



# St. BERNARDINE of SIENA

Catholic Church and School

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#### PASTORAL TEAM:

PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Robert J. McNamara  
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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,  
 In the months before ordination to the priesthood, our class of 13 were each given two bottles of wine to practice Mass and were encouraged to take a sip each morning so we would be used to it by the time we became priests. It was terrible stuff. I tasted mine and want no more of it just like most of the class. Two members, however, were happy to take it off our hands. They said they needed to practice saying Mass a bit more than the rest of us! Since then I have become an oenophile (I just looked up the word - it means 'lover of wine') which is why today's gospel story is now one of my favorites. Just imagine, Jesus' first miracle is the change of water into wine. And all the details are terrific - his mother caused it! He created over 100 gallons! Jars filled to the brim and the best quality! I like it when couples choose this Gospel story for their wedding. I often make the analogy between how Jesus made wine and how they must love - make all of you can, unmeasured, to the brim and the finest quality. Perhaps, it's the message for us too, today. ~ Father McNamara

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s**  
 birthday  
**Monday, January 15th**  
*The office will be closed in observance of the holiday.*



**A Happy and Blessed New Year!**  
**Gifts for the Spirit**, your parish gift shop, is having an on-going **1/2 price sale** on Christmas items, including Christmas cards, through the month of January.  
 Come in and save....save...save!  
 Come next December, you will be very pleased you did!  
 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.

**St. Bernardine Lecture Series**

The St. Bernardine of Siena Parish Library is sponsoring a lecture series on the topic of **"Roots of Catholic Spirituality: History and Spirituality of the Benedictines, Dominicans, Franciscans and Carmelites,"** with speaker Stephen Coffey, OSB, a monk of the Benedictine Congregation of Our Lady of Mt. Olivet. A bibliography is available for each of the lectures and selected books are available on reserve in the Parish Library. The second lecture in the series will take place on **February 15th: Franciscan History and Spirituality at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. The next two lectures will take place on the following dates:  
**March 22nd: Dominican History and Spirituality**  
**April 26th: Carmelite History and Spirituality**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 14, 2007**

**Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory.**

— Isaiah 62:2

**ST. BERNARDINE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

If you are interested in enrolling your child in St. Bernardine of Siena School for the fall of 2007, applications are available throughout this month at the school office.

**The deadline for all applications is Wednesday, January 31st.**

**ADMISSION AND NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**  
 St. Bernardine of Siena admits students of any race, color, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or ethnic origin. Priority is given to registered parish families in good standing who desire a Catholic Education for their children. There may be certain circumstances relating to special physical or learning needs where St. Bernardine's of Siena School cannot provide an adequate educational program for a student, therefore, admission or re-registration may be denied after consultation with the parent.

**ACCREDITATION**

St. Bernardine of Siena School is authorized as a Catholic Elementary School by the Los Angeles Archdiocese and is under direction and guidelines of the department of Catholic Schools. Our school is fully accepted by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and by the Western Catholic Educational Association.

**SEX DISCRIMINATION**

St. Bernardine of Siena School does not discriminate against any applicant or employee because of sex and does not discriminate against any applicant or pupil because of sex in its admission, educational program's, or activities.



**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Jan. 20/21** Food Gathering for the Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.

**ALTAR CARE** January 19, 2007:  
 Lelah McLaughlin, Judy Sabo, Michele Croson, Bernice Galbreath, Helen Robinson.

**Author Amir Hussain to Speak**

Amir Hussain, associate professor in the Theological Studies Dept. at LMU and a devout Muslim, will speak at **7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 18th** in the Parish Center. Dr. Hussain is the author of **Oil & Water: Two faiths, One God**. Copies of the book are available at the Parish gifts Shop. As a Canadian Muslim with a personal understanding of Christians, Dr. Hussain is uniquely equipped to help westerners enter into dialogue with Muslims.

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Attention Fathers and Daughters! **SAVE THE DATE!**  
Please mark your calendars to attend our **St. Bernardine's Annual Father Daughter Dance** to be held on **Saturday, January 27, 2007** beginning at **6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.  
Prepare to be whisked away into a *"Winter Wonderland."*  
Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend, January 13/14th and next, January 20/21st.  
Don't delay, this event sells out quickly!  
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Is your New Year's Resolution to be more active in your Christianity? If so, then St. Bernardine's **"Called and Gifted Workshop"** is for you! Please mark your calendars to attend this very special workshop to be held in the Parish Center on the evening of **Friday, March 2nd** and all day **Saturday, March 3rd**. The **Called & Gifted Workshop** will help us discern the unique work of love to which God is calling us and to discover how God is empowering us to carry it out. This is an event being hosted by the parish and your Parish Council. The workshop is **FREE**, but **registration is required**. (Registration will take place in February). Look for more details every week in the bulletin. **Christ needs you and your special gifts! No one can take your place.**


**New Year's Resolutions?**  
The **Crossbearer Ministry** can't help you lose weight. Nor can we help you get your finances straightened out. But we **CAN** help you with your volunteer or service resolution! If you are interested in volunteering to carry the cross at your preferred Mass, please contact Dave Goracke at (818)347-0192.

A **Safeguard the Children Session** will be presented **Wednesday, January 24th** in the staff conference room at St. Bernardine's from **7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** The staff conference room is located in the lower office level of the Parish Center. This session on child abuse awareness is required of all who work with children. Please call Eileen to register at **340-1440**.

Congratulations to Marion Herzog, Casey Crespo and Jeffrey Crespo who were baptized last Sunday. They are currently attending RCIA (children) Program and were baptized by Fr. McNamara as their Rite of Initiation into the Church. They will be Confirmed and receive First Communion with the rest of the RCIA children during the Easter Season. What a great way to start the New Year and to celebrate the Lord's Epiphany. Please keep them and all the RCIA candidates (children and adult) as they journey towards full initiation and active participation in the Church.

**The West San Fernando Valley District of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women** will have its **District Meeting on Monday, January 22nd** at St. Bernardine's. The day will begin at **9:00 a.m.** and will include a speaker, Mass, luncheon, and conclude at 1:30 p.m. The charge for the day is **\$10** (pre-paid, please mark ACCW on your checks made payable to St. Bernardine and submit to the office **before January 18th**.) For information, call Helen Fitzpatrick (818)346-2837.

 **Pray For The Sick**  
**In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish**, Margaret de la Torre, mother of Renette Christensen; Otto Marusich, brother of Blanche Marusich-Gomez; Alan High; Kim Sauber, wife of Mike; Marion Blodnikar; Kaelin Toczauer; Bernie Poetz; Sr. Monica Quigley, S.S.L.; Joseph Noga; Beverly & Gordon Marsh; Jerry Bougetz; Paul Zunga; Melissa Major; Gene Marsella; Dorothy Leaper; Russel Saucier; Bert West; Norman Morin; Darma Trafacanty; Kathleen Nicholas; Matthew Mellin; Don Leehey; Gloria Landgraf; Gabino Cruz; Ama Pablos.  
*Names remain for a period of one month and can be re-added each month as needed.  
Please notify the office to add or delete names.*

 **Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of** Joe Sampson, husband of Jean; Anne Crough, formerly of St. Bernardine's; Margaret Nehme; Virginia Stricker; Jim Ferraro, brother of Al; Margaret Lysaght; Bill Brown, husband of Amy; Acadia Reyes Balingit, mother of Remy Rosite.

**Catholic/Jewish Dialogue Series**  
**St. Bernardine and Temple Aliyah**  
Mark your calendars for these upcoming dialogue sessions. Dialogue can provide an opportunity to promote awareness and understanding between the two faith traditions as well as deepen our own faith commitment. Sessions will include presentation by the clergy, small group discussion and Q & A with speakers.  
Topic: **Messiah** with speakers Rabbi Stewart Vogel & Fr Robert Manama on **Thursday, January 25th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center.  
Topic: **God and the Problem of Evil** with presenters Rabbi Rachel Bovitz & Fr. Dan Fox on **Thursday, February 1st at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center.  
Topic: **Salvation & the Afterlife** with presenters Rabbi Jan Offel & Fr. Doug Glassman, OFM on **Thursday, February 8th at 7:30 p.m.** at Temple Aliyah.

