



# 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  
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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 earliest accounts of Luke's gospel, the word analepsis is used to describe Jesus being carried up to heaven at his ascension. The Greek word, found in Leviticus as well, usually refers to the sacrificial offerings that are "carried up" to God with a most pleasing fragrance. For Luke, the comparison was natural: Jesus, himself was the perfect sacrificial offering that was most pleasing to God.

The Ascension should remind us that we, too, can aspire to analepsis; our daily words and actions should reflect the example of Jesus, so that our very lives can be a fragrant sacrifice to God. ~ Fr. McNamara



**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 20, 2007**

**“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”**

*— Revelation 22:13*

Mark your calendars:  
**June 10th, 2007**  
 A celebration marking the  
**25th Anniversary**  
**of Reverend Daniel Fox's**  
**Priesthood Ordination.**  
 The parish will be hosting a light luncheon after the 12:00 Mass in the Parish Hall.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
**BUNDLE SUNDAY TODAY**

**Today, Sunday, May 20th,** St. Bernardine's is sponsoring **Bundle Sunday** for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The truck will be near the pavilion from **8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Please bring your useable, clean clothing and useable household items to the pickup site near the pavilion. Help them in their effort to assist the needy. For large items, including furniture and large appliance, please phone (323) 224-6280 or (800)97-HELP-1 for a special pickup at your home.

**Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests**

This weekend, **May 19 & 20th**, all parishioners are asked to give generously to support the **Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests** via a special collection. Currently, the fund provides for 145 priests who are retired. Over the next ten years, the number of priests who will reach retirement age will be 353. All of these individuals have committed their lives to serve the spiritual needs of our parish communities. We, in turn, owe it to them to assure that they do not have to worry about their retirement years.

Please, prayerfully determine the amount that you will give next week in support of our priests, not out of a sense of obligation but, out of true gratitude for their dedication and service for so many years to the People of God in our Archdiocese.

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

**IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>May 19/20</b>	<b>Food Gathering</b> for the Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Justice and Peace Committee Meeting</b> at 7:30 p.m.
<b>June 2/3</b>	<b>Bagged Meals</b> (sandwich, chips, dessert, fruit), waters socks and blankets will be collected at all of the Masses for distribution to those in need in the San Fernando Valley.

Join us this afternoon as we, and the Temple Aliyah Community, help **Wheels for Humanity** to refurbish wheelchairs for people with disabilities: **TODAY, Sunday, May 20th** from **1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at Wheels for Humanity, 12750 Raymer St., Unit 4, North Hollywood. Please RSVP to Jeff Bernhardt, Community of Caring Director, at (828)346-3545 or jeffb@templealiyah.org. All ages welcome, no previous training necessary.

**St. Bernardine's Parish Council**  
**Accepting Nominations**

Nominations are now being accepted for elections to the St. Bernardine's Parish Council. Nomination forms, and a box for forms, will be at the back of the church throughout the month. All nominees will be contacted in early June and elections will take place in July. Please contact Bob Baldocchi **992-1253** or Joe Ellias **888-9278** with questions.

**ALTAR CARE**  
**May 25, 2007**  
**Jerry & Theresa Cofsky,**  
**Helen Robison,**  
**Marilyn Byloos,**  
**Stella Como.**

**LET THE ONE WHO THIRSTS COME FORWARD**



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**The Justice and Peace Committee Meeting** will be held on the third Monday of May (21st) ~ Please mark your calendars. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of your fellow parishioners. New parishioners are enthusiastically invited. Please come one and all! We meet at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel for the rosary. The General Meeting follows at 7:30 pm. in the Parish Hall.



The Parish Library is sponsoring a lecture on the topic of **“Catholic Devotional Practices”** with Fr. Mark Martinez on **Tuesday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Veranda Room. Fr. Mark is an associate priest at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Ventura and he will speak regarding a variety of Catholic devotions, including the Rosary and Marian devotions, shrines, devotion to particular saints, and Divine Mercy. Please plan to join us.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, SonForce Kids Needs Your Help!**

We are in need of adults who are willing to be “Special Agents” to guide our children on this exciting adventure for one week during the summer - June 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Please call Eileen to volunteer at **340-1440**

*We are in need of the following items for our craft station: empty breath mint tines with the lids (we prefer round tins, but we can use the square ones as well); inner tubes from paper towels and toilet paper rolls. Thank you for helping! Please leave the items at the parish center for Eileen.*

**“Controversy, Power, and Politics: The Church from 325 to 700 C.E.”**

Join Fr. Doug for his lively presentations on the development of the early Church on each Thursday in May at **7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. The companion reference book is the same as for the series last fall:

The Early Church by Henry Chadwick.

*Copies of the book are available in the parish gift shop, **Gifts for the Spirit.***

**This Month’s Book Discussion Group Selection Makes a Great Father’s Day Gift Idea!**

Stop by the gift shop, **Gifts for the Spirit**, for a copy of **March** by Geraldine Brooks. This 2006 Pulitzer Prize winner is set during the Civil War. The main character, an ardent abolitionist, joins the Union army as a chaplain. His experiences change his marriage, (*this is a great book for both singles and couples*), and challenge his most ardently held beliefs as he struggles to accept his own humanity. Plan to join us on **Thursday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m.** for a **Potluck Supper and Discussion** of this great book. Bring your favorite salad, main dish or dessert to share - A variety of beverages will be provided.

*~ A Note From the Pasos Family ~*

Dear Friends,

*My family and I can not properly find the words to say thank you. We have dug deep into our souls and hearts that are now broken and find that they are being held together by the prayers and graces of our family and friends. The actions and continuous words of strength from each and every one of you have sustained us during this, the most tragic event of our lives. We cry in pain; then feel comforted by the tremendous support that we continue to receive from our St. Bernardine Family. Everyone worked so hard to make that day a “Celebration of Life” for our son, Jesus “Chuck”. My wife, Eloisa, and daughters: Rosalia, Marisela, Juliana, and I continue to move forward because of the strength we have received and continue to receive from each and everyone of you. We hold each of you in our thoughts and prayers. Please continue to pray for us. God’s love and strength is most evident during the most tragic of times, our St. Bernardine’s Family pulled together in love to support us, and with the help of many, we feel comforted in knowing that our son received such an incredible honor and tribute. The Fire Department was his love and I’m sure he was looking down that day with pride, gratitude, and a smile. God’s Blessings,*

*Jesus, Eloisa, Rosalia, Marisela and Juliana Pasos*



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

Linda Epperson; Rachel Pugeda, niece of Remy Rosete; Mailyn Stackhouse, godchild of BooBoo Nicholas; Barbara L. Barrett, cousin of Robert E. McHale; Cathy Tippet, daughter of Joyce Angelini; Harold Braund, husband of Fran; Larry & Lucy McClean, parents of Peggy Pryor; Mary Dellamater; Stanley Reed, Mary Martinez; Chuck Phillips; Judi Sanford; Kevin Cordasco; Stevie Burkman; Terry Asbury; Jienne Hahn; Dorothy Kennedy; Larry McLean, Linda Chan; Beverly Marsh; Jeanne Willis; Elizabeth Ann Mitchell; Larry Fleschner; Linda Young; Arthur Angelini; Joe Guintu; Karen Greulich; Christa Steele.



**Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of** Clenent L. McHale, brother of Robert E. McHale; Clara Julian, daughter of Rita Holwager;

**The Parish Library**

The Parish Library is open after Mass every Sunday. Please stop in and browse (after the 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon Masses only)

**Summer Scripture Study**

*What is Wisdom? How Can I Live Wisely?*

The Book of Sirach or Ecclesiasticus (meaning 'church book' since it was favored in the early years of the church) is part of the "wisdom literature" in our Catholic Old Testament. Join us this summer, seven Thursdays, beginning July 12th at 7:30 p.m., in the Parish Center as we explore the "biblical guide to living wisely." Facilitated by John Reeve & Kate Smirnoff, Catholic Bible Institute graduates, we will use Jesus Ben Sira of Jerusalem by Daniel Harrington, S.J., as our resource and reference. The cost is \$15, which includes the book and handouts for the series. Sign-up and learn more outside of church after all of the Masses the weekends of June 4th and June 10th.

**Magnificat: A Ministry to Catholic Women Prayer Brunch on Thursday, May 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Porter Valley Country Club in Northridge. The guest speaker will be Raquel R. Cano who will share her spiritual awakening. **Reservations must be postmarked by May 21st.** Please mail checks to Teri Thompson at 6202 Wisteria Dr., Simi Valley, Ca 93063. Call (805)527-3745 for additional information.

Are you interested in helping a senior and their caregivers in St. Bernardine's? OASIS volunteers provide 1-4 hours of service per week to help seniors and their care givers. **NEW TRAINING FOR OASIS PARISH VOLUNTEERS** is being offered on **Saturday, June 2nd and June 9th from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Please call (818)340-5100 to RSVP or to get more information.

Camp Mariastella, a residential camp for girls, located in lovely Wrightwood, in the San Gabriel Mountains, is currently accepting applications for campers: girls ages 7-15. We are also recruiting young women who are at least 17 to work as summer camp counselors. And we are looking of nurses who would dike to volunteer for one week with our summer camp program. Our camp buses pick up in the San Fernando Valley. Camp Maristella is a Ministry of the Sisters of Social Servie. Please call our camp office for more information at (818)285-1555 or e-mail us at campmariastella@aol.com

**Beginning Experience**

Are you widowed, separated or divorced? There is a special heartache for those who find themselves alone again? Do you want a new beginning and ready to work to make that desire a reality? Beginning Experience is a weekend away for a lifetime of change: August 10-12th in Los Angeles. For more information call Dianne Lundquist at (949)551-4504 or danielundquist@yahoo.com

**Mass Intentions**



**May 20 through May 26, 2007**

**SUNDAY**

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
8:30 a.m. Jesus Pasos II+  
10:00 a.m. Novena  
12:00 noon Frank Brchk+  
5:30 p.m. Santorre Aboularage+

**MONDAY**

6:30 a.m. John Bathan+  
8:30 a.m. Novena

**TUESDAY**

6:30 a.m. Jesus Pasos II+  
8:30 a.m. Paula Dersom

**WEDNESDAY**

6:30 a.m. Lorna Barte  
8:30 a.m. Joe Sampson+

**THURSDAY**

6:30 a.m. Frank Miller+  
8:30 a.m. Jesus Pasos II+

**FRIDAY**

6:30 a.m. Steve Fielding+  
8:30 a.m. Jesus Pasos II+

**SATURDAY**

8:30 a.m. John Reyes Crispo+  
5:00 p.m. Giuseppe Impediglia+

**GUADALUPE COMMUNITY CENTER**

*Serving residents of the San Fernando Valley for more than 50 years*

**We need your help!**

- Interested in helping young people through mentoring or tutoring?
- Interested in volunteering at a local food pantry which serves hundreds of families every week?
- Interested in joining an Advisory Board dedicated to providing social services to those in need?

Then the **Guadalupe Center** is the place for you! A program of Catholic Charities of Los Angles, it helps more than 13,000 individuals annually with emergency food and clothing. In addition, hundreds of community youngsters and their families are guided toward better futures though our programs such as Tutoring, Sports, English as Second Language, Cultural Arts, a Pre-School, and a program that assists the elderly. For more information, please call the center at (818)340-2050, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. Guadalupe Center is located at 21600 Hart St., Canoga Park .

**Marriage Encounter**

Summer is coming. Take a vacation from the world and learn what God's plan is for your marriage. Sign up now for a Marriage Encounter Weekend experience. The next weekends are July 20-22nd and October 5-7 in Woodland Hills. For more information, call (805) 648-4244, email [infor@wwme-la-north.org](mailto:infor@wwme-la-north.org) or visit our website [www.wwme-la-north.org](http://www.wwme-la-north.org).

**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