



# 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  
PASTOR EMERITUS: Rev Msgr Richard H Murray  
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, We celebrate the Wise Men today. The celebration of the feast of the Epiphany which falls on January 6<sup>th</sup> is transferred to today. The Magi came from the East bearing gifts to Jesus. Their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh pointed to the identity of Jesus as King of Kings, Priest of Priests and the one who would be Savior by his death. Perhaps it is a day to reflect on the gifts the Lord has given us and, of course, the gifts we can give to him. Maybe our prayer should be simply for wisdom in this ever complex world of ours. Also this week we say welcome and farewell to two other wise men. Fr. Geoff Wheaton who has helped us out since before Christmas returns to being Chaplin at Imperial College, London University. And Fr. Michael Heylin who spent a month here as a Deacon in 2003, has been ordained a priest and will visit this week from Ireland until January 24<sup>th</sup>.  
~ Father McNamara

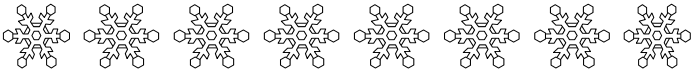


**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 7, 2007**

**Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!**  
**Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.**

*Isaiah 60:1*

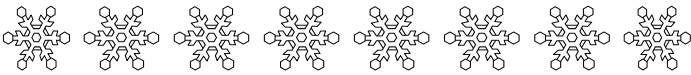
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**Gifts for the Spirit**

The After Christmas Sale at **Gifts for the Spirit**, your parish gift shop, begins this weekend **January 7th**. Please stop in and see the wonderful bargains we have for you.

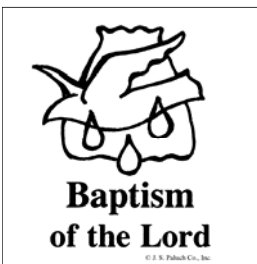
We are located upstairs in the parish Center across from the Hall. The shop is open Sundays from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 12:00.



**St. Bernardine Lecture Series**

The St. Bernardine of Siena Parish Library will sponsor a lecture series on the topic of **“Roots of Catholic Spirituality: History and Spirituality of the Benedictines, Dominicans, Franciscans and Carmelites.”** The speaker will be Stephen Coffey, OSB, who is a monk of the Benedictine Congregation of Our Lady of Mt. Olivet. He serves as Director of Formation at the Monastery of the Risen Christ in San Louis Obispo. He has been active in ministries of retreats, spiritual direction, evangelization, Catechesis, and ministries formation. He is currently teaching in the Roots of Christian Mysticism course for the World Community of Christian Meditation. A bibliography will be available for each of the lectures and selected books will be available on reserve in the Parish Library. The lectures will take place at **7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall on the following dates:.

- January 11: Benedictine History and Spirituality**
- February 15th: Franciscan History and Spirituality**
- March 22nd: Dominican History and Spirituality**
- April 26th: Carmelite History and Spirituality**



**LOVE IN OUR WORKS**

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.

—Teresa of Avila

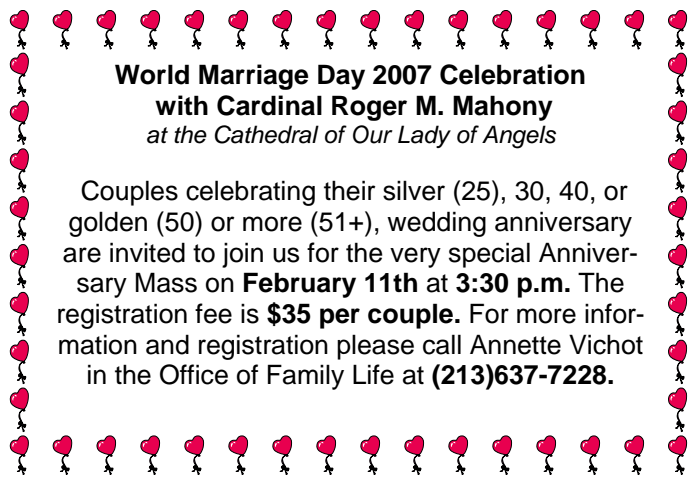
**Annual Men’s Retreat at Serra Retreat Center in Malibu February 2-4.**  
Call Bernard Wronkowski at (818)346-2901, John Shady at (818)341-0761 or call the Serra Retreat Center at (310)456-6631 for applications.



**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Jan. 7** **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.

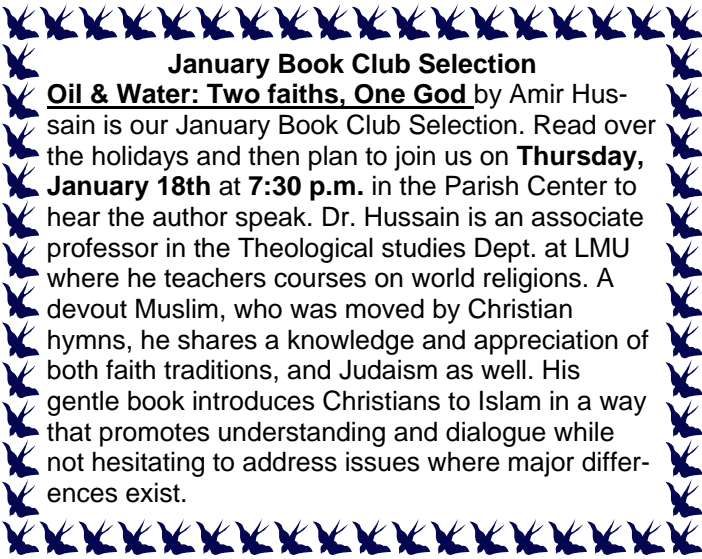
**Jan. 20/21** **Food Gathering** for the Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.



**World Marriage Day 2007 Celebration with Cardinal Roger M. Mahony at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels**

Couples celebrating their silver (25), 30, 40, or golden (50) or more (51+), wedding anniversary are invited to join us for the very special Anniversary Mass on **February 11th at 3:30 p.m.** The registration fee is **\$35 per couple**. For more information and registration please call Annette Vichot in the Office of Family Life at **(213)637-7228**.

**ALTAR CARE January 12, 2007:**  
**Wil & Ann Gartland, Sue Vigo, Jan Wheatman, Carmen Rivera, Jan Pexioto, Fran Van Buskirk.**



**January Book Club Selection**

**Oil & Water: Two faiths, One God** by Amir Hussain is our January Book Club Selection. Read over the holidays and then plan to join us on **Thursday, January 18th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center to hear the author speak. Dr. Hussain is an associate professor in the Theological studies Dept. at LMU where he teaches courses on world religions. A devout Muslim, who was moved by Christian hymns, he shares a knowledge and appreciation of both faith traditions, and Judaism as well. His gentle book introduces Christians to Islam in a way that promotes understanding and dialogue while not hesitating to address issues where major differences exist.



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**Grief Support Group**

The death of a loved can be a very difficult experience. A support group with others who have also had deaths can be helpful in this grief journey. An adult, faith based Grief support Group will be held at St. Bernardine's on nine Monday evenings, beginning on January 22 and ending on March 26th (skipping February 19th President's Day) To register, please call the Parish Center at **888-8200** Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration closes January 12, 2007.

**Religious Education Congress 2007  
Anaheim - March 2-4th (March 1: Youth Day)**

This year's congress "**Stand in the Light,**" includes over 270 workshops, evening liturgies, and a variety of prayer experiences. Register now for this spirit filled and enriching weekend! For more information, or to order a Registration guide-book or to register by credit card online, visit [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org).



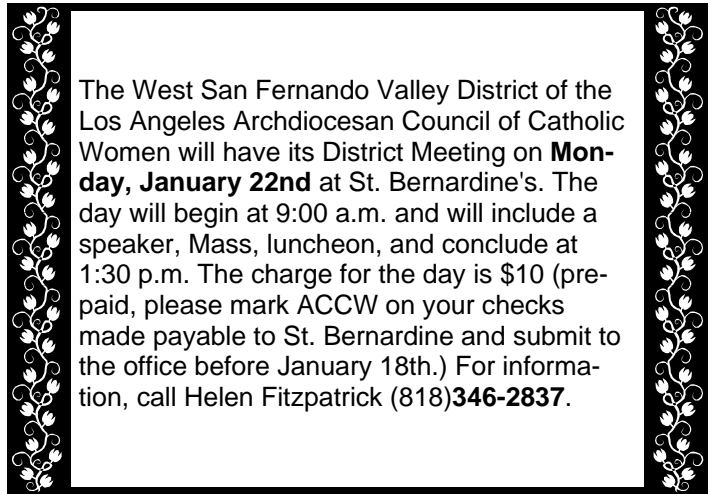
**Pray For The Sick**

In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish, Joseph Noga; Beverly & Gordon Marsh; Jerry Bougetz; Margaret Lysaght; Paul Zunga; Melissa Major; Virginia Stricker; Gene Marsella; Marion Blodnikar; Dorothy Leaper; Margaret Lysaght, Brian & Milo; Russel Saucier; Joy Sheets; Bert West; Norman Morin;

Anthony, Darma & Alexis Trafacanty; Kathleen Nicholas; Matthew Mellin; Don Leehey; Gloria Landgraf; Gabino Cruz; Ama Pablos.

**Walk for Life!**

Join Thousands as they **Stand for Life in San Francisco**. Join us for a bus ride and fellowship to the **San Francisco Walk for Life** on **January 20th** to mark the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. The bus will depart from St. Bernardine's on **Friday, January 19th at 8:30 a.m.** and returning on **January 21st** at 1:00 p.m. The cost for the bus is **\$85** per person. Hotel information is available. Space is extremely limited - we expect to fill up fast! Call Margot for details at (818)648-7740.



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.

**You Can Save Your Marriage!**

We know the frustration and pain of living in a troubled marriage. **Retrouvaille**, a marriage peer ministry can help. If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you have already separated or divorced, but you want to try again, then the **Retrouvaille Program can help you**. For more information, and a confidential brochure, call **1(800)470-2230** or **(661)257-7980**. The next program in our area begins on **February 23rd-25th**. Spaces are limited and reservations are made on a first come, first serve basis, so please call early. The Retrouvaille website is [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

**Have you remembered your parish or school in your will or trust?** For further information, please contact H. Richard Closson, Director, Trust and Estate Programs at (213)637-7472, [HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org), or [www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc](http://www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc)

**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



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**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)	Robert Nicholas	346-8244
Festival Chairpersons	Deacon Dale Taufer	888-8200
Finance Committee	Cheryl Moore	314-6161
Gift Shop	Priscilla Brehm	340-9017
Justice & Peace Ministry	Jean Sampson	888-7073
	Teri Nogues	716-7773
	Kathy Cromar	883-4238
Lectors	Jack Maranto	877-6310
Library	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Magnificat	Jo Vlasak	347-7144
Marriage Encounter	Ed/Anna Marie Pudwill	348-1632
Music Ministry	Marilyn Enos	710-9788
Nursery Care Program	Tami Alcocer/8:30 Mass	882-4070
	Carole Williamson/10:00	999-3764
Parent/Teacher Assoc.	June Hunter	713-8120
Parish School	Theresa Valenzuela	340-2130
Pre-School	Charlene Barks	716-4730
RCIA	Steve Ellms	340-2087
Reach Out	Shirley Grochalski	347-6228
Religious Education	Eileen Fewless	340-1440
Respect Life	Tracie Shepard	340-7043
Retreats (Men's)	Jim Birkhead	348-4616
Silverado Music Ministry	Jo & Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
Scouting (Boy Scouts)	Gary Bishop	998-7917
	(Cub Scouts)	Richard Robinson
	(Girl Scouts)	Kim Palkovic
Social Activities	Cathy Borowski	348-5650
	Maria Cassar	999-1063
Sunday Pre-School	Wendy Sciuto	592-0049
Ushers	Don Leehey	884-4608
	Donna Forrester	712-9922
Welcoming Committee	Darma Trafecanty	884-1686
Women on the Journey	Jean Sampson	346-8116

**Louisville High Entrance Exam** will be held on **January 27th** from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** An application for admission and application fee should be on file with the school no later than January 19th. The exam will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and end around 12:30 p.m. The school is located at 22300 Mulholland Drive in Woodland Hills. A **Financial Aid Information Night** will be held **January 10th** at **7:30 pm.**

**Notre Dame High Entrance Exam** will be held on **January 27th** from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Notre Dame is currently accepting 9th grade applications. The application deadline is January 19th, 2007. Financial Aid is available, please call (818)933-3600 or [www.ndhs.org](http://www.ndhs.org). Notre Dame High School is located at 13645 Riverside Drive in Sherman Oak.

**Mass Intentions**

January 7 through January 13, 2007

**SUNDAY**

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo

8:30 a.m. Ricardo Rodriguez+

10:00 a.m. Leo Grassini+

12:00 noon Tomasa Elbao+

5:30 p.m. Leo Grassini+

**MONDAY**

6:30 a.m. Alfredo Fajardo+

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**TUESDAY**

6:30 a.m. The Grassini Family

8:30 a.m. Joyce Chiang+

**WEDNESDAY**

6:30 a.m. Steve Schardler

8:30 a.m. Cordapio Mata

**THURSDAY**

6:30 a.m. Richard Rodriguez

8:30 a.m. Louise Brown+

**FRIDAY**

6:30 a.m. John Guarrera+

8:30 a.m. Leo Grassini, II+

**SATURDAY**

8:30 a.m. Delfina Ramirez+

5:00 p.m. Leo Grassini+

**COMING EVENTS**

January

- 12 St. John Eudes Separated, Divorced and Widowed Catholic Support Group** will meet at **8:00 p.m.** in Room C of Grill Hall. The guest speaker will be Jenifer Cockagne, PhD who will discuss **"Creating a Brighter Future Today."** For more information, please call Mary at **(818)831-7606.**
- 13 Young Adult Diners' Club:** An opportunity for young adults (single and married, late 20's, 30's and 40's) to gather in an upbeat and lively social setting in order to meet other young adults and discover culinary delights. The group will meet at Islands Restaurant, 29271 Agoura Road in Agoura Hills. Please call Deanna at **(805)529-8644** for information and reservations.
- 14 Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women** at Nazareth House, 333 Manning Ave., LA from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call Sr. Fintan at (310)216-8170.
- 20 Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop** at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino. Grounded in 16 centuries of Christian tradition, this prayer, as taught by Father Thomas Keating, helps us bring our whole being to God, beyond words, thoughts, and images. The introduction to Centering Prayer includes both instruction and the group practice of Centering Prayer. This workshop continues with three follow-up sessions (1/27, 2/3, and 2/10 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.), which feature six video-tapes by Thomas Keating to provide a comprehensive program to the initial introductory workshop. Call the Holy Spirit Retreat Center for more information.