



# St. BERNARDINE of SIENA

Catholic Church and School

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#### PASTORAL TEAM:

PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Robert J. McNamara  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Daniel A. Fox  
PASTOR EMERITUS: Rev Msgr Richard H Murray  
SUNDAY ASSOCIATE: Rev Fr. Thomas Schrader, O.Carm.  
DEACONS: Jerry Cellner, 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



## Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

"I'll be coming home for Christmas" goes the song. I hope you feel the warmth of welcome today at your Christmas Mass. I welcome each and everyone of you. We are a diverse group as we gather in our oneness to worship and thank our God.

IF you have not been here since last Christmas or longer,

IF you are a non-Catholic spouse of one of our parishioners,

IF you are a college student home for the holidays,

IF it is painful for you to here since the funeral,

IF you are a teenager forced to come to church today,

IF you are angry at the Church over the priest scandals,

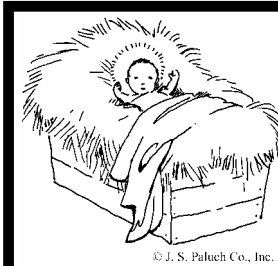
IF you are not sure you believe,

IF you are testing to see if your presence here will make the roof fall in,

IF you are convinced the Church does not want you -

THEN I WELCOME YOU WARMELY and with open arms. Come join me and all the regulars and not so regulars at the Eucharistic Table. Jesus liked to hang around with those on the edge, those rejected, those marginalized and those with needs. We all have a place here. Welcome then to Mass today and may you be encouraged and comforted by the Lord's presence.

~ Father McNamara  
Pastor



## The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2005

The light shines  
in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not  
overcome it.

— John 1:5

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, December 22nd through Friday, December 30th. The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 3rd with new carpeting and a new look.  
*For emergencies call 888-8200.*

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

- December 31/  
January 1** **Sandwich Sunday** for the homeless. Please bring bagged meal and bottled water to any of the Masses. Blankets and new socks are always appreciated. Those interested in helping distribute to the homeless men and women on Skid row, we meet in the parish parking lot after the 5:30 Mass. Email sandwichministry@earthlink.net with any questions.
- January 14/15** Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and I loaves and Fishes Pantry.
- January 16** **Justice and Peace Committee Meeting** at 7:30 p.m.
- January 17** Scheduled execution of Clarence Ray Allen by the state of California at 12:01 a.m.



## The Nativity in Art

Fr. Geoff will show 80 slides of great art masterpieces from through out the world on the nativity of our Lord.

**Thursday, January 5th**  
In St. Bernardine's Church  
at 7:30 p.m.

The presentation will last approximately 1 1/2 hours

Anniversaries are usually a time for celebrating a special time in our lives. Unfortunately, January is the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Please come and pray with us for all the children lost through abortion. We will meet in St. John Eudes church every Monday night in January. **Rosary and Adoration: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** For more information call Denise Laenack at (818)998-0499.

### 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 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."

**ALTAR CARE December 30, 2005**  
Anna Marie Pudwill, Judy Sabo, Helen Worthen,  
Letizia Amato.

**"Safeguard the Children Parish Committee"**  
 Just a reminder, the Archdiocese requires **ALL** teachers, staff, volunteers and ministers who are directly involved in teaching or caring for youth under 18 years of age to attend a **"Protecting God's Children Awareness Session."** The next sessions will be offered on **Saturday, January 7th** from **1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, and on **Wednesday, January 18th** from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** in the Veranda Room. To attend a session, please call Eileen Fewless at (818)340-1440.  
 We will have **fingerprinting** in the Parish Center on **Thursday, February 2nd** from **12:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.** To sign-up please call the Pre-school at (818)416-4730.



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SAVE THE DATE  
**Parish Father/Daughter Dance**  
**February 4th, 2006**  
 In the Parish Hall - Details to follow  
 Hosted by the St. Bernadine's Social Committee

**PRIME TIMERS** wish you a Merry Christmas!  
 The **Santa Barbara Culinary Institute/Oxnard Heritage Square Trip** has been **RESCHEDULED** for **Tuesday, February 7th**. If you are unable to make the trip or want to be put on the waiting list, Call Angela Adams at **347-6709**. The bus will depart from St. B.'s at **10:00 a.m.**

**Elections** for the **Prime Timers Board** will be held in January. We need **volunteers** and/or nominations from our membership to fill some positions. **Nominations** will be taken at the January General Meeting.

**Grief Support Group**

The death of a loved one can be a very difficult experience. A support group with others who have also had deaths can be helpful in the grief journey. An adult, faith-based **Grief Support Group** will be held at St. Bernadine's on nine Monday evenings, beginning January 16th and ending on March 20th (skipping February 20th, President's Day). **Pre-registration is required.** Attendance at all nine meetings is highly recommended for your benefit. To register, please call The Parish Center at 888-8200, Monday through Friday (9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

Registration closes January 6, 2006.



**Pray For The Sick**

In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish, Mildred Jansen; Richard Camarillo; Don Kaszynski; Paul Garibaldi; Betty Albrigo; Charles Barkley; Mary Biondo; Rose Marie Imber; Dorothy Dhesse.

Everyone is asked to attend the **Annual Holy Innocent Procession and Rosary** on **Thursday, December 28th** at the San Fernando Mission Cemetery. Please meet at **2:00 p.m.** in front of the mausoleum inside the first entrance into the cemetery, just past the floral shop. The Prayer Service and Rosary Procession will proceed to the Statue of the Unborn in remembrance of the 40 million innocent victims of abortion.

*Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus are requested to come in full regalia to lead the procession.*

**Happy New "Life!" New Life Resolution Party!**

Join St. Bernadine parishioner and Life coach Daniel Holmes for a **Free Workshop** on **Tuesday, January 10th** - Make agreements that stick, connect your life purpose and vision, identify your blocks and lose them, make life what you want it to be! Don't miss this terrific opportunity to make those life changes you keep losing sight of. *"The road of someday leads to a town called Nowhere!"* Make a commitment to yourself and get to the Parish Hall at **6:30 p.m.** for pre-registration (workshop from 7:00 pm. To 9:00 p.m.—LIMITED SEATING). Call (818) **348-4478** or email MyFamilyCoach@aol.com for information. *(This free workshop is a community service sponsored by Coaching Excellence in association with St. Bernadine Parish, St. Mel Parish and the PTSA's of El Camino HS and Hale JHS.)* **ADULTS ONLY PLEASE.**



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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHRISTMAS BREAK**

Elementary Religious Education Classes that meet on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons are on Christmas Vacation. Classes will resume on **January 10th & 11th**. Have a holy, happy Christmas



**\* YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE**

The youth ministry office is closed until **January 2<sup>nd</sup>** during the parish center's recarpeting.

**Junior High:** The Youth Night scheduled for December 27<sup>th</sup> is cancelled. Throw away any old schedules and keep the new ones we just mailed out. The next Junior High Youth Night will be on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Confirmation:** The next Confirmation sessions are on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need adult chaperones and small group leaders for our **Year One Confirmation retreat February 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** (we leave here on Friday at 6:00 PM).

Please contact the youth ministry office at (818) 710-1662 or email agafvert@stbernadine.org as soon as possible if you can be available to help out. **Thanks! Merry Christmas!**



**Mass Intentions**



**December 25 through December 31, 2005**

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

**8:30 a.m.** John Reyes Crispo

**10:00 a.m.** Ruth & Dick Dixson+

**12:00 noon** Terry Van Winkle+

**5:30 p.m. NO MASS**

**MONDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** Wilfred John Bathan+

**8:30 a.m.** Lucy Mendez+

**TUESDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** John Whitney, Jr.+

**8:30 a.m.** Doug Reed+

**WEDNESDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** Betty Virginia Cruz+

**8:30 a.m.** Michele Patterson+

**THURSDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** Mutong & Joyce Chiang+

**8:30 a.m.** Wil Miller+

**FRIDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** Juanita Cantos+

**8:30 a.m.** Yong & Su Liang Shen+

**SATURDAY**

**8:30 p.m.** Dr. & Mrs. Ching Chin Chiang+

**5:00 p.m.** James K. McIlvaine+

*Merry Christmas!*

*As many of you know, I am spending this year traveling with NET Ministries. I want to give you an update and let you know what we have been doing for the past four months.*

*I was assigned to Team #1 ...also known as the "Home Team." My team is different from the other seven teams because my team stays mainly in Minnesota, although we did spend three weeks in October traveling around Ohio leading retreats. In January, my team will be traveling to Colorado for about three more weeks. The rest of my time on NET was, and will be, spent in Minnesota. So far, my team alone has led 51 retreats with 6,015 retreatants.*

*This team of eleven is quite dynamic. Three are from CA, three from TX, two from NJ, and one each from WA, WV, and Maine! We range in age from 18 to 24. Three are right out of high school, five have already graduated college, and three have had some college education. I am more than enjoying my stay in the snowy state of Minnesota. I have seen myself grow in many ways here. I pray more now than I ever have, and I frequent the sacraments a lot more. I have great support from both my teammates and the staff. I have a deeper understanding of our faith and Catholic teachings. Although I love it here, I cannot wait to come back to California, even if it is only for two weeks at Christmas.*

*I want to thank you again for all of your support, encouragement and prayers. Due to your generous contributions, I was not only able to reach my goal of \$3,000, but I was also able to offer financial support to many members of my team who were having a harder time fundraising. I look forward to seeing you and talking with many of you while I am home,*

*May God bless You, Kristee Marihart*