



St. BERNARDINE of SIENA

Catholic Church and School

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PASTORAL TEAM:

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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,

Our annual Stewardship Appeal concludes today, with a brief opportunity during Mass, to make a pledge to the financial health of our parish. This is for those who needed to pray about it or were out of town last week when I spoke at all the Masses. As always I was very gratified by the warm response to my talk last Sunday and I extend a huge thank you to all who pledged.

On the evening of November 6 about 8:15 I arrived back to the rectory to find the parking lot bustling with Fire Department trucks. The smell of smoke was detected in the parish center and when it was seen coming through the vents the LAFD was called. Luckily for us, our own Captain Jess Pasos was on duty and with our youth minister Andrew here with the keys, no doors had to be broken down. In a back storage room behind the kitchen some cotton mops had been left too close to the water heater and they had caught fire. It was quickly extinguished and after a thorough examination it was determined the building was safe again. The damage was not extensive and of course we do have fire insurance. The professionalism of the firefighters was a marvel to behold. They arrived within minutes, assessed the situation quickly, respected the property to minimize damage and even did basic clean up after themselves. My admiration and gratitude and prayers for blessings go out to all the firefighters. And yes, with that kind of service, this is a great country.

Alone for Thanksgiving? If you are new to our parish, visiting here for a while or for whatever reason will be alone for Thanksgiving, come join me for dinner. We will have turkey with all the trimmings so don't sit home watching TV by yourself. Call me and let me know you are coming. 818-888-8200. Call before Tuesday. I would be honored to spend my Thanksgiving with you.

~ Father McNamara



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2006

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

— Mark 13:31



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, November 23rd** at the **10:00 Mass**.
 (No 6:30 or 8:30 Masses)

Traditionally, a table will be set up in the center aisle for your bread and wine to be placed and blessed. Please plan to join us in celebration of our blessings.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) TODAY, Sunday, November 19th

CCHD is the Catholic Church's anti-poverty program in the United States which strives to invest in the dignity of people living in poverty by standing by them as they work to change their circumstances themselves. **CCHD needs YOU...** Your gifts are the tools of self-sufficiency and self-determination for people working to break the cycle of poverty. Your gifts are channeled to communities where the need and the will to create change are both great.

Please, give generously.



Give Thanks

Gifts for the Spirit ~ Open House
FREE Coffee & Donuts While You Shop!

TODAY, Sunday, November 19th is our **Open House**. Join us for **FREE** coffee and donuts upstairs in the parish Hall while you enjoy our beautiful display of Advent and Christmas items. Advent, our season of anticipation of the coming of the Lord, begins December 3rd. Come browse amongst our selection of Advent wreaths & candles and 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 19 Food Gathering for the Guadalupe Center and Loaves & Fishes Party

November 20 Justice and Peace Committee Meeting at 7:30 p.m. (7:00 p.m. in the chapel for the rosary if you can join us)

Christian Service - Justice & Peace - Death Row
Sanctity of Life
Missionaries of Charity

RESPECT LIFE

Why is it ... when three people die from E. coli poisoning, spinach is immediately pulled off the shelf in virtually every corner of the world, but when **eight** women die from RU-486, the at-home abortion pill, no one even raises an eyebrow?

ALTAR CARE November 24, 2006:
Theresa & Jerry Cofsky, Bernice Galbreath, Helen Robinson, Marilyn Byloos, Stella Como.

Do You Believe? ... It's Almost Advent?

Begin your preparations by joining Rabbi Jennifer Flam, associate Rabbi at Temple Aliyah, and Fr. Doug Glassman, OFM, for a special interfaith, three part series:

"Psalms: Prayers of Israel, Prayers for the World"

Beginning, Thursday, November 30th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center, Rabbi Flam will speak on the Psalms as Hebrew poetry and prayer. Then, on **Thursday, December 7th** and **Wednesday, December 13th**, Fr. Doug will give an introduction to the penitential and kingly psalms of Advent and Christmas Liturgies. The highlight of the December 13th session will be the seasonal psalms set to original music by Amy Gordon, and performed by members of St. Bernardine's Choirs. Mark the dates on your calendars - This is a great way to get into the spirit of the Advent season!



Can you bake just one more pumpkin pie this week?

If you are interested in providing a pumpkin pie(s) for the *Annual Valley-wide Thanksgiving Luncheon for Seniors at the Sagebrush Cantina*, please call Teri at **716-7773** by tomorrow, Monday, November 20th. **OR**, you can drop off your pie any time Wednesday afternoon (11/22) at the Sagebrush Cantina in Calabasas. Happy Thanksgiving!

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**.



In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish, Matthew Mellin; Don Leehey, husband of Sara; Gloria Landgraf, mother of Barney; Tim Corkery; Ross Van Ness; Marissa Pfaff; Sandy Geraghty; Mary Reardon; Christian & Ryder Watanabe; Charlie Sosa; Nolbeta Baker; Jessica Diek; Sister Josephine Rosenkranz,

OSF; Scott Swanson; Dolores Zukowski; Matt Kaszynski; Mary Jane Hansford; Marie Aboularage; Jan Renner; Dorothy Leaper; Ashley Mazur; Art Ramos; Ella Millington; Terry Asbury; Gabino Cruz; Ama Pablos.



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Maria Kociencki, grandmother of Wendy Sciuto & great-grandmother of Vincent of Anthony; Leonardo Umale, father-in-law of Marsh Umale.

Adopt-A-Family and Wine?

The Justice and Peace Ministry is beginning **Adopt-A-family Sign-ups this weekend, November 18 & 19th**. The need is so great ~ Last year, so many people needed assistance that the Guadalupe Center was only able to give \$10 per person. St. Bernardine's goal this year is to raise \$20,000 and hopefully allow the Guadalupe Center to give out a little more to each needy family. Won't you please help make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Remember, **every** donation, large or small, helps brighten a life. Please visit the table in front of the church

Humanitas Wine Charity

This year, we will also have information at the Adopt-A-Family Table regarding **Humanitas Wine**. The Humanitas Winery will give 20% of our purchases and their profits to our designated charity, the Guadalupe Center. This is a wonderful way to give to the needy "*drink charitably!*" Purchasing Humanitas Wine is also a great way to handle your corporate gift giving. Please, stop by the table for more information or visit www.humanitaswines.com to place your order. **When placing your order remember to enter promotional code "Guadalupe."**

Children's Christmas StoryTime

Come by the Parish Library on 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. [Adults: Gary Will's new book, *What Paul Meant* and a \$50 Macy's gift certificate]. The adult drawing will be held after the 12:00 Mass on December 17th. [Children: *Quiltmaker's Gift* by Jeff Brumbeau and Gail de Marcken, *winner of the Children's Book of the Year*]. The children's drawing will be held at the Children's Christmas StoryTime after the 10:00 Mass on December 3rd.

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

2nd Annual Festival of Faith
Our dream of a Faith Filled Future
That we all May be one among all generations
One among religions
One among cultures one among nations
One Under God

An evening of music, prayer, sharing and dining at
 St. Mel's, **Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m.**
 Call (818)340-6020 for more information.



Annual Men's Retreat
at Serra Retreat Center in Malibu February 2-4.
 Plan now to attend - Call Bernard Wronkowski at
 (818)346-2901 or John Shady at (818)341-0761 or
 the Serra Retreat Center at (310)456-6631 for ap-
 plications and /or information.



Mass Intentions



November 19 through November 25, 2006

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo
8:30 a.m. Fidela Bamba+
10:00 a.m. Raul Samaniego+
12:00 noon Sandy Geraghty
5:30 p.m. Mikce & Annie Novack

MONDAY

6:30 a.m. Mary Frances Whalen+
8:30 a.m. David Wilson

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. Elizabeth Whalen+
8:30 a.m. Helen Byrns+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. Elizabeth Drazek+
8:30 a.m. Helen Zack+

THANKSGIVING DAY

10:00 Mass

FRIDAY

6:30 a.m. Sabina Greco+
8:30 a.m. Barbara

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Francis Falotico+
5:00 p.m. John Paul Cassidenti+

~ Missionary of Charity Brothers ~

Mother Teresa's Missionary Brothers and Co-Workers are looking for drivers and cooks, A team from St. Bernardine's travel downtown every Saturday morning to bring hot lunch to the brothers and those in their care. 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.

Interested in Giving a Year of Service to the Church in the United States as a Lay volunteer?

Mercy volunteer Corps, a lay volunteer program for women and men sponsored by the Sisters of mercy provides opportunities for people over the age of 21 to give a year of service to those in need. Room, board, medical insurance and a small stipend are provide. Loan deferments are available. For more information contact Mercy Volunteer Office at (215)641-5535 or Sheila Devereux, RSM (415)751-9574.

LOUISVILLE HS OPEN HOUSE Sunday December 3rd.

Girls currently in 7th and 8th grades and their families are cordially invited to attend, reservations requested. Please call Louisville at (818)346-8812

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Administrative Assistant

for St. John Eudes School in Chatsworth. Must be bilingual (English/Spanish) and proficient in computers. Must possess excellent clerical skills, organizational skills, people skills and committed to the ministry of Catholic deduction. Please fax resume to Mrs. Barbara Danowitz at (818)341-3093.