



St. BERNARDINE of SIENA

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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



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Dear Friends,
 Advent has begun. These four Sundays when the liturgical color is purple, create in us that sense of anticipation that the Chosen People of old had as they looked forward to their promised Messiah. It is also the big shopping time of the year and we must be careful to keep our focus on the spiritual aspects of Advent. Many forces would try to draw us into a more materialistic approach to His birthday placing emphasis on shopping and spending. I encourage you to try and make it a quiet time. To that end you may wish to pick up a free prayer booklet in the back of church. One is for family and one is for individuals. Thank you for the very positive feedback last week when I spoke at all the Masses about Stewardship. Many expressed delight and enthusiasm about our Parish Tithing Program. You will find more details of it on our parish website www.stbernardine.org under "outreach". I do appreciate your encouragement and of course your response in making a pledge. We have wrap up Sunday today so if you missed it last week, you may make a pledge today.

Next Saturday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Falling on a Saturday poses an interesting challenge for scheduling Masses. We will only have two, one on the Vigil, Friday evening at 7:30 PM and one on Saturday morning at 8:30 AM. Please be sure to attend Mass on this special Holy Day.

~ Fr. McNamara



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Retirement Fund for Religious

On Sunday, December 9th the Collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious will take place. With this collection, the Catholic Church is able to assist with the financial needs of elderly religious:


- The average Catholic sister, brother, or order priest remains in active ministry until age 74.
- Today, 37, 870 women and men religious are past age 70 and need our help with the current high cost of living and health care.
- Today, 5,452 women and men religious need skilled nursing care that costs an average of \$49, 850 each.
- More than 19,000 religious have less that 20 percent of the amount needed for projected costs of living and health care as they age.

Learn more about this appeal at www.retiredreligious.org.

Please give generously on December 9th.



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First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2007

“You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

— Matthew 24:44

Eucharist Adoration

Trust in the Lord and He will Help You (Prv 20: 22)
 On **Tuesday, December 4th, Eucharistic Adoration** will be held in the Eucharistic Chapel upstairs following the 6:30 a.m. Mass and ending at 12:00 noon.


*Please remember to pick up the pictures
 of your loved ones
 from the Memorial Table in church.*

Christian Service - Justice & Peace - Death Row
Sanctity of Life
Detention - Missions of Charity - Respect Life

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 1/2	Sandwich Sunday. Bagged meals (sandwich, chips, dessert, fruit), water, socks and blankets will be collected for distribution to those in need in the San Fernando Valley.
Dec. 15/16	Food Gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.

Magnificat's Intercessory Prayer Group
 will meet at **10:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, December 13th**
 in the Veranda Room.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass - Thursday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m.
Mass - Saturday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m.

ALTAR CARE - December 7, 2007

Mary Kesterson, Amy Okonski,
 Tony Palmisano, Jane Twomey, Janet Twomey,
 Janet Smith, Angie Syp.

Concern America

On **Saturday and Sunday, December 8th and 9th, Concern America** arrives at St. Bernardine with **THE MARKETPLACE OF FAIR TRADE CRAFTS** - just in time for Christmas shopping! Purchasing these crafts as gifts will warm the heart of the recipient as they promote justice and fair trade for families in Central America and Bangladesh.

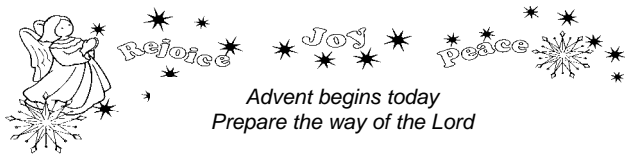
St. Bernardine's Justice & Peace Committee members will be outside church after all Masses to help you pick out that perfect gift for everyone on your Christmas list.

Through your generosity, many materially poor artisans will be able to earn just wages, support their families, and keep alive their cultural heritage.

Concern America is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana, CA,

You may view a selection of their crafts in their website:

www.concernamerica.org.



Gifts for the Spirit, our parish gift shop, has a beautiful selection of Advent Wreaths and Calendars, and a wonderful assortment of religious Christmas cards.

Please stop by and browse our lovely array of gift items as you begin your holiday shopping.

We are open from 9:15 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. on Sundays. During the week, please call the office to arrange to visit us between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

We are located upstairs in the Parish Center across from the hall. Please come in and browse our selection of special items.



The **Parish Library** is open **Monday through Friday** from **9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** and after the 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon Masses every **Sunday**.



Pray For The Sick

In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish:

Danielle Drouin; Chris Ziola, formerly of St. B.'s; Michael Miller; Regina Uy, sister of Susan Bulaon; Florence Fowler, mother of Teri & aunt of Mark Truscinski; Thomas Rohrback, son of Karen & Thomas; Howard Barnes; John

Todaro; Jack Webber; Rabbi Bill Gordon; Robert Ciancaglini; Tod Brett; Caroline Nestor; Helen Ellescas; Ashley Mazur; Kevin Cordasco.



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Consorcia Nicholas, mother of Mercy; Rosalinda O'Campo, aunt of Rick & Sol; Cecilia Cammarano, mother of Janet Casey & Mary Richards; Antonia Vasquez, grandmother of Melissa.

Free First Friday 50+ Mass and Luncheon Friday, December 7th

On the first Fridays of each month we offer a special Mass in the Eucharistic Chapel for our "50 year old and over" parishioners at **11:30 a.m.** Mass is immediately followed by a delicious luncheon in the Parish Hall. All "50-plussers" are welcome and

Mark your calendars for an evening of Dinner/ Video/ Discussion of films on the theme: **"Love is a Verb,"** facilitated and hosted by writer, producer Dr. Vincent Coppola, who teaches Religion and Film at CSUN.

Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. "Shadowland"

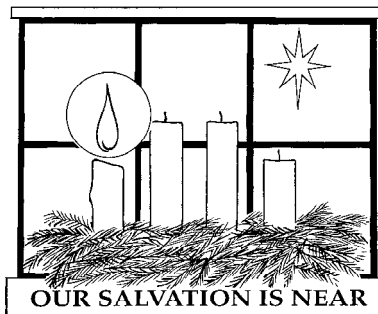
The event will take place at the Parish Hall with pizza and beverages provided.



Come see the hilarious Christmas romp **HOME ALONE**

Friday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Pizza slices: **\$1** each.

~Sponsored the Social Activity Committee



An Irish Christmas Tale

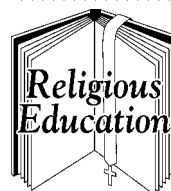
Visit the **Parish Library** following the 10:00 a.m. Mass next **Sunday, December 9th** for a special reading by Father McNamara of Frank McCourt's new Christmas story for children, **"Angela and the Baby Jesus."**

Have you checked out a book lately?

Be sure and visit the Parish Library after Mass. Adults and children who check out books during the coming weeks will be entered in drawings to win free books.

The drawing will be held at the **Children's Christmas Storytime** after the **10:00 a.m. Mass on December 16th**. The children's book will be The Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau and Gail de Marcken, winner of the Book Sense Children's Book of the Year.

The adult drawing will be for the new book containing letters of Mother Theresa, Come Be My Light: The Private Writings of the 'Saint of Calcutta.'



Religious Education classes for **7th and 8th graders** are held in the Veranda Room of the Parish Center on **Tuesdays** from **4:00-5:30 p.m.** Come to a class to register or contact the youth ministry office at **710-1662** for more information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>St. Bernardine of Siena</h1> <h2>December 2007</h2>						
2 Nursery Care and Preschool 8:30 and 10:00am RCIC 10:00am RCIA	3	4 Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 7:00am - 12:00pm Religious Education 4:00pm	5 Senior Exercise Class 9:30am Religious Education 4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm	6	7 Sen. Citzn. Mass & Luncheon 11:30am Movie Night	8 Concern America sales after Masses
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16 Nursery Care and Preschool 8:30 and 10:00am RCIC 10:00am RCIA	17	18 NO Religious Education Penance Sr. 7pm Cub Pack Meeting 7:30pm	19 Senior Exercise Class 9:30am NO Rel. Ed. RCIA 7:30pm	20	21	22 Reconciliation 3:00pm - 4:30pm
23 Nursery Care and Preschool 8:30 and 10:00am RCIC 10:00am RCIA	24 Christmas Eve Masses 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm & 10:00pm	25 Christmas Masses: 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am & 12:00pm MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 NO Religious Education NO RCIA	27	28	29
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