



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



Dear Friends,
 It has always been called the parable of the "Prodigal Son" but many people think this puts the emphasis of the story in the wrong place, or rather on the wrong person. Probably the most famous parable of Jesus and found only in the Gospel of Luke, it is a timeless and ageless story. And

it is our Gospel story for today's Mass. (Unless you are at the 10:00 AM Mass, then there is a different Gospel for the RCIA Scrutiny).

Religious teachers like to call this parable the parable of the "Forgiving Father" and it is easy to see why teachers like this emphasis. The other main character is of course the "elder son" and while his brother and father are more important in the story, he also deserves some study. My very first sermon in the seminary was on this parable and I tried to take it from the elder son's point of view – the angle of fairness and justice. This son of justice thought his father was crazy. He saw his father as rewarding his sinful brother and ignoring him, who had toiled through the years. I said in that sermon long ago, about the elder son, that he saw love and hated it. I always think of that when I read this story. Truth is though, that I am each character and each character is me. Thankfully, only one of the characters is God and it is that "Forgiving Father" we meet in every Communion, in every prayer and in every Confession.

Next weekend, please welcome Father James O'Toole, who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. CFCA is a Catholic Sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 25 developing countries. To learn more, call (800)875-6564 or visit CFCA online at www.cfcausa.org.

~ Fr. McNamara



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
 March 18, 2007**

**Whoever is in Christ
 is a new creation:
 the old things have
 passed away;
 behold, new things
 have come.**

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

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.

Thank you for your generous support.



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.
- March 31/** **Sandwich Sunday** for the homeless. Those interested in helping distribute sandwiches to the homeless on Skid row will meet in the parish parking lot after the 5:30 p.m. Mass

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 - 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.

ALTAR CARE 16, 2007:

**Jerry & Theresa Cofsky, Helen Robinson,
 Marilyn Byloos, Stella Como.**



Safeguard the Children Sessions

A **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Safe Environment Training** will be offered this **Thursday, March 22** from **6:00-9:30 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.

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.

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!

~ 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.



Pray For The Sick

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

Karen Greulich, daughter of Jennifer; Christa Steele, mother of Carmen Smith, grandmother of Brendan & Andrea; Marion Blodnikar, aunt of Lori Reed; 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

Elizabeth Schriefer, mother of Christine Brodie & grandmother of Leah Brodie; Herbert Wiedoef, husband of Trudy; Frederick Mitchelson, husband of Elizabeth; Michael Ferra.

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 **17 & 18 & 24 & 25.** For additional information, call Todd Borowski at (818)421-8267

Youth Ministry events are open to 9-12 graders 

Our next Praise and Worship night is this Tuesday, March 20, from 7-8 p.m. in the parish hall.

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

This month's Discipleship Night is next 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.

PRE-BAPTISM INSTRUCTION CLASS

Parents with children to be baptized are asked to call the Parish Office and make an appointment with a priest for a personal interview. The parents are then required to attend a 1 3/4 hour pre-Baptism instruction class. The next class will be on **Thursday, April 12th at 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.** in the Parish Center Veranda Room. Baptisms are the first and third Sundays of the month at 1:30 p.m.

The West San Fernando Valley District of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

will have its **District Meeting** on **Monday, April 23rd** at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 18045 Superior St., Northridge. The day begins at **9:00 a.m.** and will include Msgr. Padraic Loftus speaking on **"Out of Africa, Part 2,"** Mass, luncheon, and end at 1:30 p.m. The charge for the day is \$10 prepaid. Make check payable and mail to: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish **before April 17th** (Mark ACCW luncheon on check please). For additional information, call Helen Fitzpatrick at (818)346-2837.

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

Holy Family Adoption Services (805)374-2785

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)	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
Lectors	Kathy Cromar	883-4238
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
Parent/Teacher Assoc.	Tami Alcocer/8:30 Mass	882-4070
Parish School	Carole Williamson/10:00	999-3764
Pre-School	June Hunter	713-8120
RCIA	Theresa Valenzuela	340-2130
Reach Out	Charlene Barkes	716-4730
Religious Education	Steve Ellms	340-2087
Respect Life	Shirley Grochalski	347-6228
Retreats (Men's)	Eileen Fewless	340-1440
Silverado Music Ministry	Tracie Shepard	340-7043
Scouting (Boy Scouts)	Jim Birkhead	348-4616
(Cub Scouts)	Jo & Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
(Girl Scouts)	Gary Bishop	998-7917
Social Activities	Richard Robinson	703-7572
Sunday Pre-School	Kim Palkovic	992-0737
Ushers	Cathy Borowski	348-5650
Welcoming Committee	Maria Cassar	999-1063
Women on the Journey	Wendy Sciuto	592-0049
	Donna Forrester	712-9922
	Darma Trafecanty	884-1686
	Jean Sampson	346-8116

Mass Intentions



March 18 through March 25, 2007

SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo

8:30 a.m. John Stuart Corey+

10:00 a.m. Don Bueche+

12:00 noon Anthony Maresca+

5:30 p.m. Rene Belardo

MONDAY

6:30 a.m. Margaret Koehler

8:30 a.m. Jack Francisco+

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. Michael Balzar+

8:30 a.m. Don Bueche+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. James Ferraro+

8:30 a.m. Don Bueche+

THURSDAY

6:30 a.m. Jean Stokley

8:30 a.m. Tim Mallory & Eric Reiner+

FRIDAY

6:30 a.m. Ray C. David+

8:30 a.m. Eric Reiner+

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Jim Kelly+

5:00 p.m. Ethel Ramirez+

Marriage Encounter

Retired? Newlywed? Raising a family? A marriage Encounter weekend is for couples of all ages and backgrounds. It helps you rediscover one another and energizes your relationship. **Every couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!** The next weekend is scheduled for **April 27th-29th** in Woodland Hills. For more information, call (805)648-4244 or email info@wwme-la-north.org or visit our website at www.wwme-la-norht.org.

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, this **Thursday, March 22nd: “Dominican History and Spirituality”** and **April 26th: “Carmelite History and Spirituality.”**

Also, join us this **Tuesday, March 20th** for **“The Evolution of Classical Music in the Western World: Classical Form and the Symphony”** an installment of St. Bernardine’s **Lenten Lecture Series** presented by parishioner and musician Frank Becker. The lecture will begin at **7:30 p.m.** in the Church. The final lecture will take place on: **Wednesday, March 28th** with **“Religious Music of the Twentieth First Century.”** Music and materials supporting the lectures are on reserve in the parish Library.

COMING EVENTS

March

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.

April

21 **St. John Eudes Annual Spring Tea at 9:00 a.m.** in Grill Hall with special guest speaker Terry Hershey, an immensely popular inspirational, motivational speaker and captivating story teller. Doors will open at **8:30 a.m.** for table viewing. Tickets are **\$20** per person, call Patti Dupree at **(818)674-0334**.

**SUNDAY CATHOLIC TV MASS 9:00 a.m.
On KDOC Channel 56**

(also on cable - check local TV listings)
Share the word. Tell a shut-in relative, friend or neighbor.