



# St. BERNARDINE of SIENA

Catholic Church and School

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#### PASTORAL TEAM:

PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Robert J. McNamara  
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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

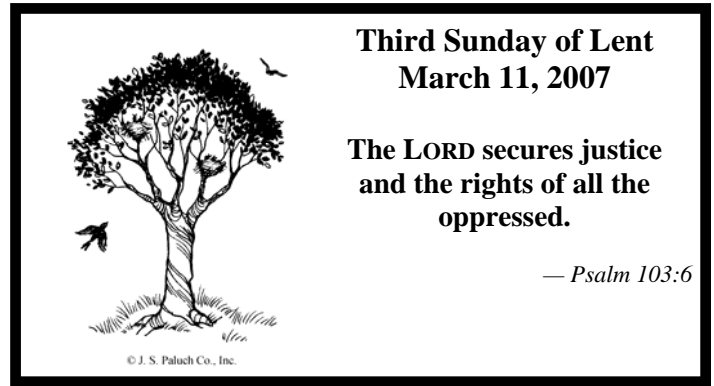


Dear Friends,

The Ficus benjamina has become ubiquitous in the northern hemisphere. It's quite a triumph for a tree whose natural range is the temperate zone between 30 degrees north latitude and 30 degrees south latitude. Florida is the only U.S. state in its natural range, yet you'll find the ficus all the way into

northern Minnesota and Maine. Its tolerance of poor soil and low light make it a favorite of shopping malls and living rooms.

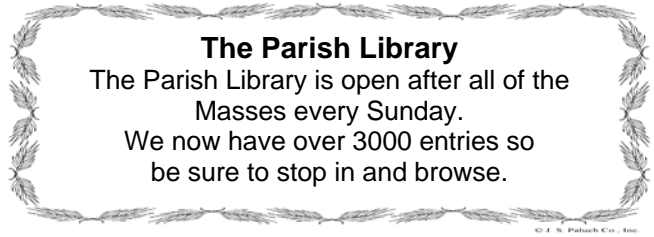
Although this fig tree bears no fruit, studies of it by NASA suggest that it is one of the better plants for removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. It may be a reminder to us that not all the good fruit that someone bears is readily evident. Sometimes good fruit becomes known only after time and reflection. ~ Fr. McNamara



**Third Sunday of Lent  
March 11, 2007**

**The LORD secures justice  
and the rights of all the  
oppressed.**

— Psalm 103:6



**The Parish Library**

The Parish Library is open after all of the Masses every Sunday. We now have over 3000 entries so be sure to stop in and browse.

**TOGETHER IN MISSION**

*"Blessed are they who hope in the Lord."* Psalm 40:5

Together in Mission provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 48 schools in our Archdiocese. These parishes and schools provide education, ministry and a Catholic presence for tens of thousands of people. Together in Mission provides an opportunity to show our concern for those serviced by the parishes and schools that need your financial support. As always, what you give should be given in gratitude for what God has given to you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

**The Catholic Relief Services -  
Please Give Generously**

The Catholic Relief Services Program supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement services to the victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters as well as development project to improve the living conditions of the poor; advocacy on behalf of the powerless; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and legal and support services for poor immigrants. **We appreciate your support for this important work of the Church.**

*Soup & Stations*

Please join us for our **Lenten Soup Supper** this **Friday, March 16th** from **6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.** in the Parish Center. The menu will include a delicious soup, bread, and beverage. Following the Supper, at 7:30 p.m., there will be **Stations of the Cross.**

**Gifts For the Spirit**

Very soon, the children of St. Bernardine's will be making their First Communion, **Gifts for the Spirit**, your parish gift shop, carries a beautiful selection of rosaries, metals, prayer books, Crucifixes, and picture frames and albums, to commemorate the children's friendship with Jesus. Also, we have Sunday Missals for the year 2007 at \$5.95 each. And remember, St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day are right around the corner - we have cards and gifts for those special days too. Please stop by.

*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.*



**IMPORTANT DATES**

- March 17/18** **Food Gathering** for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.
- March 19** **Justice and Peace Committee Meeting** at 7:30 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENTS NEEDED:** To Direct our SonForce Kids! **Vacation Bible School** Kids will spend the last week in June leaning how to be God's courageous team of disciples standing side-by-side to serve Him. **Will you join our team?** Adults are needed to help our children in their understanding of what it means to serve God. We promise the rewards are out of this world! Our Mission is **June 25-29th** from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. Please call Eileen at **340-1440** to help us get ready for this summer's adventure!

**ALTAR CARE 16, 2007:**

**Lelah McLaughlin, Judy Sabo, Michele Croson,  
Bernice Galbreath, Helen Robinson.**

**"A Pastor's Reflections on the Eucharist"**

Join Father McNamara for pizza and a screening followed by discussion of the film *"Babette's Feast"* on **Wednesday, March 14th** beginning at **7:00 p.m.** This film, which has major Eucharistic themes, will close our series inspired by Tad Guzie's book, ***Jesus and the Eucharist***. Come and share a communal meal with the parish community. Bring wine, sodas, dessert to share, or just your wonderful selves!

**Safeguard the Children Sessions**

A **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Safe Environment Training** will be offered on **Thursday, March 22nd** from **6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** in the Veranda Room. Although this training is beneficial to all adults, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles requires that all those working or volunteering in any capacity with or around minors, the elderly or special needs persons, complete this training. Please call Andrew at **710-1662** to register.

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**~ 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**.

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



Fred Brchk; Frank Duarte; Nicholas Bruckner; ; Larry McClean; Sharon Antonelli; Michelle Mazur; Rufo Gadi; Geri Ahern; Hector Marusich; Kevin Cordasco; Elice Sassone; Jean Stokley; Mark Kaszynski; Collette Gendron; Dan Ozello; Linda Chan.

**Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of**



Jesus Pasos II, son of Jesse & Eloisa; Alan High, father of Lynn; Ernie Madera, brother of Rick Madera; Eugene Marsella, father of Ray, grandfather of John, Janiel & Laura; John Shanghnessey, husband of Priscilla.

**St. Bernardine Dads are hosting a TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT**

on **Saturday, March 31st** in the Parish Hall beginning at **5:30 p.m.** for instruction, tournament will begin at **6:00 p.m.** The cost is **\$50** per person which includes instruction (if needed), light refreshments, beverages and awards.

All proceeds will benefit fundraising for St. Bernardine of Siena School Basketball Rims and Glass Backboards.

**Tickets** will be sold after all of the Masses the weekends of **March 10 & 11, 17 & 18 & 24 & 25.**

For additional information, call Todd Borowski at (818) **421-8267**



**ST. BERNARDINE'S BLOOD DRIVE TODAY - Sunday, March 11th 8:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

If you have forgotten to sign-up, don't worry, **walk-ins are welcome!**



Youth Ministry events are open to 9-12 graders



This month's Parenteen Night is tonight from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Remember, these nights are for parents **and** teens. No teens are to attend without their parent(s) accompanying them. Don't forget to bring something for our potluck dinner.

Our next Praise and Worship night will be held on Tuesday, March 20, from 7-8 p.m. in the parish hall. We will not have Praise and Worship on Tuesday March 27 due to work being done on the hall that week.

We are finally having another Guys-Only youth night. Hope to see you guys on Wednesday, March 21, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

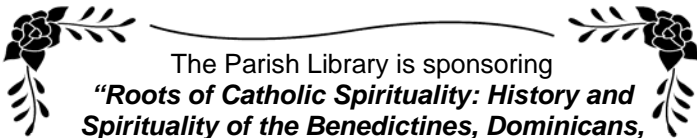
This month's Discipleship Night is Sunday, March 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring \$5 for pizza, salad and a drink. Come join us as we seek to grow together as disciples of Christ.

**Religious Education for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders**



Classes are held in room 6 of St. Bernardine School, concurrent with the Elementary Religious Education Program on **Tuesdays** from **4:00-5:30 p.m.** Please contact the Youth Ministry Office for information at **710-1662**.

**Crisis Pregnancy Hotline** (800)973-7334  
**Abortion Recovery Help** (877)467-3463 & [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)  
**Holy Family Adoption Services** (805)374-2785



The Parish Library is sponsoring  
"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.  
March 22nd: **Dominican History and Spirituality**  
April 26th: **Carmelite History and Spirituality.**

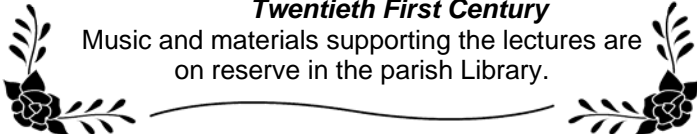
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Also, join us this **Thursday, March 15th** for "**Baroque Era,**" an installment of St. Bernardine's **Lenten Lecture Series** on "**The Evolution of Classical Music in the Western World,**" presented by parishioner and musician Frank Becker. The lecture will begin at **7:30 p.m.** in the Church. Subsequent lectures will take place on:

**Tuesday, March 20: Classical Form and the Symphony**

**Wednesday, March 28th: Religious Music of the Twentieth First Century**

Music and materials supporting the lectures are on reserve in the parish Library.



**Calling All Angels!**

**The Pro-Life Movement Needs Your Help**

The Knights of Columbus Van Nuys Council 3148

**4th Annual March For Life**

**Saturday , March 17**

**\$5** Registration (Children under 18 walk FREE!)

Registration **8:00 a.m.**; St. John Baptist de la Salle Church. For more information, call John Riordan at **(818) 366-0949** or Bob Lombardo at **(818)891-3239**

All proceeds will go to participating Catholic Churches and Pregnancy Counseling Center to help with crisis pregnancies.

**Is Youth Ministry Your Calling?**

Being Catholic means more than attending Mass regularly and living a good life: it also means helping the Church accomplish her mission to spread the Gospel. God calls you to a unique role in this mission, a work of love that only you can do. Could God be calling you to minister to our youth? Join in the quest to bring our youth closer to Christ; contact our office of youth ministry at **710-1662.**

**CAREER OPPORTUNITY: Parish School Principal**

Our Lady of Malibu Parish in Malibu is seeking a school principal. The candidate must have a minimum of three years administrative experience as well as teaching experience at the elementary level. The candidate should be a practicing Catholic and meet all standards set by the department of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Los Angeles. A letter of interest and resume should be sent to: Deacon Jerry Coenen, Our Lady of Malibu Parish, 3625 Winter Canyon Road, Malibu, CA 90265-4880, or e-mail to deacon-jerry@olmalibu.org

**Mass Intentions**



March 11 through March 17, 2007

**SUNDAY**

**7:00 a.m.** Pro Populo  
**8:30 a.m.** Thomas Martin Corey+  
**10:00 a.m.** Don Bueche+  
**12:00 noon** Betty Odakjian+  
**5:30 p.m.** Candelaria Capagcuan

**MONDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** David Kullberg  
**8:30 a.m.** Don Bueche+

**TUESDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** Carmen Lucero+  
**8:30 a.m.** Don Bueche+

**WEDNESDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** Bob Brogan+  
**8:30 a.m.** Arthur Longfellow+

**THURSDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** Dexter Smith+  
**8:30 a.m.** Paula Derson

**FRIDAY**

**6:30 a.m.** Atilano Pinpin+  
**8:30 a.m.** Joe Sampson+

**SATURDAY**

**8:30 a.m.** Don Bueche+  
**5:00 p.m.** Dexter Smith+

**OASIS Senior Services**

Are you, or do you know, a parishioner 65 years of age or older who needs one or more of the following services: companionship, regular telephone contacts, assistance with shopping, running errands, light yard work? Please call Adele or Sunny at **(818)340-5100** or **(818)340-2050** for more information from **OASIS Senior Services.**

**COMING EVENTS**

*March*

- 17** Knights of Columbus **Annual Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance** from **6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.** Dancing, corned beef & cabbage (vegetarian lasagna preordered); Donation: Child 15 and under \$10, adults \$20; couples \$35. Call **(818)347-9328** or e-mail Mike Montano at montanos@att.net. (**TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED BY 3/14**).
- 25** Pregnancy Counseling Center's **Spring Luncheon, Fashion Show & Silent Auction, "Step Into Spring"** at Porter Valley Country Club. Tickets are **\$50** per person and must be purchased by March 15th. Please call the Pregnancy Counseling Center for information at **818-895-2500**.
- 28** **32nd Annual Holy Cross Mother's Guild Fashion Show and Luncheon, "Fifty and Fabulous,"** at the Universal Sheraton. Tickets are **\$75** and include grand raffle tickets. For more information, or reservations, call Sue Wellman at NDHS 818-933-3605 or [www.ndhs.org/parents](http://www.ndhs.org/parents).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>						
<b>March 2007</b>						
<b>4</b> Nursery Care and Preschool 8:30 and 10:00am RCIA RCIC	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 7:00am - 12:00pm Religious Education 4:00pm	<b>7</b> 55+ Exercise Class 9:00am Rel. Ed & RCIA Fr. Mac Present. on the Eucharist 7:30	<b>8</b> Baptism Class 7:30pm	<b>9</b> Lenten Soup 6:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> BLOOD DRIVE Nursery & Preschool 8:30 and 10:00am RCIA RCIC	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Religious Education 4:00pm Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm	<b>14</b> 55+ Exercise Class 9:00am Rel. Ed & RCIA Fr. Mac Present. on the Eucharist 7:30	<b>15</b> Liturgical Music Lecture by Frank 7:30pm	<b>16</b> GRANDPARENTS' DAY Soup 6:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Nursery Care and Preschool 8:30 and 10:00am RCIA RCIC	<b>19</b> Justice & Peace Meeting 7:30pm	<b>20</b> Religious Education 4:00pm Liturgical Music Lecture by Frank 7:30pm	<b>21</b> Religious Education 4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm	<b>22</b> Roots of Catholic Spirituality Lecture 7:30pm	<b>23</b> Lenten Soup 6:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Nursery Care and Preschool 8:30 and 10:00am RCIA RCIC	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Religious Education 4:00pm	<b>28</b> Religious Education 4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Lenten Soup 6:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm	<b>31</b>
				<b>1</b> Cub Pack Meeting 7:30pm	<b>2</b> Senior Mass & Luncheon 11:30am Soup 6:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm	<b>3</b> Gifted & Called Workshop