



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



Dear Friends,
 Beginning today violet is the liturgical color. Welcome to Advent and its four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The Advent wreath will count down the Sundays as we enter a season whose character is twofold. We prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming is remembered and that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. It is a time then of devout and joyful expectation.

Pope Benedict's visit to Turkey last week reflects the global effort of our Church to build bridges of understanding and respect with other religions. Our parish sees the importance of that and we are trying to do our part on the local level. Do you remember back on September 29th I spoke at Temple Aliyah next door? My topic was "Forgiveness" and of course I spoke on it from a Christian perspective. I referred to many of our Christian Scriptures including the Prodigal Son, the Our Father and Jesus's words on the cross. They were very attentive and warmly welcomed me and I know you will do likewise next Sunday when Rabbi Steward Vogel will be at our 10:00 AM Mass and will share with us the Jewish perspective on the same topic "Forgiveness". With him will be many of his congregants and I am very excited that we have this outreach in our parish. If you have any Jewish family or friends please let them know about this and invite them next Sunday.

~ Father McNamara

~ Missionary of Charity Brothers ~

Mother Teresa's Missionary Brothers and Co-Workers are looking for drivers and cooks. A team from St. Bernadine's travels downtown every Saturday morning to bring hot lunch to the brothers and those in their care. As a volunteer, you would be assigned to a team and be called **only once every six weekends.**

There are so many ways to give of ourselves, perhaps one of these is for you. Please call Jean Sampson at (818)888-7073.



IMPORTANT DATES

December 2/3 **Sandwich Sunday** for the homeless. Those interested in helping distribute sandwiches to the homeless and Skid Row will meet in the parish parking lot after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday.

December 5 **Sanctity of Life Committee Meeting** at 7:00 p.m.

**First Sunday of Advent
 December 3, 2006**

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

-- Mark 13:33

Get Into the Advent Spirit!

Join Fr. Doug Glassman, OFM, for the second in our series: **"Psalms: Prayers of Israel, Prayers for the World"** **Thursday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Fr. Doug will give an introduction to the penitential psalms with particular focus on the Psalms of our Sunday Advent Liturgies. Guaranteed to lift your experience of Sunday Mass during Advent.



Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass Thursday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m.
Mass Schedule ~ Friday, December 8th:
6:30, 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Annual Men's Retreat at Serra Retreat Center in Malibu February 2-4. Plan now to attend!

Call Bernard Wronkowski at (818)346-2901, John Shady at (818)341-0761 or call the Serra Retreat Center at (310)456-6631 for applications.

Gifts for the Spirit

Advent, our season of anticipation of the coming of the Lord, begins December 3rd. Be prepared, visit **Gifts for the Spirit**, your parish gift shop, and browse our selection of Advent wreaths & candles, Christmas cards, Nativity sets, ornaments and gifts for your Christmas celebration.

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.

ALTAR CARE December 8, 2006:
Wil & Ann Gartland, Sue Vigo, Jan Wheatman, Carmen Rivera, Jan Pexioto, Fran Van Buskirk.

ATTENTION parishioners and friends
"Age 50 and over:"

You are invited to a **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** on **Tuesday, December 12th at 12:00 noon**. The luncheon, including entertainment and raffled baskets, will be provided for **\$10** per person. Please, come join us and begin your holiday season celebrating with old *and* new friends. The cut-off date of reservations and payment is December 7th. For more information, please call May Slago at **346-0120** or Angela Adams at **347-6709**.

Children's Christmas StoryTime TODAY

Come by the Parish Library **TODAY, December 3rd** following the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses for a Children's StoryTime. Children will hear stories of Christmas and can participate in crafts.

Have You checked Out a Book Yet?

Be sure to visit the Parish Library after Mass on Sunday. Adults and children who checkout books during the coming weeks will be entered in drawings to win free books and a gift certificate. The adult drawing (for Gary Will's new book, *What Paul Meant* and a \$50 Macy's gift certificate), will be held after the 12:00 Mass on **December 17th**.

"Our Children Remembered"

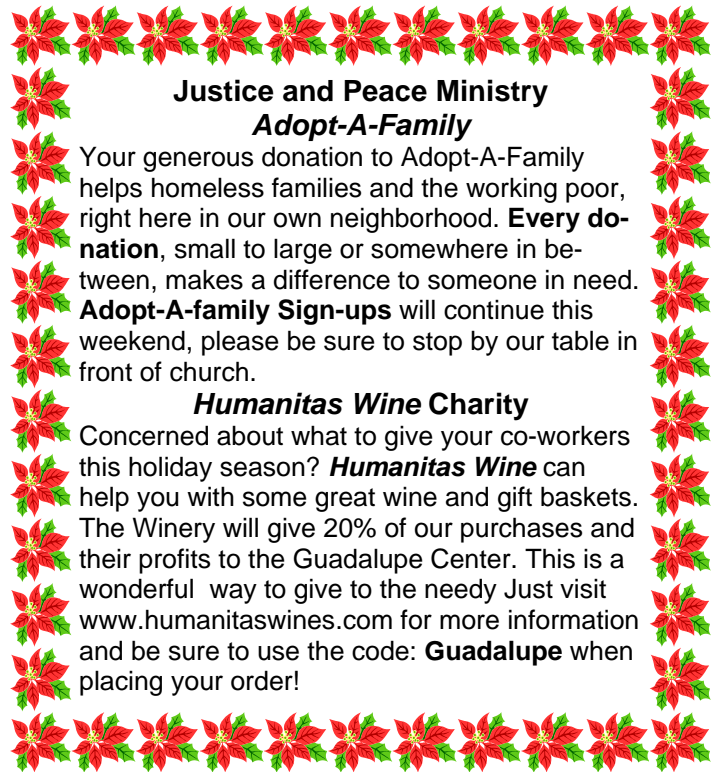
Parents who have lost a child are invited to our annual Mass and candlelight service, in memory of their children who have died on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. at St. John Eudes in Chatsworth. Family members are also welcome to attend. Please bring a piece of paper with your child's name and dates of birth and death, to be placed on the altar during the offertory and a small photo of your child, to be displayed during the service. We have made arrangements to deliver Christmas gifts in honor of our children to Hathaway-Sycamore Children and Family Services. They work with foster children who are neglected, abused and homeless. If you would like to honor your child in this special way, please bring an unwrapped gift to the Mass and place it around the altar. For more information, please call Angela or George Wienckowski at (818)709-0011.



In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish, Joe Noga, husband of Terry; Joy Sheets, wife of Michael; Bart West, brother of Sharron Ellms; Norman Morin, husband of Julie; Anthony, Darma & Alexis Trafacanty; Kathleen Nicholas; Ricardo Rodriguez; Matthew Mellin; Don Leehey; Gloria Landgraf; Gabino Cruz; Ama Pablos.



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Baby Emma Marcale, niece of the Ligot Family; Ed Althaus, formerly of St. B.'s; Florence Kyle, aunt of Dottie Woldrich; Louise Brown, aunt of Jean Sampson; Paul West, brother of Sharron Ellms; John Gillespie, father of Mike Bromley; Alfredo Fajardo, husband of Rachel.



Justice and Peace Ministry
Adopt-A-Family

Your generous donation to Adopt-A-Family helps homeless families and the working poor, right here in our own neighborhood. **Every donation**, small to large or somewhere in between, makes a difference to someone in need. **Adopt-A-family Sign-ups** will continue this weekend, please be sure to stop by our table in front of church.

Humanitas Wine Charity

Concerned about what to give your co-workers this holiday season? **Humanitas Wine** can help you with some great wine and gift baskets. The Winery will give 20% of our purchases and their profits to the Guadalupe Center. This is a wonderful way to give to the needy Just visit www.humanitaswines.com for more information and be sure to use the code: **Guadalupe** when placing your order!

Religious Education Congress 2007
Anaheim - March 1 (Youth Day) & March 2-4th

This year's congress "**Stand in the Light,**" will include over 270 workshops, evening liturgies, and a variety of prayer experiences. Noontime and evening concerts offer additional opportunities for praise and worship — experiences which engage and renew participants. Don't miss out! Register now for this spirit filled and enriching weekend! For more information, or to order a Registration guidebook or to register by credit card online, visit www.RECongress.org.



25th Annual LA Holiday Caroling Festivities

Singers and musicians of ALL talent levels and ages are invited to participate in this community service project which is dedicated to bringing joy to the elderly while enhancing the holiday spirit of the participants. Santa Claus will be joining us at all 3 performances: **Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.** at West Hills Health & Rehabilitation Main Lobby, 7940 Topanga Canyon Blvd; **5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.** at Topanga Park Retirement Center, 7945 Topanga Canyon Blvd., **6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.** at Wilshire Retirement Center, 6833 Fallbrook Ave., and from **7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Join us for a **Post-Caroling Wrap Party** at Home Town Buffet. For information, call Vincent at **(818)342-9336** or e-mail BD75@LAFN.org or www.ReachForTheStars.com/caroling

ST. BERNARDINE'S PARISH LEADERS

Parish Council	Cathy Borowski	348-5650
Altar Care	Lucy Kerecman	998-6701
Altar Servers	Maria Giammatteo	888-8200
Baptism Classes	Deacon Jerry Cellner	888-8200
Bible Study (Thurs Grp)	Shirley Grochalski	347-6228
Comprehensive Youth Ministry (CYM)	Andrew Gafvert	710-1662
Cross Bearers	Dave Goracke	347-0192
Detention Ministry	Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
Environment	Maria Giammatteo	888-8200
Eucharistic Ministers (To Sick/Homebound)	Robert Nicholas	346-8244
	Deacon Dale Taufer	888-8200
Festival Chairpersons	Cheryl Moore	314-6161
Finance Committee	Priscilla Brehm	340-9017
Gift Shop	Jean Sampson	888-7073
Justice & Peace Ministry	Teri Nogues	716-7773
	Kathy Cromar	883-4238
Lectors	Jack Maranto	877-6310
Library	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Magnificat	Jo Vlasak	347-7144
Marriage Encounter	Ed/Anna Marie Pudwill	348-1632
Music Ministry	Marilyn Enos	710-9788
Nursery Care Program	Tami Alcocer/8:30 Mass	882-4070
	Carole Williamson/10:00	999-3764
Parent/Teacher Assoc.	June Hunter	713-8120
Parish School	Theresa Valenzuela	340-2130
Pre-School	Charlene Barkes	716-4730
RCIA	Steve Ellms	340-2087
Reach Out	Shirley Grochalski	347-6228
Religious Education	Eileen Fewless	340-1440
Respect Life	Tracie Shepard	340-7043
Retreats (Men's)	Jim Birkhead	348-4616
Silverado Music Ministry	Jo & Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
Scouting (Boy Scouts)	Gary Bishop	998-7917
(Cub Scouts)	Richard Robinson	703-7572
(Girl Scouts)	Kim Palkovic	992-0737
Social Activities	Cathy Borowski	348-5650
	Maria Cassar	999-1063
Sunday Pre-School	Wendy Sciuto	592-0049
Ushers	Don Leehey	884-4608
	Donna Forrester	712-9922
Welcoming Committee	Darma Trafecanty	884-1686
Women on the Journey	Jean Sampson	346-8116

Mass Intentions

December 3 through December 9, 2006

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo

8:30 a.m. Joe Finn+

10:00 a.m. Jim & Pat Bohlig

12:00 noon Joe Finn+

5:30 p.m. Helen Zack+

MONDAY

6:30 a.m. Baby Sydney Siegal+

8:30 a.m. Paula Dersom

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. Marlin McKeever+

8:30 a.m. Ed Elliot+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. S.J. Falotico+

8:30 a.m. Pedro Mangubat+

THURSDAY

6:30 a.m. Mary Greaney+

8:30 a.m. Joyce Chiang+

FRIDAY

6:30 a.m. Jim Nissen+

8:30 a.m. Janet Grant+

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. John McDermott+

5:00 p.m. Elizabeth Perneau+

COMING EVENTS*December*

- 3 St. John Baptist de la Salle 3rd Annual Holiday Boutique;** 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
10738 Hayvenhurst Ave., Granada Hills.
- 7 "We Wait in Joyful Hope With Our Lady" Advent Twilight Retreat** at Our Lady of Grace in Encino from **7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Gift yourself with a peace-filled and reflective experience. Bring a statue or picture of *Our Lady* for inspiration. Call (818)342-4505 by 12/4 for reservations. The suggested donation is \$10.
- 8 St. John Eudes Separated, Divorced and Widowed Catholic Support Group** will meet at **8:00 p.m.** in Room C of Grill Hall for a special Christmas Program. For more information, please call Kathy at (818)349-9335.
- 9 Crespi Carmelite HS Mothers' Christmas Luncheon and Fashion Show Boutique** at **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Warner Center Marriot. Call Pam Trovatten at (818)654-1303.
- 9 Young Adult Diners' Club** will meet at Azar's Sports Bar & Steakhouse in Newbury Park at **7:00 p.m.** Please call Deanna at (805)529-8644.
- 31 Catholic Singles Network of California's New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance Party** for Catholic Singles at the Almansor Court in Alhambra at **7:30 p.m.** The evening will include a three-course dinner, dance lessons, party favors, champagne toast and a dance party. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. Reservations are required. For information, visit www.csnca.com or contact Sandra at (888)208-9555 ext. 88 or e-mail sandrap@csnca.com.

A **Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a beautiful experience for couples of all ages and backgrounds.

Let Marriage Encounter make 2007 a great year for your marriage. Sign up now. Marriage Encounter Weekends will be held in Woodland Hills: **January 19-21** and **April 27-19**. For more information call (805)648-4244 or e-mail info@wwme-la-north.org or visit our website at www.wwme-la-north.org

**Advent Vespers at the Holy Retreat Center
Sunday December 10th at 7:00 p.m.**

The Vesper Prayer is especially beautiful during this season of Advent - Plant to join us for this special evening of music, psalms and scriptur.

Free will offering

St. Bernardine of Siena December 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Senior Citizen Mass/Luncheon 11:30am	2
3 Nursery Care and Preschool 8:30 and 10:00am RCIA RCIC	4	5 Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 7:00am - 12:00pm Religious Education 4:00pm	6 Religious Education 4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm	7 Book Club 7:30pm Baptism Class 7:30pm	8 Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:30am Movie Night 7:00pm	9
10 Nursery Care and Preschool 8:30 and 10:00am RCIA RCIC	11	12 Religious Education 4:00pm Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm Book Club 7:30pm	13 Rel. Ed. 4:00pm Cub Pack Meeting 7:30pm RCIA 7:30pm Book Club 7:30pm	14	15	16
17 Nursery Care and Preschool 8:30 and 10:00am RCIA RCIC	18	19 <u>NO</u> Religious Education	20 <u>NO</u> Religious Education Simbang-Gabi 7:00pm RCIA 7:30pm	21 Parish Reconciliation 7:30pm	22	23
24 Masses at 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm and 10:00pm	25 Masses at 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm	26	27	28	29	30
31 <u>NO</u> Nursery Care or Preschool	CHRISTMAS DAY					
NEW YEAR'S EVE						