

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 (To Sick/Homebound)	Robert Nicholas	346-8244
	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

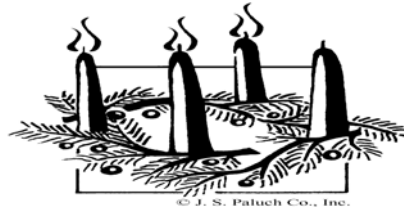


IMPORTANT DATES

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

COMMUNAL PENANCE CELEBRATION

**TUESDAY - DECEMBER 16th
7:30 pm**



**An Advent Conversation
What Happens When I Say the Creed?
What Does the Creed Mean?
What Does it Do?
7:30 P.M. - Thursday December 18
St Bernardine Parish Center**

ALTAR CARE - December 19, 2008

Michele Croson, Norma Crowe, Bernice Galbreath, Helen Robinson and Judy Sabo

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

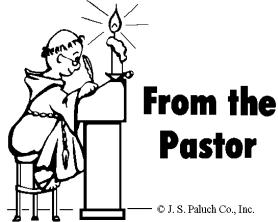
Dear Friends,

The human spirit hungers for forgiveness. We crave it from God and from each other. Forgiveness is the glue that puts us back together, resets the compass of our life and restores our sense of well being. It can only happen to us when we are aware of our poor choices or sins. It is always humbling. It is always restorative. We can satisfy the hunger by coming to Church this **Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM** for our parish **Communal Penance Celebration**. After a song, readings, prayers and homily we can confess to any of the priests that will be present. Last Thursday 106 second graders of our parish received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. Because of the large number we only had time for the Children While I hope they don't need to go again so soon, Tuesday will be perfect for their parents and all the rest of the parish.

There is exciting news from our parish school. Our **Boy's A football team won the Valley Catholic League Championship** last Friday night with a score of **22 to 6**.

Congratulations to the players and of course Coach Brandon and Coach Tony Amano.

~ Fr. McNamara



Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2008

Rejoice always.
Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



FOCUS ON NEW AUDIO BOOKS

Two **new audio books** are highly recommended for holiday travelers or at home.

BIG RUSS AND ME - Tim Russert, a Catholic who died this past year was moderator of Meet the Press. He has written (and reads) an inspirational father and son book which is a collection of personal memories about the lessons of life learned from his father.

TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE - Mitch Albom, a sportswriter, renews acquaintance with Morrie his old professor of twenty years ago. They meet every Tuesday and rekindle a relationship. Mitch learns life's greatest lessons during these sessions. (Also available in soft cover and DVD).

Reminder: Father McNamara will be reading a Children's Christmas story in the Library after the 10am Mass on December 14th

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

MOTHER TERESA'S MISSIONARY BROTHERS OF CHARITY and CO-WORKERS FROM ST. BERNARDINE

are seeking your help. This ministry needs **COOKS** and **DRIVERS**. You would be called upon (to either cook or drive downtown) once every six weeks on Saturday mornings. If you feel the call to help, please contact **Jean Sampson at 818-888-7073**.

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**.



Coffeehouse Night
Sunday, December 21st
 Please join us next Sunday evening at
 St. Bernardine Youth Ministry's
 Coffeehouse Night **after the 5:30 pm Mass on**
Sunday, December 21st.
 All 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.

*Youth Ministry events are
 open to 9-12 graders*

Tuesday, Dec 16th: What Would Joan (of
 Arcadia) Do? 7-9:00 pm, Parish Hall
Wednesday, Dec 17th: Gospel Night,
 7-8:30 pm, Parish Hall

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**In your charity please pray for
 the sick of the parish:**
 Andy Schmidt, nephew of Shirley
 Teglas; Donna Bigi, daughter of
 Robert and Arleen Prokoff;
 Robin Rucker; Steve Gutierrez;
 Denise Bye; Jean Scherer; Ernest Collette;
 Jacques Drouin; Josephine Ramsey; Linda Chan;
 Aurelio Salazar; Lucy McClean

**Please pray for the happy repose
 of the souls of**
 Nancy Hardcastle
 Enna Pablos, aunt of Darma
 Trafecanty

**Mass Intentions
 For The Week**

December 14 through December 20, 2008

SUNDAY
 7:00 am Pro Populo
 8:30 am John Valtin+
 10:00 am Charles Barkley+
 12:00 noon David Silva+
 5:30 pm Yolena Berin

MONDAY
 6:30 am Beverly Lyster+
 8:30 am Irene Miller+

TUESDAY
 6:30 am Geraldine Ahern+
 8:30 am Marc Yobs+

WEDNESDAY
 6:30 am St. Jude
 8:30 am Susan Juricic+

THURSDAY
 6:30 am Betty Friedman+
 8:30 am Gene Lilledahl+

FRIDAY
 6:30 am Sam Intermill+
 8:30 am Gloria Mosca+

SATURDAY
 8:30 am Susan Juricic+
 5:00 pm Ann Gallagher+

Gifts for the Spirit .

The legend of the holly—
 When Christ was born in Bethlehem
 on that first Christmas Night, a barren
 bush outside the stable blossomed full and
 bright, it bore a grim reminder of The Crown
 He'd one day wear. Its prickly leaves foretold
 the thorns of sorrow he would bear. Amidst the
 green there grew strange fruit, small berries, scarlet
 red, as crimson as the blood our loving Savior was to
 shed. In honor of the Prince of Peace, a flower pure
 and white, bloomed sweetly when the Lord was born
 that Holy Christmas Night.

- As part of your preparations for Christmas,
Gifts For the Spirit, your parish gift shop has
 a beautiful selection of Christmas cards,
 ornaments and gifts. We still have Advent
 wreaths and candles, as well.

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 &
 Monday through Friday (check in
 the Parish Center office first) from
 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

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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.**



St. Mel Parish Music Ministry
Presents - **Amahl and the Night Visitors**
December 20th & 21st, 2008, **7:30 pm**

St. Mel Church
20870 Ventura Blvd. (at DeSoto)
Woodland Hills, CA

For Ticket Information:
www.stmel-amahl.blogspot.com
818-340-6020

Suggested donations: \$20 Adults \$5 Children
All net proceeds will go to the Guadalupe Center

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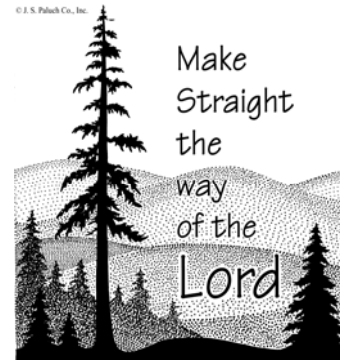
FOR SALE AFTER MASSES TODAY

By your purchase of these gift items, you support the development work of Concern America and help to provide a fair and just wage for many materially poor families. We invite you to think about honoring your family and friends in a very special way this by choosing gifts with meaning and purpose. Concern America is an international development and refugee aide organization based in Santa Ana, CA

(714) 953-8575 www.concernamerica.org

Retirement Fund for Religious

This weekend, the Collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious will take place. With this collection, the Catholic Church is able to 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



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. 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 this weekend through next **Tuesday, December 16th.** For more information on how you can make a difference, please go to **www.opgratitude.com**

Catholic Lobby Day - Reminder

The deadline for reservations is
December 16, 2008.

11th Annual Catholic Lobby Day- April 28, 2009

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.**

**I am a voice
crying out
in the desert**



WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE

ENCOUNTER'S next Circle meeting is **Friday, December 19th at 7:30 pm** in the Veranda room. If you've been "encountered" please join us. Bring your dialog book, a snack to share and a drink. Any questions, please call **Joe and Karen Greulich 661-286-9950**

Trusts and Estates Department: Charitable IRA Extended for Two More Years

Mr. H. Richard Closson, Director of the Trusts and Estates Department, informs parishioners and their parishes and schools that Congress passed the **Tax Extenders and Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008**. This allows parishioners new opportunities for tax-free charitable giving. The law includes incentives for those 70 ½ years of age and older who would like to make charitable gifts from potentially taxable Individual Retirement Account (IRA) funds. Gifts to parishes and schools may be deducted from income that could otherwise be subject to tax under federal law and the laws of many states. Congress is allowing those individuals with traditional or Roth IRA's to make tax-free gifts directly to qualified charities, such as parishes and schools, and other organizations, such as Catholic Charities. Donors may choose to make charitable distributions from their IRA in any amount up to and including \$100,000, if so desired; couples with separate IRA's could donate up to and including \$200,000. Making gifts in 2008 and 2009 from IRA funds that would be subject to tax if withdrawn voluntarily or under mandatory withdrawal requirements may be a wise choice for many. Those considering this option are encouraged to discuss it with their own financial advisors. For more information, including a free brochure, "**The Charitable IRA**," please contact **Mr. Closson at (213) 637-7472** or toll-free at **(800) 431-1175** and also at:

mailto:hrclosson@la-archdiocese.org

Mr. Closson also has information about charitable gift annuities and other planned giving options.

Information is available online at:

http://www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc

"Our Children Remembered Mass"

(Bilingual Mass)

We invite parents who have lost a child to our annual Mass and candlelight service. The mass is offered in memory of their children who have died, whether weeks, months, years or decades ago.

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

St. John Eudes Church in Chatsworth

7:30 pm

Please call Angela or George Wienckowski, OCR facilitators at 818-709-0011