

Saint Bernardine of Siena



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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	884-2736
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Detention Ministry	Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
Environment	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
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Festival Chairpersons	Cheryl Moore	314-6161
Finance Committee	Kristin Pudwill	712-9991
Funeral Buffet	Shirley Grochalski	347-6228
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Magnificat	Jo Vlasak	347-7144
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Music Ministry	Marilyn Enos	710-9788
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Pre-School	Charlene Barkes	716-4730
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Retreats (Men's)	Jim Birkhead	348-4616
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(Girl Scouts)	Kim Palkovic	992-0737
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Youth Ministry	Andrew Gafvert	710-1662



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The **Parish Library** is open
Monday through Friday from **9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**
and after the 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon
Masses every **Sunday.**

Lenten Adoration

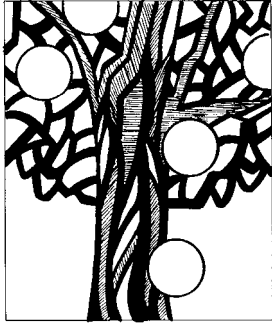
Every Tuesday during Lent following the 6:30 a.m. Mass upstairs in the Eucharistic Chapel ending at 12:00 noon with Benediction.
Possible Holy Hour Intentions: World Peace; Increase in vocations; Conversion of sinners.

Schedule of Masses:*Saturday: 8:30 a.m.; 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)**Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 a.m.;**12:00 & 5:30 p.m.**Weekdays: 6:30 & 8:30 a.m. (Monday -Friday)**First Friday: 6:30 & 8:30 a.m.**(also 11:30 a.m. October - June)**Holy Days: Schedule to be Announced***Confessions:***Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**& anytime by appointment**Website: www.stbernardine.org**Parish Center: 888-8200**School: 340-2130**Religious Education: 340-1440**R.C.I.A./Adult Education: 340-2087**Youth Ministry: 710-1662**Library: 884-2736**Gift Shop: 888-7073***Marriages:***6 months prior notification requested***Baptisms:***1st & 3rd Sundays of the month**Call for an appointment*

Dear Friends,

Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon following March 21st, the equinox. This year Easter is March 23 so it is almost as early as it can possibly be. Today is the first of five Sundays of Lent, which as you know, is followed by Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Lent is our solemn reflective time when we are encouraged to pray, fast and give alms. Be sure not to waste this opportunity of Lent. Remember, your holiness is your responsibility. Customize the disciplines of Lent so they will work for you and make you grow. There are free booklets in the back of Church that I hope will help you have a blessed Lenten journey.

Last weekend was our follow up Sunday for pledges to Together in Mission. We received another 127 pledges promising \$34,475.00 Therefore our new total now is 457 pledges promising \$128,397.00 which is 102.25% of goal. We have successfully reached our goal again. You are the best parishioners in the world, thank you. If you have not made a pledge you can still do so. Sometimes circumstances change for those who have pledged resulting in their inability to fulfill their pledge, so surpassing goal is desirable. Monies over pledge stay here at St. Bernardine's. So if you haven't pledged, it is not too late. My deepest gratitude to all of you who give so much to our beautiful parish.
~ Fr. McNamara



First Sunday of Lent
February 10, 2008

**“The Lord, your God,
shall you worship
and him alone
shall you serve.”**

— Matthew 4:10


TOGETHER IN MISSION 2008

A Time for Reflection

The theme of the campaign is **“See the Bounty of the Lord.”** Psalm 27:13 *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.

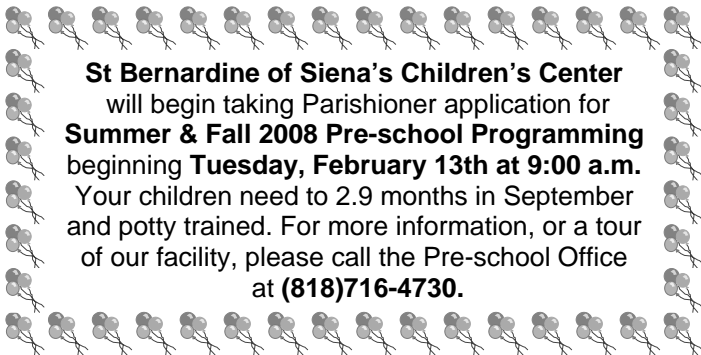
Together in Mission provides an opportunity to show our concern for those served by the parishes and schools that need your financial support.

If you have already submitted your donation pledge, thank you for your generosity. If you have yet to pledge, please prayerfully consider your donation.



IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 16/17 Food Gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.

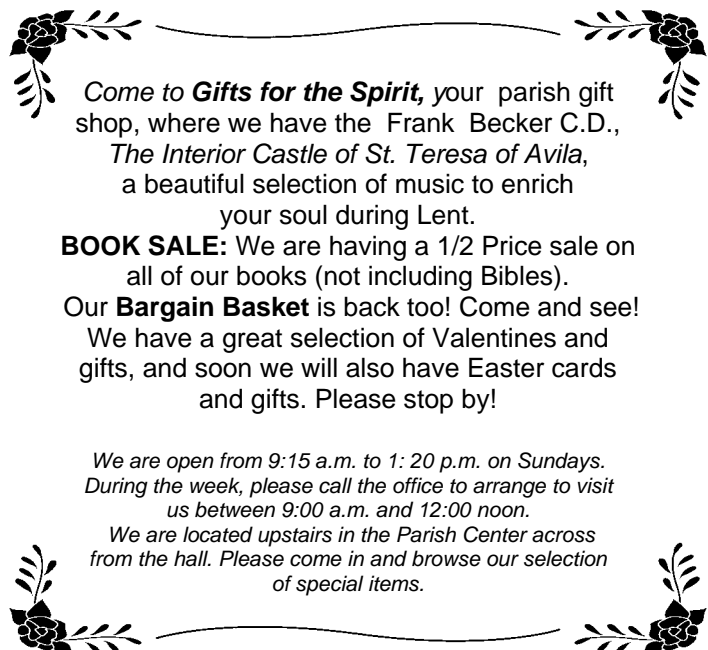


St Bernardine of Siena's Children's Center will begin taking Parishioner application for **Summer & Fall 2008 Pre-school Programming** beginning **Tuesday, February 13th at 9:00 a.m.** Your children need to be 2.9 months in September and potty trained. For more information, or a tour of our facility, please call the Pre-school Office at **(818)716-4730**.

The Magnificat Intercessory Prayer Group will meet in the Veranda Room on Thursday, February 14th at 10:00 a.m.



ALTAR CARE - February 15, 2008
**Michele Croson, Bernice Galbreath,
Hen Robinson, Judy Sabo.**



Come to **Gifts for the Spirit**, your parish gift shop, where we have the Frank Becker C.D., *The Interior Castle of St. Teresa of Avila*, a beautiful selection of music to enrich your soul during Lent.

BOOK SALE: We are having a 1/2 Price sale on all of our books (not including Bibles). Our **Bargain Basket** is back too! Come and see! We have a great selection of Valentines and gifts, and soon we will also have Easter cards and gifts. 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. Please come in and browse our selection of special items.

Youth Ministry events are open to 9-12 graders



- Wednesday, February 13: Girls Only Youth Night (7-8:30, Hall)
- Wednesday, February 20: Youth Night (7-8:30, Hall)

30 Hour Famine Hunger Fundraiser and Poverty Awareness Retreat, February 23-24

We will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine again this year. Participants commit to go without food for 30 hours (drinking all the water, juice, and sports drinks they like) and attend a retreat in the parish hall. Participants find sponsors and receive an hour of service credit for every \$10 they fundraise, up to \$240.

We have special arrangements to accommodate the participation of those who cannot go without food for 30 hours for medical reasons. Adult chaperone/participants are also needed. Please contact the youth ministry office for fundraising and registration materials.

Parish Dinner to Fight Hunger Sunday, February 24

All parishioners are invited to a simple dinner in the parish hall following the 5:30 p.m. Mass on **Sunday, February 24**, hosted by youth ministry. We look forward to sharing our humble meal and reflections on our 30 Hour Famine Hunger Fundraiser and Poverty Awareness Retreat experience with you as we break our thirty hour fast. To help us reach our goal of raising over \$10,000 to help feed hungry children throughout the world, we ask for a donation of \$10 per plate. Please join us.



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

Bob Price; Regina Joven, mother of Odile Swift; James Marshall; Magdolina Szabo, grandmother of Marianne Grund & great-grandmother of Dominique; Toni Cotter; Dorothy Tooley; Joannie Fernandez; Mary Juarez; Lisa Rogers; Justin Helper; Salvador Escoto; Aila

Pallerra; Helen Ellescas; Christopher David Anderson; Gil Barreto; Marie Giardino; Patti & Ken Smith; Juanita & Ed Fraker; Bernice Galbreath; Virginia Rafelson; Jim Zielan; Agnes Lippke; Maura Santos; Miguel Deanda; Muriel Lally; Doris Sendecki; Lilia Lucas; Monty Naddell; Rabbi Bill Gordon; Raymond Giella; Chris Ziola; Michael Miller; Regina Uy; Florence Fowler; Thomas Rohrback; Howard Barnes; John Todaro; Jack Webber; Robert Ciancaglini; Tod Brett; Ashley Mazur; Kevin Cordasco.



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

Austin Bettar Sr., father of Austin Bettar Jr., grandfather of Brandon & Jennifer; Kevin Smasal; Ernesto Sison, uncle of Rick; Elle Magbuhat, sister of Clemen Barlis.

Mass Intentions



February 10 through February 16, 2008 SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. John J. Valtin+

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

10:00 a.m. Frank Enos+

12:00 noon Theresa Cassidenti+

5:30 p.m. LaVerne Bullard+

MONDAY

6:30 a.m. Marie Stuckel

8:30 a.m. Joe Sampson+

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. Tim Corkery+

8:30 a.m. Frances Smith+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. a.m. Donald Shellenberger+

8:30 a.m. Frank Scattaglia+

THURSDAY

6:30 a.m. Roscoe Leo+

8:30 a.m. Larry Zugel+

FRIDAY

6:30 a.m. Eamon Murphy+

8:30 a.m. Pedro Mojares+

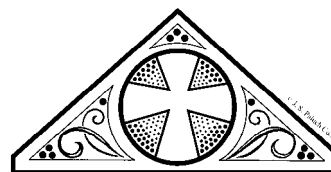
SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Jolly Cochetti+

5:00 p.m. Providence Bellone+

Baby Bottle Drive

Please place your "Baby Bottles" with your donations for the Pregnancy Counseling Center in the basket in the vestibule at the front of the church. If you did not receive a "baby bottle," any donations are welcome, please place them in an envelope marked "Pregnancy Counseling Center". **Thank you for continuing the mission to promote the dignity of life. May God Bless you.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Assistant Needed Can You Help Us?

We are in need of an assistant to help in our 5th grade class on Tuesdays. Classes meet from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. each week. Of you are available to help, please call Eileen at **340-1440**.

My Partner, My Love - Couples Night Thursday, February 28th

The event will be held in the parish Hall from **7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Join fellow parishioners for "Couples Night," a night of discussion; talking, laughing and learning about the roles we play and the partnership that makes our families work. Give your spouse a Valentine gift of time together and sign up today. Sign-up sheets are at the office or you can call Daniel at **(818)674-1229**.

Guidelines for Fast & Abstinence During Lent

Abstinence is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older.

Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Pastors and parents are encouraged to see that those who are not bound by the obligation to abstain are held to appreciate an authentic sense of penance.

Fast & Abstinence ~ In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18-59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

*A Prayer for World Marriage Day
Romance is the air*

Father, as we prepare for World Marriage Day, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Help us to witness to its glory by a life of growing intimacy. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more & more one in heart, mind & body.

Strengthen our dialogue and help us become living of your love. Make us grow more in love with our church so we may renew the body of church. Make us a sign of unity.

In the name of Jesus, Our Lord and brother. Amen

~ The Marriage Encounter Community

"Part I - Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius"

Women, you have the opportunity to participate in "Lord Teach Me to Pray," the first of 3-parts of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. The purpose of the 12-week session, "Praying the Christian Virtues," is to grow in holiness and a deeper commitment to Jesus. The first meeting will be held **Wednesday, February 13th at 10:45 a.m.** If you are interested, please call Pat at **(818)346-5460** for further information and location of the meeting.

**5th Annual Los Angeles
March for Life**
Saturday, March 15th
8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Join us in a celebration of life by helping us raise public awareness of its sanctity. We will walk for two miles down Ventura Blvd., beginning and ending at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church in Encino. Proceeds go to the Pregnancy Counseling Center of Mission Hills. The Pregnancy Counseling Center helps women in crisis pregnancies by offering them *real choices*. For more information, call Nick Bryan, March for Life Chairman at **(818)789-3237**.

"Growing in the Likeness of Jesus"

St. John Eudes 8 Week Seminar every **Wednesday** through **April 16th**, at the church at 7:30 p.m.

Topics will include:

- "Amazing Love," "Christ the Redeemer,"**
- "New Life in the Spirit," "Receiving God's Gift,"**
- "Baptism of the Holy Spirit," "Maturing in God's Gift,"**
- & "Transformation in Christ."**

Please plan to join us. For additional information, call Estrel at **(818)882-7408** or Nestor at **(818)343-8128**.

**Be merciful,
O Lord,
For we have
sinned**



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**Retired and Hungry of
Spiritual Growth?**
Consider the **Ignatian
Volunteer Corps (IVC)**

Ignatian Volunteers serve the poor two days a week and grow together in Ignatian spirituality. For additional information, contact Jennifer Mangali at **(310)937-8280**, jmangali@ivcusa.org, or visit www.ivcusa.org.

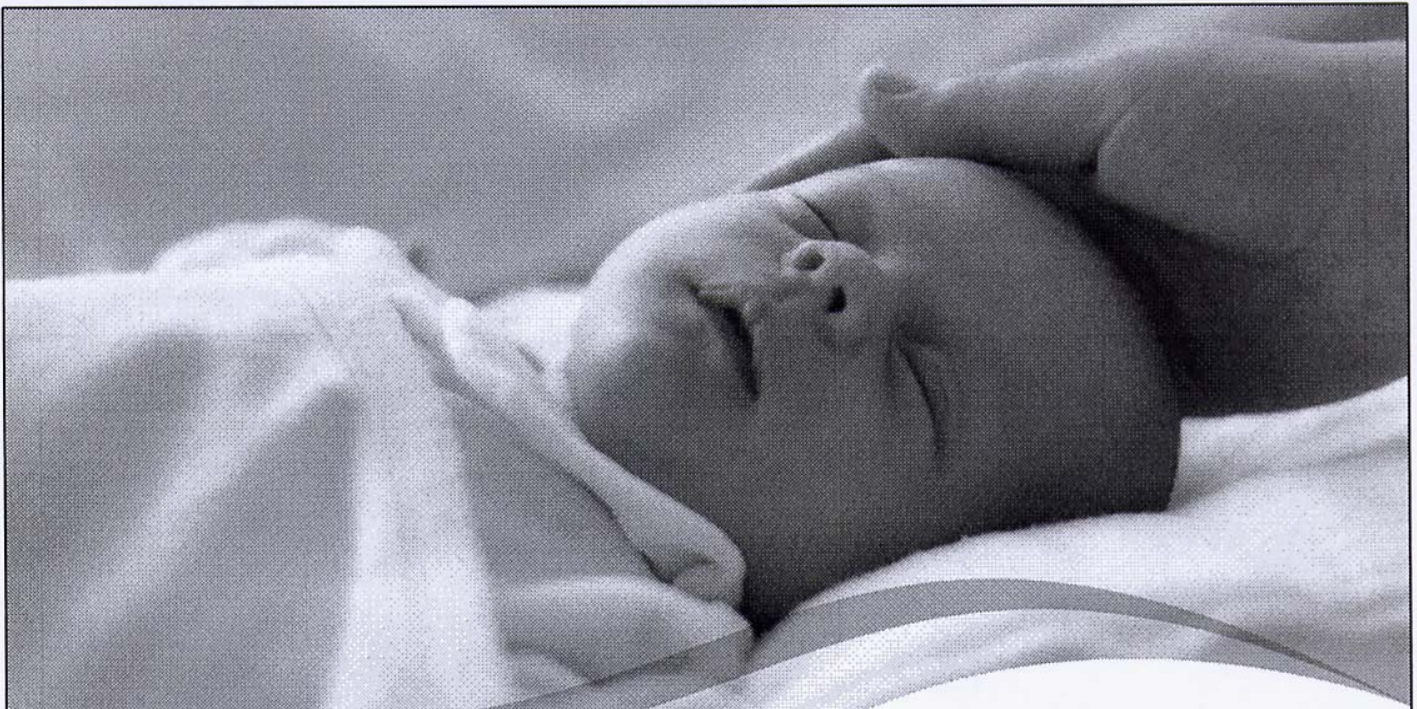
COMING EVENTS *February*

21 **Our Lady of Lourdes Bridge Tournament** at **7:00 p.m.** Your donation of **\$18** per person will support Pro Life and the Pregnancy Counseling Center. For information and reservations, call Marianne at **(818)772-8584**.

March

15 **Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance** No Host cocktails from **6:00 p.m.**, dinner 7:00 p.m. Donation: Children 15 & under \$10; adults \$20; couples \$35. Tickets will not be sold at the door; **tickets must be purchased by March 12th**. For more information, call **(818)347-9328**; Monday-Friday 12 to 4:00 p.m.

Our First Annual **Women's Retreat** will be held at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra from **Friday, March 7th to Sunday March 9th**. The room rates are: Private \$215; semi-private \$194; and double \$142. This includes 2-nights and 5 meals. Car pools will be available for \$10. For information and/or reservations, call Ida Dickinson at **(818)363-0858**.



FEBRUARY 6 -
MARCH 16 2008



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

ATTENTION SAN FERNANDO VALLEY PRO-LIFERS!!

During the season of Lent leading up to the celebration of Christ's resurrection, from February 6 – March 16 of 2008, our community will be uniting with 58 other cities in 31 states for a large simultaneous pro-life mobilization – the nationwide **40 Days for Life** campaign. People of faith across America are praying that this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign that has generated measurable lifesaving results in more than 80 cities where it has been implemented. Some locations have reported as much as a 28% drop in local abortion numbers and hundreds of new people getting involved in local lifesaving ministry efforts. The **40 Days for Life** campaign is made up of three key components:

- **Prayer and Fasting:** inviting people of faith throughout our city to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion
- **Peaceful Vigil:** standing for life through a 40-day peaceful public witness outside the following abortion facility: **Family Planning Associates, 10200 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills**
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- **Community Outreach:** taking a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, church presentations, petition drives, and public visibility

For information, please contact **Patti Flores** at 818-307-4332, PFlores4Life@aol.com or by visiting:

www.40daysforlife.com/SanFernandoValley