up.

5th Annual Msgr. Murray Golf Tournament
Monday, May 16th
Calabasas Country Club

\$150 per player
For details call Laura Pistotnik at (818)225-7802.



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ALTAR CARE April 29, 2005
Mary Kesterson, Amy Okonski, Tony Palmisano, Jane Twomey, Sheila Stoll.

GET ON THE BUS

"Get On The Bus" is an annual trip which brings children from throughout the state to visit their mothers in prison for Mother's Day. Most of the women in prisons never see their children because they are often cared for by relatives who are unable to make the drive due to distance or expense. "Get On The Bus" offers a priceless opportunity to make a connection - to receive a hug from one's mother. We at St. Bernadine's are helping to make this possible by our donation of \$500 which will provide a bus.

We will not have a General Meeting in May.

Remember our West Valley Playhouse event scheduled for May 22nd.

The next **General Meeting** will be **Sunday, July 17th.**

**JOIN THE PRIMETIMERS!!
Everyone 50+ is welcome!**

PARISH OUTINGS

Plan to join fellow parishioners on **Sunday, May 22nd** as we visit the West Valley Playhouse to see the play **"4318 Clarendon Road"** at **2:30 p.m.** (\$18 per person). We will have dinner at TGI Fridays (\$14 per person). Total price **\$32**, or may choose to attend one or the other. Call Angela Adams at **347-6709** for reservations.

Everyone in the parish is welcome to participate!
Trips sponsored by St. Bernardine's Prime Timers



Our next Senior Citizen Mass and Luncheon
will be this **Friday, May 6th.**

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.**

First Friday Luncheon VOLUNTEERS are needed.

Just one Friday a month for a few hours.

Please call Carole if you can help (**999-3764**).

"Prayer Safari at Kingdom of the Sun,"

St. Bernardine's Vacation Bible School will be held **June 27th** through **July 1st** from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00.**

Registration forms are available in the Parish Center. We are looking for safari guides" (must be adults), willing to "walk on the wild side" with our parish kids. To volunteer, call Eileen at **340-1440.**

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Congratulations to our 68 youth Confirmed last Sunday! The Confirmation program for this year ends tonight (Sunday, May 1st), but on Thursday (May 5th), the fun gets started as we kick off our **Senior High Youth Ministry Program** (for grades 9-12) with our first **Senior High Youth Night** in the Hall from **7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** If Confirmation Sessions are like classes then Youth Nights are like parties - Come help us get the party started!

Junior High Youth Ministry (for grades 7-8) meets this **Tuesday, May 3rd** from **6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall, come join the fun. June will be here before we know it and I am very excited to announce that St. Bernardine Youth Ministry, with the help of Life Coach and parishioner, Daniel Holmes has secured the weekend of **June 10-12th** for a **Parent-Teen Challenge with High Ropes Course** at Camp Alpine Meadows in the San Bernardino Mountains. Mark your calendars today! This will be a weekend for parents and their teens and is open to all families with teens ages 13 and older in junior high or high school. This incredible opportunity is dedicated to bringing more meaning into your relationships in a fun and exciting environment away from all of life's everyday distractions. Call me today for more information or to sign up! - Andrew Gafvert, Program Coordinator (818) **710-1662.**

Dear St. Bernardine's family & Friends,

Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your profound generosity in the financial gift to our family. Your gift will help with the responsibilities at this time. We feel truly blessed to belong to a parish that so selflessly shared the tremendous loss we experience for our son, brother, and friend. We thank you for your continued prayers and smiles of support and love.

God Bless you, The Guillory Family



In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish, Paul Bullman; Mary Edna Barnett; Helen David; Florence Beisch; Tati Cardero; Gabino Cruz; Renato F. Miranda; Betty Ann Adair; Ann Marie Farriola; Rosemary Imber; Mary Quezada; Leslie Logan; Alicia Calvo; Sharon Clark; Tony Sirizotti; Dorothy Dhesse; Susan Phillips; Laurie Pearson; Tom Vorgitch.



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Pat Vlach, daughter of Mary Helen Corrigan.

"Building Inclusive Communities"

sponsored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

August 3-7 - University of the West

For registration or information: Call Fe Musgrave at (213)**637-7669** or on-line at Fmusgrave@LA-archdiocese.

Mass Intentions



May 1 through May 7, 2005

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo

8:30 a.m. John Reyes Crispo+

10:00 a.m. Sunny Pierre+

12:00 noon Lena Bova+

5:30 p.m. Betty Calagna+

MONDAY

6:30 a.m. Rosemary Sorrentino+

8:30 a.m. Jeff Abrahams

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. Rose DeVincentis+

8:30 a.m. Jeff Forrester+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. Helen Halliwell+

8:30 a.m. Jeffery Legaspi+

THURSDAY

6:30 a.m. Louise Krause+

8:30 a.m. Cora Ycu+

FRIDAY

6:30 a.m. Rebecca Chadwell+

8:30 a.m. Pete Ycu+

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Franh Lima+

5:00 p.m. Thelma Bamos Morice+

The Los Angeles Catholic Alumni Club, (LACAC), invites all single Catholics to join them for volleyball every Wednesday night from **7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at Balboa Sports Center, Encino. (outdoor court at NW corner of Balboa & Burbank). Play or bring a chair and socialize. Free pizza **May 4th at 7:00 pm.** Call Angelo at (818)773-0550 with questions.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

May

- 4 Catholic Community Luncheon** with speaker Dominic Berardino, president of the SCRC, who's topic will be **"Life Beyond Death."** At the Beverly Garden's Holiday Inn. Fellowship at 11:30 a.m., lunch 12:00 (complete buffet lunch \$15). For reservations call Michael or Marilyn at 818-**846-3271**.
- 7 Catholic Single Adults** are invited to a special **"Rotational Diner & Dinner Dance Party"** at the Holiday Inn City Center at 6:30 p.m. For more information visit our website at www.csnca.com or call Gloria at (888)**208-9555** ext. 88 or e-mail at gloriag@catholic singlesnetwork.com.
- 7 Spiritual Empowerment Seminar** at Our Lady of Peace Parish Hall, 15444 Nordoff Ave, North Hills from **8:30 a.m. TO 5:30 p.m.** FREE ADMISSION, LUNCH & HANDOUTS. Call Agnes for information at (818)**997-8278**.