



# 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

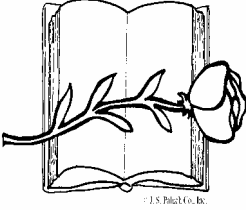
Dear Friends,

Our parish school reopened after the summer recess last week. I welcome back all the teachers and each of the 326 students. I particularly welcome our new principal, Ms. Theresa Valenzuela. With her energy and enthusiasm, I know our wonderful school will be even better.

The lack of a bulletin last week was due to problems with the company that prints and delivers it for us. We had, in fact, done our part and wired it to them. Ironically, in a sign of the times, it was available online at the parish website. If you have not yet done so, check out our website at [www.stbernardine.org](http://www.stbernardine.org). You may link to the current bulletin on the home page after my message, and if you click "about us" you will find over two years of former bulletins. The site also has lots of information about parish activities including our school and religious education program. On the bottom of the home page there is a prayer link to [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) which I recommend to busy people. It is a ten minute prayer time that calms us, refreshes us and refocuses us. Try it during a work break.

As you know, tomorrow is Labor Day. We will have one Mass at 10:00 a.m. I hope to see you there.

~ Father .McNamara



**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 3, 2006**

**Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.**  
 — James 1:21b

**Labor Day Mass**  
**Monday, September 4th at 10:00 a.m.**  
 presided by Cardinal Roger Mahoney  
 at Our Lady of the Angels

*Join workers who struggle for better working condition, justice and dignity for all. For more information, please call the Office of Justice and Peace at (213)637-7690.*

**On Monday, September 4th**  
**There will be one Mass celebrated at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Happy Labor Day!**

**Sandwich Sunday TODAY 9/3**  
**Make 5 lunches, 10 lunches, whatever you can afford, Make them special. Being them to the corral outside of church for distribution to the homeless living on Skid Row. Thank you**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
*Here is God's beloved son:*  
*Come, let us bow down in worship before him!*  
**Adoration will be Tuesday, September 5th** upstairs in the Eucharistic Chapel. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 6:30 Mass and close with Benediction.

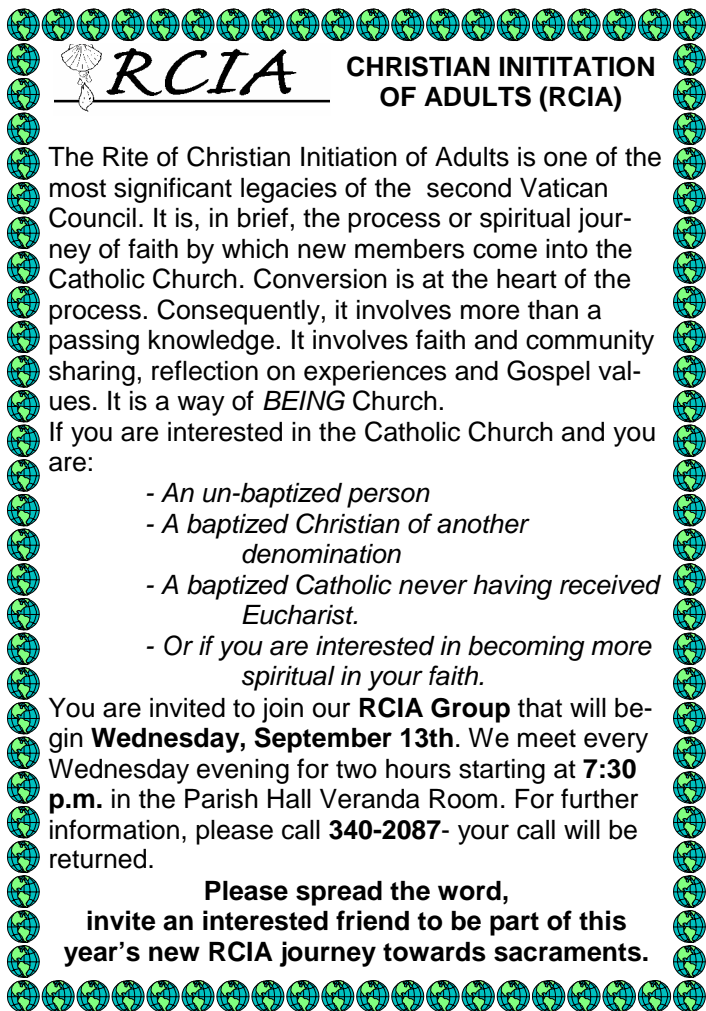
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Sept. 2/3** Sandwich Sunday for the homeless. Those interested in helping distribute sandwiches to the homeless on Skid Row will meet in the Missionaries of Charity Parking lot after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

**Sept. 16.17** Food Gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.

**Sept. 18** Justice and Peace Committee Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**ALTAR CARE September 8, 2006:**  
 Will & Ann Gartland, Sue Vigo, Jan Wheatman, Carmen, Jan Pexioto, Fran Van Buskirk.



**RCIA** CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is one of the most significant legacies of the second Vatican Council. It is, in brief, the process or spiritual journey of faith by which new members come into the Catholic Church. Conversion is at the heart of the process. Consequently, it involves more than a passing knowledge. It involves faith and community sharing, reflection on experiences and Gospel values. It is a way of *BEING* Church.

If you are interested in the Catholic Church and you are:

- An un-baptized person
- A baptized Christian of another denomination
- A baptized Catholic never having received Eucharist.
- Or if you are interested in becoming more spiritual in your faith.

You are invited to join our **RCIA Group** that will begin **Wednesday, September 13th**. We meet every Wednesday evening for two hours starting at **7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall Veranda Room. For further information, please call **340-2087**- your call will be returned.

**Please spread the word, invite an interested friend to be part of this year's new RCIA journey towards sacraments.**

**Justice and Peace Ministry**

Our **Annual Arts & Crafts Drive** for our sister parish in Pacoima, Guardian Angel's School, is next weekend **September 9th/10th**. We will be collecting arts, crafts and general school supplies for our sister parish in Pacoima. Please bring pencils, crayons, glue, paste, computer paper, construction paper, newsprint paper, washable markers, etc.

We will collect all of your donations in the corral at the front corner of the church. Thank you!

**ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS:**

All those interested in becoming an altar server, or those of you who would like to refresh your altar server skills, **Altar Server Training Classes** will take place on **Sunday, September 10th and Sunday, September 17th at 1:00 p.m.** in the Church. For more information please contact Maria Giammatteo at **888-8200**.

**Early Church History Series with  
Fr. Doug Glassman, OFM**


Join Fr. Doug , **Thursday evenings, at 7:30 p.m.** beginning **September 7th** in the Parish Hall for a six-part series on the development of the Christian community after the death of the last apostle up to Constantine and the Council of Nicaea, 325 C.E. Topics include key issues such as the development of the canon bible and hierarchical structures in the church and the role of heresies in the proclamation of doctrine and dogma. Fr. Doug's lively, insightful style makes the history come alive as he introduces us to the key players. His reference, the book The Early Church by Henry Chadwick, is available outside of church after all the Masses this weekend **August 26th/27th**.

**"St. Bernardine's Fun Family Football Night"**  
at Chaminade High School - **Friday, September 15th**. Tickets will be sold after all of the Masses on the weekend of September 9th & 10th. The price is **\$30** for up to 2 adults and 2 children (\$10 for each additional child). Price includes admission, dinner and a Chaminade hat for each child. Plan to join us!  
~ hosted by St. Bernardine's Social Activities Committee.

**SAVE THE DATE!!** Temple Aliyah and St. Bernardine of Siena proudly present **The United States Navy Band: Country Current** on **October 24th at 7:30 p.m. FREE & OPEN** to the public (tickets are required, but free!). Send a self-addressed stamped envelope requesting up to 6 tickets, no later than October 9th to: Navy Band Concert, 6025 Valley Circle Blvd., Woodland Hills, 91367. For information call Mike Stein at (818)**346-3545** ext. 105.

The next **West San Fernando District ACCW Luncheon/Meeting** will be on **Monday, September 25th** at Our Lady of Grace, 5011 White Oak Ave, Encino. The speaker will be Bishop Gerald Wilkerson; Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m.; and Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. with a catered luncheon to follow. The cost for the day is \$10 prepaid. Call Helen Fitzpatrick at (818)**346-2837** ASAP for reservations (no later than Thursday, September 21st).

Be doers of the word,  
and not hearers only



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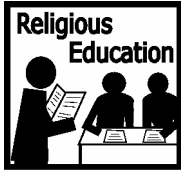
**"Women On A Journey"**

*"Women on a Journey" is the women's support group at St. Bernardine's. We are a support group for all women of all ages. We tell our stories with a shared trust and pray together, deepening our spirituality to gain strength for the journey ahead. We support and encourage one another as we face life's struggles - struggles that often overtake us without our permission. We try to understand what lies within our struggles and beyond them as we reflect on our roles and mission in today's Church.*

*If you are interested in joining with us and sharing the best of who we are with one another, please call Jean Sampson at the Parish Office at (818)888-7073.*

**REIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education Classes for children in grades one through six, who attend public school or private schools, begin **Tuesday, September 19th and Wednesday, September 20th**. Registration forms are available in the parish office or can be printed from the parish website: [www.Stbernardine.org](http://www.Stbernardine.org). Classes . If you have any questions please call Eileen at **340-1440**.





**Silent Auction Items STILL Needed!**

The **Fall Festival Committee NEEDS YOUR HELP!** We are currently putting together packages (i.e. trips, concert tickets, sports memorabilia) for the October 13-15th event. To make a donation, or for more information, please contact Sophia Crescenzi at (818)**917-6788** or Craig/Caroline Jacks at (818)**702-0116**.

**Pray For The Sick** In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish, Sandy Geraghty; Tracy Geraghty; Leo & Mary Iwanicki;; Tina Melancon; Roger Nelson; Karen Greulich; Andrew & Brianna Shevlet; James Zukowski; Bill McNair; Terry Asbury; Gabino Cruz; Ama Pablos; Mary Auer.

**Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ruby May Davis, grandmother of Ellie.**

**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	Ana Porcellino	884-3981
Detention Ministry	Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
Environment	Maria Giammatteo	888-8200
Eucharistic Ministers (To Sick/Homebound)	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	888-8200
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
Prime Timers		
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
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**



**August 27 through September 2, 2006**

- 7:00 a.m. Pro Populo
- 8:30 a.m. Ann Delregno+
- 10:00 a.m. Louise Alice Supancheck+
- 12:00 noon Rose Ferra+
- 5:30 p.m. Martha Williamson+
- MONDAY**
- 10:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving
- TUESDAY**
- 6:30 a.m. George Becht+
- 8:30 a.m. Raymond M. Ramsey+
- WEDNESDAY**
- 6:30 a.m. Frank Lang+
- 8:30 a.m. Earl Dersom+
- THURSDAY**
- 6:30 a.m. Stephen Tom+
- 8:30 a.m. Julie Kennedy+
- FRIDAY**
- 6:30 a.m. David Gilhooley
- 8:30 a.m. Earl Dersom+
- SATURDAY**
- 8:30 a.m. Sr. Myra McPartland
- 5:00 p.m. Bernard Corrigan+

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Are you looking for an enjoyable and fulfilling experience providing food, clothing and recreational sports to our community? Come join the Guadalupe Community Center team of volunteers - 4 hours per week - morning, afternoon or evening. For further information, please call Lydia Nassoura at **(818)340-2050**, or [sarsoura@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sarsoura@sbcglobal.net).

**Holy Family Catholic Homeschool** invites you to join them for the 2006-2007 school year. If you are a homeschooler, come join us. We meet for park days, field trips, faith-based activities, and camaraderie. We have a very exciting year planned. For more information, contact Annette at **(818)831-1170** or Veronique at **(818)994-2110**.

**Can You Pass the "Blog Beware" Quiz?**

Internet "blogs," and other social networking sites, have recently exploded in popularity and in the news. The number of MySpace.com users is currently estimated at more than 67 million! The majority of activity on these, and other youth-oriented websites, is positive. However, we've all read stories of how those who would harm children use these sites to lure children and teens into inappropriate discussions. To combat the danger, **www.NetSmartz.org** offers a wide range of Internet safety resources for parents and children. Start by taking the **"Blog Beware" Quiz**. For kids, there's a related site: **www.NewSmart.org**. For particular help, call Sr. Sheila McNiff, Director of Assistance Ministry at **(213)637-7650**.

St. Bernardine's Welcomes back the graduating **Class of 1975**, which is holding their reunion this weekend. The class of '75 invites all family and friends to join them at **12:00 Mass** on Sunday.

**Ronald Reagan Library Gala**

The Pregnancy Counseling Center, which currently offers abortion alternatives, is expanding to become a full-service medical clinic with volunteer doctors and nurses to administer **FREE Prenatal Health Care**, including sonograms, to needy mothers and their babies. You can support the expansion efforts of the center by attending the **Ronald Reagan Library Gala** on **Saturday, October 7th** at **5:00 p.m.** There will be silent & live auctions, dinner and a **private tour of Air Force One**. Call Tracie Shepard for tickets at **(818)340-7043**.

# St. Bernardine of Siena

## September 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 7:00am - 12:00pm	5	6	7 Baptism Class 7:30pm Early Church History Class 7:30pm	8	9
10 Nursery Care 8:30 and 10:00am	11 Prayer Service 7:30pm	12 Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm	13 R.C.I.A. 7:30pm	14 Early Church History Class 7:30pm	15	16
17 Nursery Care 8:30 and 10:00am Annual Financial Report - 11:00am Parishioners Invited	18 Justice & Peace Meeting 7:30pm	19 Religious Education 4:00pm	20 Religious Education 4:00pm R.C.I.A. 7:30pm	21 Early Church History Class 7:30pm	22	23
24 Nursery Care 8:30 and 10:00am R.C.I.C. 9:30am	25 Vertus Training 8:30am	26 Religious Education 4:00pm Deacon Jerry Talk - Global Warning	27 Religious Education 4:00pm R.C.I.A. 7:30pm Cub Pack Meeting 7:30pm	28 Early Church History Class 7:30pm	29 School Mass	30