

ST. BERNARDINE'S PARISH LEADERS

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| 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 Barks | 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 Barks | 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
- Jan 3/4** 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.

ARE YOU READY.....?**ALTAR CARE - December 26, 2008**

Marilyn Byloos, Jerry & Theresa Cofsky,
Stella Como and Helen Robinson

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



From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

I have sad news to report about our facilities. Twice in the last four weeks we have been burglarized. November 20/21 our Chapel was entered during the night. A chalice, ciborium and two eucharistic cups were taken. Hosts were left in the tabernacle. Then the night of December 12/13 the Church was entered. This time the target was the electronics of the music ministry. Mixing boards, microphones, two guitars and a variety of other electronic equipment are gone. Police reports have been made and fingerprints were taken. These incidents are shocking in different ways and leave us feeling violated. We have tightened up on our security and are looking at other ways we can avoid this in the future. I call on all the leaders of parish organizations to be more diligent in locking up and other security issues. If you have any information about these incidents, please let me know. And any time you are aware of something suspicious going on, please call the office or bring it to my attention.

On a much happier note, a little baby girl named Charlotte was born last month. She was only four pounds and eleven ounces at birth and had to stay in the hospital for a few days. I have not seen her. She is six thousand miles away, born in Ireland, and her birth has irrevocably changed me forever. For the first time, I have become a Great Uncle! I was given no choice, not even consulted before I was forced onto the next level of the family tree. I will have to learn to see myself and my siblings in a whole new way. My nephew is a father and shockingly and unbelievably my youngest brother Declan is a grandfather and his wife Jean a grandmother. As I write these words, I shake my head in wonder. It would be unbelievable if it were not so wonderful.

And there is another baby and a different birth story from a long time ago. That baby had a far greater impact and turned the whole world

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2008

The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35



you upside down, not just for his family but even for you and me today. That baby grew into the Savior, Teacher and Redeemer of all believers. And for every generation, he inspires, nourishes, guides and forgives. Because of Him we gather every Sunday to share our Eucharistic Meal. The birth of Jesus changes us all every day as we grow to love Him more. It is His birthday we will celebrate in a few days; and we will be a welcoming community to those, who may be joining us for a once a year visit.

It is the Lord's job to judge, it is our job to welcome. May we then this Christmas celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus and be forever and irrevocably changed. Don't be alone for your Christmas dinner. Whether, like me, you have no family here or for whatever reason you will be alone, I welcome you to join me. Call to let me know you are coming **818-888-8200**.

There is one last thing about Charlotte. It is a feeling, but one I never had before. I yearn to see her and already I love her. Thank you Lord!

~ Fr. McNamara

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Our Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon Religious Education classes are on a Christmas Break.

Classes resume on January 13th & 14th. We wish you a holy, blessed Christmas



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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**.



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

Nancy Mahoney; Margo Light; Donna Bigi, daughter of Robert and Arlene Prokop; Andy Schmidt; 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

Dennis DeFrance, stepfather of Brian Aulback; Patricia Costigan

Mass Intentions For The Week



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December 21 through December 27, 2008

SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 am Noel Kiser+

10:00 am Kelli McCoy+

12:00 noon Noah Gonzales+

5:30 pm Chris Ziola+

MONDAY

6:30 am Carol Piampiano+

8:30 am Susan Juricic+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Carol Piampiano+

8:30 am Kathleen O'Boyle+

CHRISTMAS EVE

6:30 am Larry & Michael McClean+

8:30 am Charlie Hansen+

3:30 pm John & Catherine Gallagher

5:30 pm Jeffrey Forrester+

7:30 pm Walter Kopinski

10:00 pm Nicholas & Mary Fazio+

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 am John Reyes Crispo+

10:00 am Diana Hyland+

12:00 noon Bob Gentile

FRIDAY

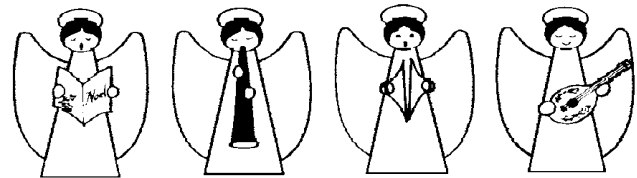
6:30 am Rhexenor Magbanua

8:30 am John Kikalo

SATURDAY

8:30 am Mary Anne Baer+

5:00 pm James Hurley+

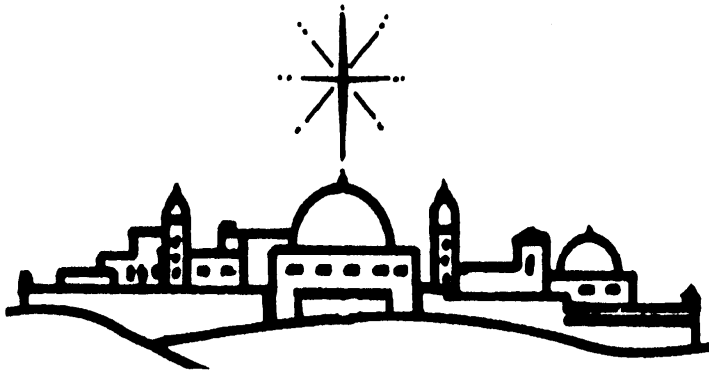


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Library News

Please note - the Parish Library will be closed this weekend

The Parish Library is open Monday—Friday, 9:00-11:30 am and most 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.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Christmas is a time for gift giving and one of the greatest gifts you can give your spouse is your undivided attention and time. When you ask your spouse to go on a Marriage Encounter weekend, you're telling them that they're so special, that you want to spend a whole weekend getting to know them better. Our next weekend is on **Feb. 6-8** in Woodland Hills. For other dates in 2009 and more information, call **805-648-4244**, email info@wwme-la-north.org or visit www.wwme-la-north.org

Chaminade College Preparatory High School

Entrance Exam will be administered on two dates: **January 31st** and **February 7th** from **8:00 am to 12:00 noon**

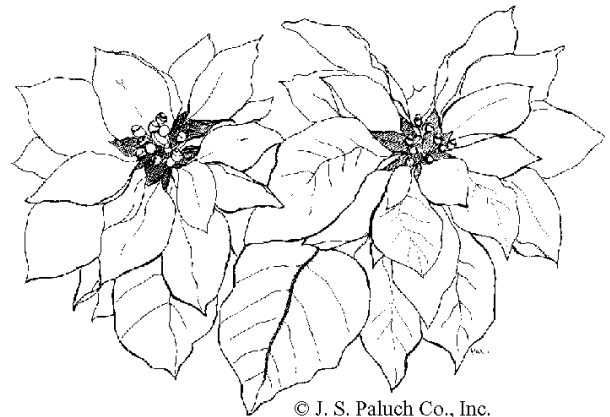
An application for admission and application fee should be on file with the school by **January 16th**. Financial Aid applications are available online. For more information, please call the Admissions office at **818-347-8300** or apply online at www.chaminade.org



Crisis Pregnancy Hotline
(800)973-7334
Abortion Recovery Help
(877)467-3463 &
www.rachelsvineyard.org
Holy Family Adoption Services
(805)374-2785

"JOURNEY TO A NEW LIFE"

A unique opportunity for widowed, separated and divorced, will be held on **Saturday, January 17, 2009** at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. This event sponsored by the Office of Family Life features a workshop presented by Rev. Msgr. Jim Gehl, a tour of the Cathedral and Mass. The workshop will focus on healing the hurts of loss from death or divorce and journey to a new life with God's love and grace. For more information or to register please contact **Julie Auzenne** at **213-637-7247** or email: jmonell1@altrionet.com



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Holiday Plants Can be Dangerous to Small Children

Family gatherings, special traditions, delicious treats—it just may be the most wonderful time of the year, especially for kids. Unfortunately, for emergency room doctors, it's also one of the busiest. Take time out to learn how to protect your little ones from some common holiday dangers and you and your family can enjoy a season that's happy and healthy. Mistletoe, holly, poinsettias, Jerusalem cherry plants and other plants are commonly used as decorations during the holidays. Like many plants, these are considered potentially poisonous and should be kept out of the reach of children.

Symptoms of plant poisoning can include rashes, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. If you suspect that your child has eaten any part of a plant, immediately call your doctor or the

National Capitol Poison Center: 1-800-222-1222

For particular help, you may call **Assistance Ministry** at **213-637-7630**