



St. BERNARDINE of SIENA

Catholic Church and School

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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

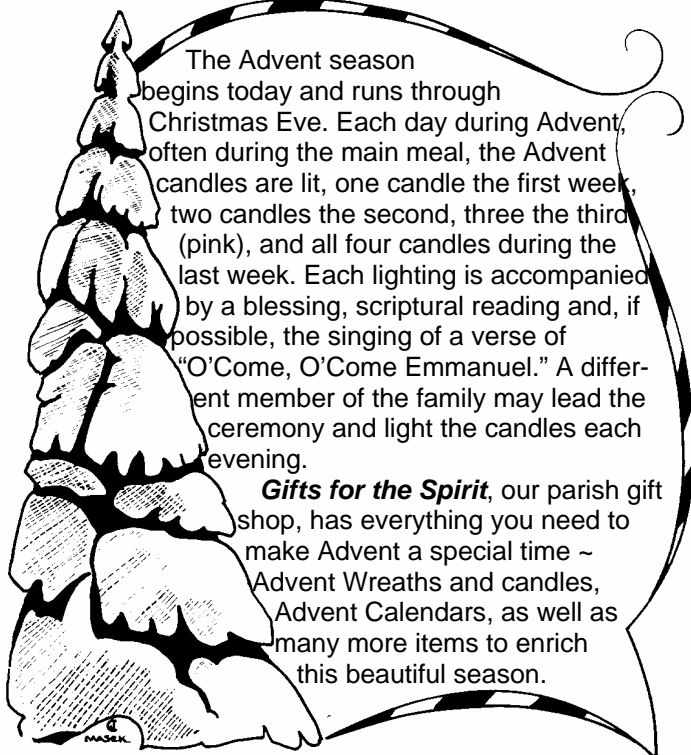
Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

I am very grateful for the positive response you gave me after the Stewardship appeal last Sunday and for the 526 of you who made pledges so far. I know some of you brought the pledge card home and others will pledge today. Your generosity continues to astound me. It is a definite sign of the Spirit of the Lord moving in your lives. We are committed to being a tithing parish, which means that we share one tenth of our financial blessings in good deeds for parishes other than our own. May our generous Lord abundantly bless you.

Today, Advent begins with the first of four Advent Sundays. As we prepare spiritually for Christmas, we will be doing three things. First, we will imagine what it was like to be a Jew looking forward to the Messiah before the birth of Jesus. Second, we will celebrate and thank Jesus for His continuous coming to us in the Eucharist. Third, we ponder another special coming when He will come to take us home to eternal life. ~ Father McNamara

Advent ~ The anticipation of the coming of the Lord

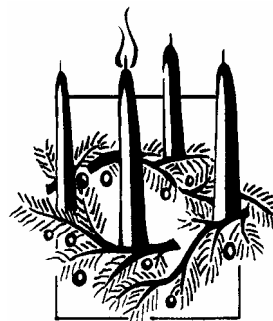


The Advent season begins today and runs through Christmas Eve. Each day during Advent, often during the main meal, the Advent candles are lit, one candle the first week, two candles the second, three the third (pink), and all four candles during the last week. Each lighting is accompanied by a blessing, scriptural reading and, if possible, the singing of a verse of "O'Come, O'Come Emmanuel." A different member of the family may lead the ceremony and light the candles each evening.

Gifts for the Spirit, our parish gift shop, has everything you need to make Advent a special time ~ Advent Wreaths and candles, Advent Calendars, as well as many more items to enrich this beautiful season.

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 from 9:00 to 12:00.

Attention All Liturgical Ministers! **Liturgical Formation Day - Saturday, January 28th** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Raymond's in Downey. A registration form can be downloaded from www.laliturgy.org. For further information, call (213)637-7586.



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First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2005

**Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the
time will come.**

— Mark 13:33

**Justice & Peace Ministry
ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

Natalie (36) and Francisco (32) and their three children (ages 18, 15, 7 8) share a house with another family. Their rent is \$300 per month. The family earns three salaries: two at \$300 per month and one at \$130 per week from Natalie who cleans houses. The family has no medical insurance, with the exception of 8 year old Jose, who is covered by the state. After rent, the family often does not have enough money to buy sufficient food. They have registered for assistance at the Guadalupe Center.

Last year, 1,434 individuals received **Adopt-A-Family** assistance for Christmas. Your donation to the **Adopt-A-Family Program** will make a **difference** to each family in need. Please stop by the Justice of the Peace table today after Mass to see how you can help. (Or call Teri Nogues at (818) 716-7773 or John Reeves at (818)883-7413.

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

December 3/4 **Sandwich Sunday** for the homeless. Those interested in helping distribute sandwiches to the homeless on Skid Row will meet in the parish parking lot after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

December 6 **Sanctity of Life Committee Meeting** at 7:00 p.m.

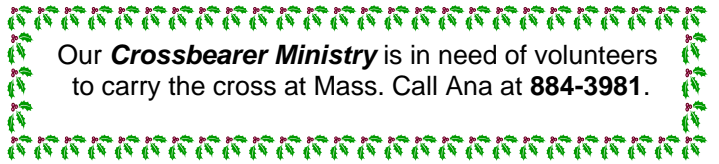
December 13 Scheduled execution of Stanley "Tookie" Williams by the state of California at 12:01 a.m.

ALTAR CARE December 2, 2005
Mary Kesterson, Amy Okonski, Tony Palmisano,
Jane Twomey, Sheila Stoll.



Senior Citizen Mass and Luncheon
Friday, December 2nd.

On the first Fridays of each month we offer a special Mass in the Eucharistic Chapel for our senior citizens at 11:30 a.m. Mass is immediately followed by a delicious luncheon in the Parish Hall. All seniors are encouraged to attend, especially those who are normally homebound. Please call Minea at 340-6343 if ride arrangements are needed.



Our Crossbearer Ministry is in need of volunteers to carry the cross at Mass. Call Ana at 884-3981.

PRIME TIMERS: Our Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Calabasas Inn on Tuesday, December 6th at 11:30 a.m. The cost for members is \$15 (non-members \$25). Call Terry Piscitello at 340-4100 for reservations by Dec. 1st.

Elections for the Prime Timers Board will be held in January. We need volunteers and/or nominations from our membership. Nominations will be taken at the November 20th General Meeting.

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. Bernardine's 10:00 a.m.

Check your redesigned website: STBERNARDINE.ORG The dates you want to add to your calendar... A wealth of information concerning the life of your parish. Don't miss the upcoming events of your church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 29th & Wednesday, November 30th.

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

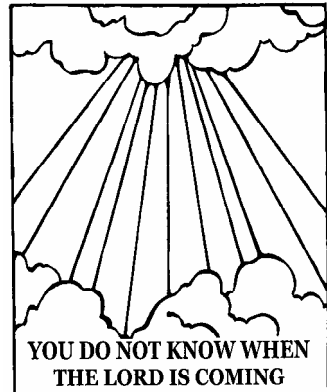
For further information, please contact the rectory or H. Richard Closson, Director, Trust and Estate Programs at (213)637-7472 or HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org or visit www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc.

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."

24th Annual Holiday Caroling Festivities Sunday, December 4th Singers and musicians of all talent levels and ages are invited to participate in this community service project. The Holiday Caroling is designed to both bring joy to the elderly while enhancing the holiday spirit and appreciation of life, health and family of the participants. Santa Claus will be joining us — music books and refreshments will be provided at all three performances: 4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. West Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center (Main Lobby), 7940 Topanga Canyon Blvd., C.P. 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Topanga Park Retirement Center, 7945 Topanga Canyon Blvd., C.P. 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Wilshire Retirement Center, 6833 Fallbrook Ave., C.P. 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Post Caroling Wrap Party at Home Town Buffet, 6705 Fallbrook, C.P. For further information call Vincent Leinen at (818)342-9336 or e-mail BD754@LAFN.org or ReachForTheStars.com/caroling/.

HELP NEEDED: Altar Care We are in need of volunteers to help with altar care on the 4th Friday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We are particularly in need of volunteers who are able to vacuum. Please call Lucy Kerecman at 998-6701 if you can help.

Pray For The Sick In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish, Sharon Clark, wife of Bill; Kevin Webber; Ed Fraker, husband of Juanita; Keith Farr; Corinne Ramirez; Fr. Liam McCarron; Charles Barkley; Diane Casey; Bob Van Buskirk ;Ama Pablos; Dennis Hoehn; Wayne Smith; Shirin; Rosalind Messick; Elaine Pittman; June Quinby; Helen Ellescas; Eileen Wicks; Michele Pepin; Frank Anzalone; Julianna Morin; Janny Vogel Zang; David Espinoza; Marvin Asbury; Mary Biondo; Rose Marie Imber; Gabino Cruz; Tati Cardero; Dorothy Dhesse. Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Kevin Webber; Ernie Brown; Ina Klein, mother of Deborah, Randy, and Doug.



FYI TV viewers now have a quick and easy way to file a complaint with the FCC concerning obscene, indecent, and profane content on the television. Select the graphic on the top left hand side of the website at www.afa.net. There is not a charge and filing a complaint takes only a few minutes. Each of us can do our part.

Mass Intentions



November 27 through December 3, 2005

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo

8:30 a.m. John Reyes Crispo+

10:00 a.m. Sevigne Sibasa

12:00 noon Adela Altman+

5:30 p.m. Jorge Palma+

MONDAY

6:30 a.m. Arief Budiman+

8:30 a.m. Glen Galbraith+

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. Ana Wangsa+

8:30 a.m. Walter Lord+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. Consuelo Pinpin+

8:30 a.m. Alberta Schlaechter+

THURSDAY

6:30 a.m. Stephen Tom+

8:30 a.m. Walter Lord+

FRIDAY

6:30 a.m. Grace Vautin+

8:30 a.m. Stephen Tom+

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Mark Aguirre+

5:00 p.m. John Valtin+

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✓ **Louisville High School OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, Decem-**  
✓ **ber 4th.** Reservations are requested for either the 9:00  
✓ a.m. seating or the 1:00 p.m. seating. Call (818)346-8812.  
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Evening with Alemany Advent Series

A series of Advent presentations at Alemany HS will be held on the following **Mondays: Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th, Dec. 12th.** Each presentation will take place from **7:00 pm. to 8:30 p.m.**

Monday, November 28th - *An evening of prayer and presentation of "How to Make Advent a Special Time of Family Preparation for Christmas"* presented by Fr.

Norm Supancheck and Mrs. Liz Hise.

Call (818)365-3952, ext. 190 for more information.

Please join us as we Take a Stand for life! A Prayerful Gathering Against Abortion on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 at Family Planning Associates, 10200 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills. *Across the street from this abortion facility is our Pregnancy Counseling Center. Come in and visit the center and see our new pro-life billboard above the center*

Advent Twilight Retreat at Our Lady of Grace. Encino
Have you ever heard of the **Fourth Wiseman?** What can we learn from him as we prepare for Christmas? Come to the Advent Retreat on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. (Room A). Sr. Mary Ann Carla, SND will guide the retreat. Reservations are required, please call (818)342-4505 by Monday December 12th. Suggested donation: **\$12.** All Adults are welcome.

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December 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Baptism Class 7:30pm	2 Senior Citizen Mass/Luncheon 11:30am	3
4 Nursery Care & Preschool R.C.I.C. 9:30am CYM R.C.I.A.	5	6 Religious Education 4:00pm CYM Jr. High Youth Nite 6:30pm	7 Religious Education 4:00pm R.C.I.A. 7:30pm Vigil Mass 7:30pm Book Club 7:30pm	8 Masses: 6:30am & 8:30am Magnificat CYM Jr. High Youth Nite 6:30pm	9	10
11 Nursery & Preschool R.C.I.C. 9:30am CYM R.C.I.A.	12	13 NO Religious Education CYM Jr. High Youth Nite 6:30pm	14 NO Religious Education R.C.I.A. 7:30pm Fr. Jim Clark 7:30pm	15 School Christmas Program	16 Christmas Concert 7:30pm	17 Simbang Gabi Mass 7:30pm
18 Nursery/Preschool R.C.I.C. 9:30am Parenteen Mtg. R.C.I.A.	19 Parish Reconciliation 7:30pm	20 NO Religious Education	21 NO Religious Education R.C.I.A. 7:30pm Cub Pack Meeting 7:30pm	22 CYM Jr. High Youth Nite 6:30pm	23 CYM Jr. High Christmas Party	24 Christmas Eve Masses: 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm
25 Masses: 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27 NO Religious Education CYM Jr. High Youth Nite 6:30pm	28 NO Religious Education R.C.I.A. 7:30pm	29	30	31