



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,

We welcome back a familiar face this weekend – Father Geoff Wheaton from London. He will be with us for the next few weeks. And this Monday, December 18th, there is a treat in store for you. Geoff will be showing a collection of art slides on the Nativity. If you saw his show last Easter then you will know this is not to be missed. My brother, Fr. Leslie, whom you know is teaching in China, will

not be here for Christmas. He is hoping to come for a short visit in February.

Wasn't it an eye opener to hear Rabbi Vogel from Temple Aliyah speak on "Forgiveness" last Sunday. I thought it was fascinating. We sure approach forgiveness differently. It was a wonderful event and I was very proud of our parishioners not only because we are open to that but also because of the warm welcome given to the Rabbi and his congregants. And speaking of forgiveness, put Thursday, December 21st on you calendar for our Advent Penance Liturgy. I hope to have a good group of priests here at 7:30 p.m. to hear confessions for us.

Lastly, don't be home alone for Christmas. Join me for dinner at the rectory. Just call 818-888-8200 and let me know you are coming. Your presence will be a present.

~ Father McNamara




Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2006

**The King of Israel,
the LORD, is in your midst,
you have no further
misfortune to fear.**

— Zephaniah 3:15b

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.



St. Bernardine's Gift Shop
Gifts for the Spirit

Legend has it, that the candy cane begins with a stick of white candy. The white symbolizes the purity of the Christmas season. The red stripe are for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we may have eternal life. The candy cane is formed in a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus. It can also represent the staff of the Good Shepard. The hard consistency of the candy cane represents solid rock, the foundation of the church, and the firmness of the promises of God.

Keep your Christmas season Christ-centered. Visit Gifts for The Sprit, your parish gift shop. We have a beautiful selection of gifts, religious Christmas cards, nativity sets, advent wreaths & candles, and much more to truly touch the spirit of Christmas in your hearts.

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.



CHRISTMAS SCEHDULE 2006

Christmas Confessions
Penance Service: Thursday, December 21st at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 23rd from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.


Christmas Masses
Christmas Eve Masses: 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. (with Children's Choir), 7:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. (with Christmas Carols beginning half hour before all Masses).

Christmas Day Masses—7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. (there will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass)

New Year's Day Mass: 10:00 a.m.



ALTAR CARE December 22, 2006:
Theresa & Jerry Cofsky, Bernice Galbreath, Helen Robinson, Marilyn Byloos, Stella Como.



Sanctity of Life

IMPORTANT DATES

December 16/17	Food Gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves & Fishes Pantry
December 18	Justice and Peace Committee Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**January Book Club Selection
Makes a Great Christmas Gift!**

Oil & Water: Two faiths, One God by Amir Hussain is available outside of church after all of the Masses this weekend **December 16 & 17**. Give a copy to your favorite "santa." Then plan to join us on **Thursday, January 18th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center to hear the author speak. Dr. Hussain is an associate professor in the Theological studies Dept. at LMU where he teaches courses on world religions. A devout Muslim, who was moved by Christian hymns, he shares a knowledge and appreciation of both faith traditions, and Judaism as well. His gentle book introduces Christians to Islam in a way that promotes understanding and dialogue while not hesitating to address issues where major differences exist.

Pick up a copy this weekend!

Grief Support Group

The death of a loved can be a very difficult experience. A support group with others who have also had deaths can be helpful in this grief journey.

An adult, faith based Grief support Group will be held at St. Bernardine's on nine Monday evenings, beginning on January 22 and ending on March 26th (skipping February 19th President's Day) To register, please call the Parish Center at **888-8200** Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registration closes January 12, 2007.



Religious Education Congress 2007

Anaheim - March 2-4th (March 1: Youth Day)

This year's congress "**Stand in the Light,**" includes over 270 workshops, evening liturgies, and a variety of prayer experiences. 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.



Pray For The Sick

In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish, Gene Marsella, father of Ray; Marion Blodnikar, aunt of Lori Reed; Dorothy Leaper; Margaret Lysaght, Brian & Milo; Russel Saucier; Joe Noga; Joy Sheets; Bert West; Norman Morin; Anthony, Darma &

Alexis Trafacanty; Kathleen Nicholas; Matthew Mellin; Don Leehey; Gloria Landgraf; Gabino Cruz; Ama Pablos.



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Sid Gilmore, father of Michael

Please join us **Wednesday, December 20th** as we celebrate the Filipino tradition

Simbang Gabi

at St. Bernardine's.

Fr. McNamara will officiate ~ All are welcome.



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**Justice and Peace Ministry
Adopt-A-Family**

Please help! We need YOU! Your 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:



**THERE WILL BE SIGNS
in the sun, the moon, and the stars**

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**Early registration for
World Marriage Day
2007 Celebration
with Cardinal Roger
M. Mahony**

at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels

Couples celebrating their silver (25), 30, 40, or golden (50) or more (51+), wedding anniversary are invited to join us for the very special Anniversary Mass on **February 11th at 3:30 p.m.** The registration fee is **\$35 per couple.**

For more information and registration please call Annette Vichot in the Office of Family Life at **(213)637-7228.**

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline
(800)973-7334
Abortion Recovery Help
(877)467-3463 &
www.rachelsvineyard.org

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
Festival Chairpersons	Deacon Dale Taufer	888-8200
Finance Committee	Cheryl Moore	314-6161
Gift Shop	Priscilla Brehm	340-9017
Justice & Peace Ministry	Jean Sampson	888-7073
	Teri Nogues	716-7773
	Kathy Cromar	883-4238
Lectors	Jack Maranto	877-6310
Library	Jack Maranto	877-6310
Magnificat	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Marriage Encounter	Jo Vlasak	347-7144
Music Ministry	Ed/Anna Marie Pudwill	348-1632
Nursery Care Program	Marilyn Enos	710-9788
	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 17 through December 23, 2006

- 7:00 a.m. Pro Populo
- 8:30 a.m. Ann Marocola+
- 10:00 a.m. The Padden Family
- 12:00 noon Jordan Yard
- 5:30 p.m. Elizabeth Perneau+
- MONDAY**
- 6:30 a.m. Nestor Daquigan+
- 8:30 a.m. Felicidad Soliven+
- TUESDAY**
- 6:30 a.m. Jacinto Telmo+
- 8:30 a.m. Amando & Norma Eulano
- WEDNESDAY**
- 6:30 a.m. Franco Cometa+
- 8:30 a.m. Vicente J. & Beatriz B. Avena
- THURSDAY**
- 6:30 a.m. Evelyn McNeil+
- 8:30 a.m. Noah Gonzales+
- FRIDAY**
- 6:30 a.m. Ely Lizan
- 8:30 a.m. Noel Kiser+
- SATURDAY**
- 8:30 a.m. Vic Galindo+
- 5:00 p.m. Elizabeth Perneau+

Walk for Life!
Join Thousands as they **Stand for Life in San Francisco**. Join us for a bus ride and fellowship to the **San Francisco Walk for Life on January 20th** to mark the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. The bus will depart from St. Bernardine's on **Friday, January 19th at 8:30 a.m.** and returning on **January 21st at 1:00 p.m.** The cost for the bus is **\$85** per person. Hotel information is available. Space is extremely limited - we expect to fill up fast! Call Margot for details at **(818)648-7740**.

The **MEND Christmas Program** is need of volunteers ages 16 and older to donate to help those in need. Come have some fun while you help others. We need help through December 22nd at various times. Please call MEND at **(818)896-0246** to find out how **YOU CAN HELP!**

~ Missionary of Charity Brothers ~
Mother Teresa's Missionary Brothers and Co-Workers are looking for drivers and cooks. A team from St. Bernardine'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**.

COMING EVENTS

December

31 Catholic Singles New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance Party at the Almanson Court in Alhambra at **7:30 p.m.** For information, visit www.csnca.com or contact Sandra at **(888)208-9555**.

January

14 Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women at Nazareth House, 333 Manning Ave., LA from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call Sr. Fintan at **(310)216-8170**.