

ST. BERNARDINE'S PARISH LEADERS

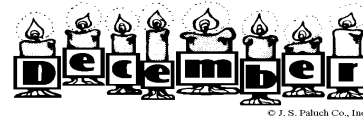
Parish Council	Cathy Borowski	348-5650
Altar Care	Lucy Kerecman	998-6701
Altar Servers	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Baptism Classes	Deacon Jerry Cellner	888-8200
Bible Study		
(Thurs Grp)	Shirley Grochalski	347-6228
Cross Bearers	Dave Goracke	347-0192
Detention Ministry	Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
Environment	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert Nicholas	346-8244
(To Sick/Homebound)	Deacon Dale Taufer	888-8200
Festival Chairpersons	Cheryl Moore	314-6161
Finance Committee	Kristin Pudwill	712-9991
Funeral Buffet	Shirley Grochalski	347-6228
Gift Shop	Jean Sampson	888-7073
Justice & Peace Ministry	Michael Miller	340-4193
Lectors	Jack Maranto	887-6310
Library	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Magnificat	Pat Dunlap	346-5460
Marriage Encounter	Ed/Anna Marie Pudwill	348-1632
Mommy & Me	Kari Lovequist	710-1484
Music Ministry	Marilyn Enos	710-9788
Nursery Care Program	Tami Alcocer/8:30 Mass	610-7442
	Carole Williamson/10:00	999-3764
OASIS	Monica Goudis	348-5100
Parent/Teacher Assoc.	June Hunter	713-8120
Pre-School	Charlene Barkes	716-4730
RCIA	Steve & Sharron Ellms	340-2087
Religious Education	Eileen Fewless	340-1440
Retreats (Men's)	Jim Birkhead	348-4616
Safeguard the Children	Ray Barkes	888-0833
Silverado Music Ministry	Jo & Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
School	Peggy Hill	340-2130
Scouting (Boy Scouts)	Gary Bishop	998-7917
(Cub Scouts)	Richard Robinson	703-7572
(Girl Scouts)	Kim Palkovic	992-0737
Social Activities	Janet Barnet	348-6262
	Susan Bougetz-Aulbach	999-3138
Sunday Pre-School	Wendy Sciuto	592-0049
Ushers	Donna Forrester	712-9922
Welcoming Committee	Darma Trafecanty	884-1686
Women on the Journey	Jean Sampson	346-8116
Youth Ministry	Andrew Gafvert	710-1662



IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 6/7 Sandwich Sunday. Bagged meals (sandwich, chips, dessert, fruit) water, socks and blankets will be collected at all the Masses for distribution to those in need in the San Fernando Valley.

Dec 20/21 Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every **Tuesday** in the Chapel, beginning at **7:00 am** and ending with **Benediction** at noon.

The Magnificat Intercessory Prayer Group will meet in the Veranda Room at **10:00 am on Thursday, December 11th.**

ALTAR CARE - December 12, 2008

Will & Ann Gartland, Jan Peixoto, Fran Van Buskirk, Sue Vigo and Jan Wheatman

Schedule of Masses:

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.; 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 a.m.;

12:00 noon & 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.

and 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

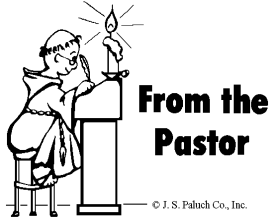
Baptisms:

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

Call for an appointment

Dear Friends,

Mary, the mother of Jesus is celebrated twice this week. Tomorrow is a Holy Day of Obligation, the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Masses are at **6:30 am, 8:30 am and 7:30 pm**. Mary is of course the greatest disciple, with her obedience contrasting with the disobedience of Eve.



Friday, December 12, is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It recalls the apparitions of Mary at the hill of Tepeyac, outside Mexico City, from 9-12 December 1531 to the native convert Juan Diego. Pope Pius XII declared her the "Patroness of the Americas".

There is nothing like good music to put us in the Christmas mood. So bring your family and friends to a free concert here in our church this coming **Saturday December 13th at 7:00 pm**. Singing will be John Bonaduce and Ronalda Lombardo, Eileen Bonaduce on piano, Matthew Park on synthesizer and Ed Sandon on drums. It should be a great evening.

~ Fr. McNamara



Grief Support Group

The death of a loved one can be a very difficult experience. A support group with others who have also had deaths can be very helpful in this grief journey.

An Adult, Faith-based Grief Support Group will be held at St. Bernardine on 9 Monday evenings, **beginning on Jan. 12, 2009** and ending on Mar. 23, 2009. Pre-registration is required.

Attendance at all 9 meetings is highly recommended for your benefit. To register, please call the Parish Center, **818-888-8200**, Monday thru Friday—**Registration closes Friday, December 19th.**



Second Sunday of Advent

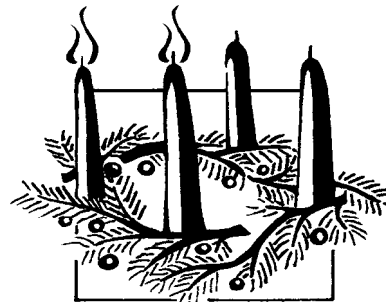
December 7, 2008

Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.
— Isaiah 40:4



FOCUS ON ADVENT

With the start of Advent, it is time to turn our attention to preparing for the coming Christmas season. The library has a large selection of books, DVDs and music CDs related to Christmas, all for your reading and listening pleasure. We also have a large selection of children's Christmas books. Many of these are on display on the special events table.



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This year Father McNamara will once again read a children's Christmas story in the

library after the 10:00 am Mass on December 14th. His reading last year was much appreciated and well attended. So mark your calendars for the 14th

Library Contact **Maria—818-884-2736**

The Parish Library is open Monday—Friday, 9:00-11:30 am and on Sundays, after the 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon Masses, as well as 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

PLEASE - DONATE BLOOD

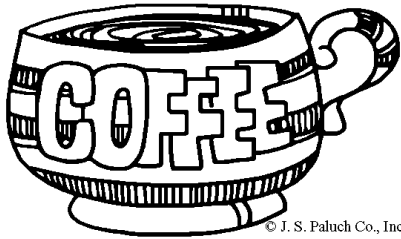
The American Red Cross will have its Bloodmobile here today, December 7th. **PLEASE** walk in and donate. This time of year, the Red Cross is in dire need for all donations.



Youth Ministry events are open to
9-12 graders

Tuesday, Dec 9th: Girls Only Youth Night,
7:00-8:30 pm, Parish Hall

Wednesday, Dec 10th: Gospel Night,
7-8:30 pm, Parish Hall



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**Coffeehouse Night
Sunday, December 21st**

Mark your calendars now and plan to come support St. Bernardine Youth Ministry's Coffeehouse Night **after the 5:30 pm Mass** on Sunday, December 21st. Parishioners of all ages are invited to attend, **admission is free** and doors will open at **6:30 pm** with musical performances by our high school youth beginning at **7:00 pm**. Coffee, tea, sandwiches, desserts and other snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. We have spaces open for performances by teen vocalists and instrumentalists. Call **818-710-1662** or email **andrew@stbernardine.org** for more information.



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

Denise Bye; Edna Pablos, aunt of Darma Trafecanty; Jean Scherer, sister of Joyce Kaszynski; Ernest Collette; Jacques Drouin; Josephine Ramsey;

Linda Chan; Aurelio Salazar; Lucy McClean



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

Arnold Leanon, father of Chris Brinkman; Pete Newell, uncle of Kathy Jacinto; Sara Case Bolt; Dr. Wesley Balbuena; Emily Erin, mother of Ron

Mass Intentions For The Week 

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December 7 through December 13, 2008

SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 am John Valtin+

10:00 am Myra Delarama

12:00 noon David Silva+

5:30 pm Jonas Peter Putna+

MONDAY

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:30 am, 8:30 am & 7:30 pm

TUESDAY

6:30 am Myra Delarama

8:30 am Jacqui Martin+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Stephen Kirkham

8:30 am Kathy Suppan+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Susan Juricic+

8:30 am Irene Meyer+

FRIDAY

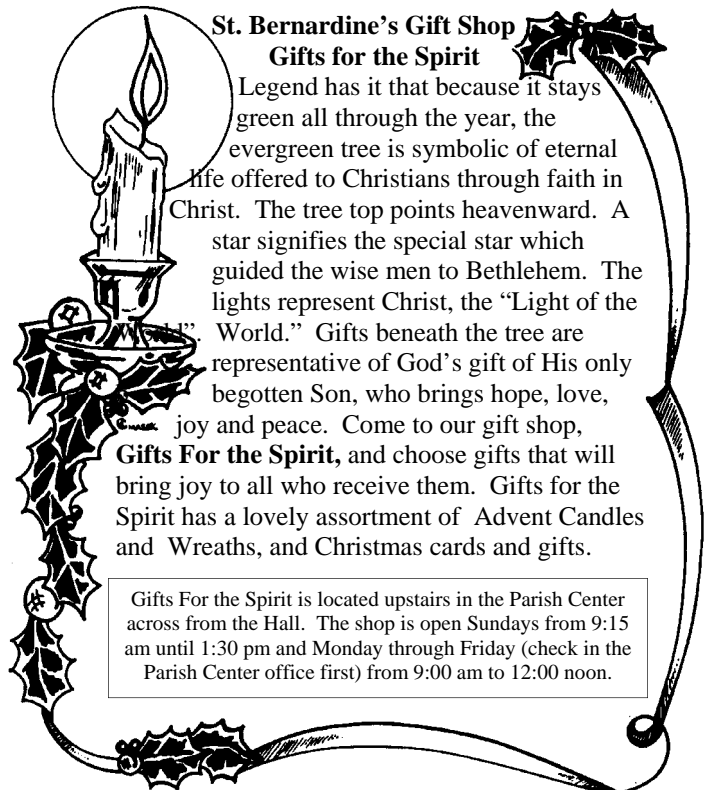
6:30 am Gloria Cortez

8:30 am Chris Ziola+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Irene Meyers+

5:00 pm Dorothy Ohler+



**St. Bernardine's Gift Shop
Gifts for the Spirit**

Legend has it that because it stays green all through the year, the evergreen tree is symbolic of eternal life offered to Christians through faith in Christ. The tree top points heavenward. A star signifies the special star which guided the wise men to Bethlehem. The lights represent Christ, the "Light of the World." Gifts beneath the tree are representative of God's gift of His only begotten Son, who brings hope, love, joy and peace. Come to our gift shop, **Gifts For the Spirit**, and choose gifts that will bring joy to all who receive them. Gifts for the Spirit has a lovely assortment of Advent Candles and Wreaths, and Christmas cards and gifts.

Gifts For the Spirit is located upstairs in the Parish Center across from the Hall. The shop is open Sundays from 9:15 am until 1:30 pm and Monday through Friday (check in the Parish Center office first) from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

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NEEDS LIST FOR GUARDIAN ANGEL SCHOOL

Guardian Angel School is the sister school of St. Bernadine's. Located in a disadvantaged area in Pacoima, Guardian Angel strives to give all students the opportunity to receive an intellectual, spiritual and human formation despite their economic limitations. As you may know, studies have demonstrated that a Catholic education is a powerful tool to help young people break free of the cycle of poverty, gang violence, and drugs. *Our relationship with Guardian Angel is an opportunity to do missionary work in our own backyard and to make an amazing difference in the lives of children and their families.*

Last year, St. Bernadine's School started a new relationship with Guardian Angel with a "buddy" program for three elementary grades, and this year will be doing several fundraising projects.

We would like to extend the invitation to help this school and its dedicated administration, faculty and families to the entire St. Bernadine's parish. Your help is especially important now because THE DOHENY FOUNDATION IS OFFERING A MATCHING DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR GRANT FOR CASH DONATIONS RECEIVED THIS SCHOOL YEAR. In addition, the Riordan Foundation is offering a 50% matching grant for funds donated to purchase laptops.

Please review the Guardian Angel needs list. If you can help with contributions, donations of needed supplies, or volunteer help, please contact **Mario Landeros**, Principal, at the Guardian Angel School, **818-896-1113, landeros1@aol.com** or **Joy Scott and Michael Sheets**, Parishioners, **818-888-1937, joy@scottpublicrelations.com**.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Paying for tuition is a daunting challenge for school families, many of whom are headed by single parents. For that reason, Guardian Angel needs sponsors for scholarships. The tuition for one student from a parish family costs \$2,730, plus a registration fee of \$215 which covers books.

BOOKS

Contributions to buy new textbooks, especially history and science books which are very old and falling apart, and class sets of literature books to improve the children's love of reading.

Donations of books, especially literature and the classics.

DVDs with an educational or uplifting theme, especially those that would appeal to kindergartners.

AUDIO-VISUAL, TECHNOLOGY, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

Equipment for the kindergarten: TV, VCR and DVD player, plus a pocket chart for the alphabet, which is very effective in teaching and costs about \$53.

MicroSoft Office for five already donated computers.

Laptops for classroom use.

Six overhead projectors.

Funding to maintain/update the website, \$150 a month, or a volunteer who could take over this task.

FACILITIES REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Doors for classroom closets. Purchase and installation of a door, hinges, etc. costs about \$300. The school's custodial staff can install the doors.

Wiring Repair. Classroom TV's are connected to a centralized DVD; the wiring must be repaired for them to work.

Roof repair. The kindergarten and computer lab roof leaks and needs to be repaired.

Fence painting to distinguish the school from the surrounding public housing.

SCIENCE EQUIPMENT

Portable labs with equipment for an entire class to do experiments on a specific topic, such as static electricity. Cost is about \$250 for each set; sets can be used over and over.

Six microscopes. Six are needed and can be shared among the classes. Cost is about \$80 each.

(NEEDS LIST FOR GUARDIAN ANGEL SCHOOL-Continued)**SPORTS AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.**

Tricycles. Our students in our kindergarten need more opportunities to relax and play. Recruiting kindergartners for the school is also a high priority, as this class tends to be small. The school would like to provide tricycles for the kindergartners to ride during their playtime.

Soccer Equipment and Uniforms. The school would like to start a soccer team which would need soccer balls, goals and goal posts, and uniforms, cleats, and shin guards for the players. Fortunately the school is located across the street from a large park where the kids can practice and play. A PE coach has been located who will coach the team for the season for \$300.

STAFF AND VOLUNTEER HELP.

Aides. The school is operating without any aides this year due to lack of funds. Salary for an aide is about \$20,000 per year. Volunteers can help in the classrooms, especially in the K – 3 grades, by supervising recess and in the office.

Career Day. Career education is important for the children to be exposed to different jobs and professions to which they can aspire. Adults who can meet with the classes and talk about what they do for a living are welcome.



Provide the JOY OF CHRISTMAS with the Gift of Your USED CELL PHONE Operation Gratitude is the California based non-profit organization that sends care packages addressed to individually named U.S. Service members deployed in hostile regions. Its mission is to lift morale, bring a smile to a service member's face and to express to all the troops the appreciation and support of the American people. The donated contents of each package are worth \$100, but the only means of shipping is through the Military Postal system via the USPS, costing approx. \$10 per package (as of next weekend, 400,000 packages will have been shipped). Your used cell phone can be converted into a donation to enable our service people to keep receiving these expressions of our gratitude. There will be a box in the vestibule of the Church to collect your used cell phones by Tuesday, December 16th. For more information on how you can make a difference, please go to www.operationgratitude.com

On Saturday and Sunday, Dec 13th & 14th, Concern America returns with an array of meaningful international handcrafts, just in time for the holidays or any other special event you may celebrate. **Concern America** is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana (714) 953-8575. You may view of selection of their crafts on their web site: www.concernamerica.org

Retirement Fund for Religious

On Sat & Sun, Dec. 13th & 14th the

Collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious will take place. With this collection, the Catholic Church is able assist with the financial needs of elderly religious. The situation for religious throughout the country continues to be serious. Women and men who have dedicated their lives to prayer and ministry are faced with costs of health care and elder care that greatly exceed their resources. More than 38,000 Catholic religious are now past the age of 70 and the cost of skilled nursing care and assisted living for almost 12,000 religious personnel currently exceeds \$1 million each day

Catholic Lobby Day

11th Annual Catholic Lobby Day-April 28, 2009

For the 11th consecutive year, the California Catholic Conference (CCC) is hosting Catholics from all over California who are interested in exercising their "faithful citizenship" in their state's Capitol. All who are interested in meeting with elected officials to speak on behalf of those who are poor, vulnerable or voiceless are welcome to Catholic Lobby Day 2009. Please join with Bishop Solis for this **one-day event on April 28th**, that will include advocacy training, information sessions, rally at the Capitol, lunch, visits with legislators and a Mass celebration at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Cost is \$155 including airfare. To hold your reservation, please send **\$55.00 by December 16, 2008.** The balance of \$100.00 will be due on March 10, 2009. Only 33 tickets left! Please contact **Sr. Gail Young, S.S.S., Office of Justice and Peace, Archdiocese of Los Angeles at 213-637-7690 to register.**