

Saint Bernardine of Siena



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Deacon Dale Taufer*

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
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	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
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Lectors	Jack Maranto	887-6310
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 Barkes	716-4730
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Religious Education	Eileen Fewless	340-1440
Retreats (Men's)	Jim Birkhead	348-4616
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Silverado Music Ministry	Jo & Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
Scouting (Boy Scouts)	Gary Bishop	998-7917
(Cub Scouts)	Richard Robinson	703-7572
(Girl Scouts)	Kim Palkovic	992-0737
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	Susan Bougetz-Aulbach	999-3138
Sunday Pre-School	Wendy Sciuto	592-0049
Ushers	Donna Forrester	712-9922
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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,

If a desert town is lucky enough to have a well, as the town of Sychar did, that well is a hub of activity where people can meet, catch up on news and even gossip. Except at noon – no one goes out at noon in the desert. The Samaritan woman who arrived then must have been dismayed to see Jesus at the well. If she came to draw water at noon, she did it to avoid the other women, and after we hear her story of five husbands and a live-in lover, we understand why.

What an unlikely evangelist she was! Jesus amazes her by saying he has water that can slake her thirst forever. He tells her he knows all her secrets. But did she run from him or keep her visit a secret? No. She ran to the people she had been avoiding and told them all about Jesus. They came to believe, first because of her; then as with all good evangelizers, their faith went beyond her. They came to believe in Jesus because they heard him for themselves. Who first led you to learn about Jesus? Why do you follow him now? ~ Fr. McNamara



Third Sunday of Lent
February 24, 2008

While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

— Romans 5:8



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 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.



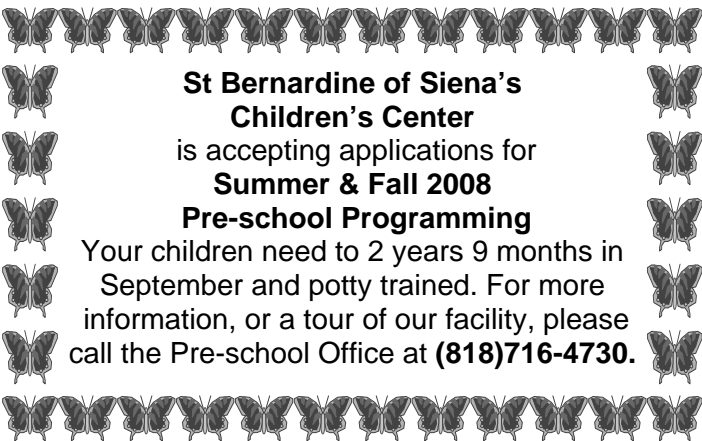
FORGIVENESS

People who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they must pass if they are to reach heaven; for everyone has a need to be forgiven.

—George Herbert

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1/2 Sandwich Sunday. Bagged meals (sandwiches, fruit, water, socks and blankets will be collected at all the Masses for distribution to those in need in the San Fernando Valley.



St Bernardine of Siena's Children's Center is accepting applications for **Summer & Fall 2008 Pre-school Programming**. Your children need to be 2 years 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**.

TODAY'S READINGS

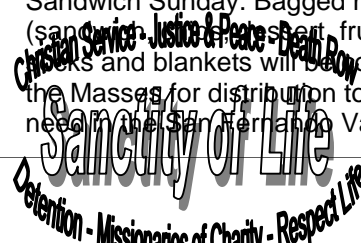
First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

ALTAR CARE - February 29, 2008
Letizea Amato, Huminada Diaz, Anna Marie Pudwill, Judy Sabo, Fran Van Buskirk, Helen Worthen.





St. Bernardine of Siena School presents

ARRIBA!

Saturday, March 15th
Woodland Hills Hilton

Tickets: \$75

Support St. Bernardine's School by planning

to attend our spring fundraiser: **ARRIBA!**

This exciting event will include dinner, music, dancing, live & silent auctions, raffle, & prizes.

Plan to join your fellow parishioners for an evening of fun and fundraising.

Tickets will be sold after all of the Masses the weekend of March 8th & 9th.

Thank you for supporting St. Bernardine of Siena School!



Youth Ministry events are open to 9-12 graders



- Wednesday, February 27: Guys Only Youth Night from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

My Partner, My Love
Thursday, February 28th
Parish Hall 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Join fellow parishioners this Thursday night for an evening dedicated to you and your spouse. This couples night is about talking, laughing, and learning about the partnership that makes your family work. Sign-up sheets are at the Parish Office, or you can call Daniel at (818) 674-1229 to reserve your space. Please be sure to sign-up no later than Tuesday, February 26th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Assistant Needed
Can You Help Us?

We are in need of an assistant to help in our 3rd grade class on Tuesdays. Classes meet from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. each week. If you are available to help, please call Eileen at **340-1440**.

St. Bernardine's new "Health Issues Discussion Group" is off and running. Please plan to join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 26th** in the library at **9:15 a.m.**



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 24th**, hosted by our 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.

Parish Library NEW HOURS

The Parish Library announces new hours before and after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. **Beginning Sunday, March 2nd**, the Library will be open on Sundays from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** All parishioners are eligible to borrow materials, and are already in the system - no cards necessary. Plan to drop by the Library on March 2nd before or after the 5:30 p.m. Mass, participate in our raffle for books and itunes gifts cards, and check this valuable resource available to you.



In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish: Evelyn Boyd, mother of Mindy; Plo Gantenbein; Bridger Leith, son of Debbie & Darren; Kevin Cordasco; Rabbi Bill Gordon; Doris Sendecki; Trish Milewski; Kinzie Orsatti; Bob & Betty Fox; Cindy Matney; Bill Greig, Sr.; Anita Sollazo; Regina Jouen; James Marshall;

Bob Price; Magdolina Szabo; Toni Cotter; Dorothy Tooley; Joannie Fernandez.



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Regina Uy, sister of Susan Bulaon; Tony Pecorella, brother-in-law of Frank & Mary Loffa; John Watson, husband of Ruth.

Mommy & Me Playgroup

Come join us for our first Mommy & Me Playgroup! We will be meeting in the Veranda Room on **Thursday, February 28th** from **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** In addition to being an easy way to meet other moms, this playgroup is a wonderful way for babies and toddlers to meet other children their ages, learn to play together, and make friends. RSVP to Kari Lovequist at (818)710-1484 or send an e-mail to lovequist@sbcglobal.net. Please provide us with the total number of people attending and the ages of your children so that we can plan accordingly. **We hope to meet you & your children soon!**

Mass Intentions



February 24 through March 1, 2008

SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. Anthony & Emelia Ryzska

8:30 a.m. Pro Populo

10:00 a.m. Frank Scattaglia+

12:00 noon Al & Anna Decker

5:30 p.m. Patricia Bullard+

MONDAY

6:30 a.m. Margaret Morrow+

8:30 a.m. Mary Ann Kupper

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. Robert Morrow+

8:30 a.m. Frances Smith+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. a.m. Serge Ledesma+

8:30 a.m. Padraig Bryne+

THURSDAY

6:30 a.m. Sylvia Vargas+

8:30 a.m. Salvatore Giordano+

FRIDAY

6:30 a.m. Rosalie Dawson+

8:30 a.m. Robert Morrow, Sr.+

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Mark Ahern+

5:00 p.m. Arousiag Johorian

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.

GRANT WRITER WANTED:

Cresspi Carmelite High School in Encino is looking for an experienced **Grant Writer**.

The ideal candidate would have extensive knowledge, and success, in the area of procuring grant money for secondary school educational purposes.

Please contact Mr. Greg Cornell ('74), Institutional Advancement at (818)654-1314 or e-mail gcornell@cresspi.org.

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.

Les Dames de Saint Louis Luncheon

Les Dames de Saint Louis cordially invite you to attend our annual Luncheon on **Sunday, March 9th** at **11:00 a.m.** at the Woodland Hills Country Club, 21150 Dumetz Road. Luncheon tickets are \$75, and all proceeds from the silent auction and raffle baskets support the Sisters of St. Louis Retirement Fund. For reservations, please call Chris Osborn at (818)703-5091.

St. John Eude's 8-week empowerment seminar
"Growing in the Likeness of Jesus"

Topics 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."**

The seminar continues every Wednesday through April 9th at **7:30 p.m.** in the church. Please join us. For additional information, call Estrel at (818)882-7408 or visit our website at www.forevergrateful.bravehost.com.

Women's Retreat

at the at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra
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.

COMING EVENTS**March**

- 8** **Young adult Diners' Club** will meet at Mimi's Café, 400 North Moorpark Rd., Thousand Oaks at 7:00 p.m. For additional information and/or reservations, please call Deanna at (805)529-8644.
- 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.

Third Sunday of Lent



“HERE I AM”

The scriptures for this Sunday focus our attention on the Lenten call to conversion. When God calls Moses by name in the reading from Exodus, Moses immediately responds, “Here I am!” and comes closer. He answers God’s call even though he is afraid and confused. In a similar way Christ calls each of us by name, especially in the sacraments of baptism and the Eucharist. During the season of Lent he desires above all that we will answer, “Here I am!” and come closer to him. It is all right if we are confused or afraid. It’s even all right if we haven’t really listened for his call yet this Lent. Today’s scriptures give us a second chance to listen for Jesus’ call, to come closer to his voice, and to move farther away from sin in our lives.

BEARING FRUIT

How can we tell when we are responding to Jesus’ call? For that we look to the metaphor of the fig tree in today’s Gospel parable. Through the sacraments, the scriptures, and the Christian community, Jesus Christ—the gardener—has been cultivating the ground around us and fertilizing us in the hope that we will bear good fruit. Will we? Are we barren because our root system doesn’t grow deep enough to tap into real spiritual nourishment? Is our growth stunted by choices we are making? Is our energy channeled into our healthy, flowering branches, or sapped by a hundred scrawny shoots? Do we turn in on ourselves and prevent the light of the Son from ripening what little fruit we bear? While the elect who are preparing for baptism scrutinize their lives to discover how Christ is calling them to conversion, all of us must scrutinize our lives as well. Those who are listening for Jesus’ call and turning to the sound of his voice will bear succulent fruit so the hungry can eat their fill.

Today’s Readings: Exodus 3:1–8a, 13–15; Psalm 103:1–4, 6–8, 11; 1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12; Luke 13:1–9