



From the Pastor

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Dear Friends,
 It puzzles me that some of us will do some Lenten practices and some will not. What makes the difference? Is it background or education or spirituality? Is it a deep felt need? Is it simply that some have time and some don't? Maybe it's all the pastor's fault! Yes, I think that is it! A pastor's job is to motivate his parishioners in such a way that they embrace Lent in all it's fullness by customizing some form of the three traditional disciplines – Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving. So here goes:

PRAYER: Daily Mass is fantastic and I am always encouraged by an increase in attendance during Lent. A bible chapter a day, a daily visit to church, Friday stations – our imagination is our only limitation.

FASTING: No meat on Fridays can hardly be called a hardship! Even our Friday soup kitchen doesn't leave us hungry. Let's make a concerted effort to fast from our sins – indulgence, gossip, selfishness – then by Easter we can continue on the higher road of holiness. Again, our fasting discipline can be tailor made for ourselves. I often think of a man I know, who every day of Lent, collected the sport sections of the paper and waited until Easter to read them all!

ALMSGIVING: It's not just money, it may be time, energy or caring. Obviously, the possible recipients are legion.

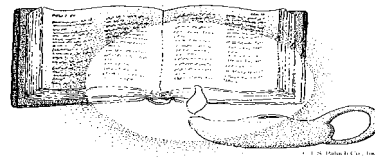
The bottom line is: we are now in Lent 2009, what are we doing?

Thank you for your response to the Together in Mission appeal last week. We received 380 pledges for a total of \$76,106.00 This is terrific, thank you all. As you know our assessed goal is \$122,981.20 so we need a few hundred more pledges. Today is follow up Sunday and I hope those who missed last Sunday or brought the envelope home will put us over the top. Thank you all for your constant and generous giving. You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world!

~ Fr. McNamara

**First Sunday of Lent
 March 1, 2009**

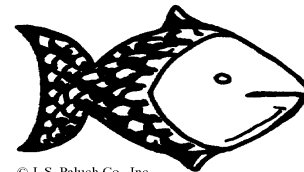
Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
 teach me your paths.



— Psalm 25:4

**Safeguard the Children-
 Live Scan Fingerprinting**

That Parish's Safeguard the Children Committee, in conjunction with the Archdiocese, is hosting Live Scan Fingerprinting. Fingerprinting and safe environment training is required for all adult Parish and school Employees and Volunteers, who have regular supervisory contact or may be alone with students or minors. Fingerprinting will be done on **Friday, March 6th, from 12:00 pm - 3:40 pm & from 5:20 pm - 7:20 pm** in the **Veranda Room**. For an appointment, please call the **St. Bernardine Children's Center at 818-716-4730**. For additional information, please call **Ray Barks 818-888-0833**



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30 Hour Famine, March 28-29th

St. Bernardine's Youth Ministry will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine Hunger Fundraiser and Poverty Awareness Retreat 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 raise money by finding sponsors to support them with donations, receiving credit for an hour of volunteer service for every \$25 they fundraise up to \$375 (15 hours).

Adult chaperone/participants are also needed.

We have special arrangements to accommodate the participation of those who cannot go without food for 30 hours for medical reasons.

Please contact the Youth Ministry office for fundraising and registration materials, **818-710-1662**



The Second Vatican Council

Did Anything Happen? Does it Really Matter?

Join

Father Doug Glassman

*for a five-part series on the
meaning of the Second Vatican Council*

WHEN: Five Thursdays, March 5 - April 2, 2009, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Bernardine of Siena Parish Hall
24410 Calvert Street, Woodland Hills, 818.888.8200

Companion book: What Happened at Vatican II by John W. O'Malley, S.J. c. 2008
(It is not necessary to read the book in order to fully participate in the seminars.)

Father Doug holds a Masters degree from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology. He has graced St. B's with his insightful historical and scripture-based programs for the past five years. He has been similarly engaged in education and pastoral ministry at St. Monica's Church in Santa Monica for 19 years.

- March 5** **Trent - Vatican I - Vatican II : Continuity or Confusion**
(O'Malley Intro and pp. 1-92)
- March 12** **Anxiety About Change**
(O'Malley pp. 93 - 126)
- March 19** **Liturgy 45 Years Later: Closing the Gap Between Priest and Laity**
(O'Malley pp. 127 - 159)
- March 26** **Amazing Development of Theology: Unlike the Computer, Theology does Not abandon the Past** *(O'Malley pp. 160 - 246)*
- April 2** **Ecumenism: Where does Christ subsist?**
(O'Malley pp. 247 - 313)



IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 1 - Water, socks and blankets will be collected at all the Masses for distribution to those in need in the San Fernando Valley
Mar 14/15 - Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry



Youth Ministry events are open to 9-12 graders

Tuesday, March 3rd: What Would Joan (of Arcadia) Do? **7-9 pm**, Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 4th: Gospel Night, **7-8:30 pm**, Parish Hall



Confirmation Preparation Process

- Sunday, March 8th:** Year Two, Catechetical Session, **3:15-5:15 pm**, Parish Center
 - Sunday, March 15th:** Year Two Catechetical Session, **3:15-5:15 pm**, Parish Center
 - Sunday, March 22nd:** Year One Catechetical Session, **3:15-5:15 pm**, Parish Center
- Year One Confirmation Candidates must attend at least one Youth Ministry event per month in addition to their required Catechetical Sessions!*

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



Josephine Ramsey; Rita Pound;
 Antonina Cione, mother of Leticia Amato;
 Joe Freas; Drazen Malinis;
 Tracy Carpenter; Edmund Lanski;
 Donald James; Amelia Hunt; Patrick Bennett

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls:



Mary Ellen Szabo, sister of Jon Scrabeck;
 Esther Vetter, aunt of Don;
 Isabelle Bushman, aunt of Don Vetter;



March 1 through March 7, 2009

SUNDAY

- 7:00 am** Pro Populo
- 8:30 am** John Reyes Crispo+
- 10:00 am** Chris Ziola+
- 12:00 noon** Laura Fernandez+
- 5:30 pm** Trish Milewski+

MONDAY

- 6:30 am** William Timmins+
- 8:30 am** Thomas Lynch+

TUESDAY

- 6:30 am** Sr. Anne Murphy
- 8:30 am** Larry Slago+

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 am** Paul Hsu
- 8:30 am** Jesus S. Pasos II+

THURSDAY

- 6:30 am** Patricia Costigan+
- 8:30 am** Ruby Lynch+

FRIDAY

- 6:30 am** Trish Milewski+
- 8:30 am** Patrick Lynch+

SATURDAY

- 8:30 am** Margaret Morrow+
- 5:00 pm** Trish Milewski+

**Together In Mission
A Time for Reflection**

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. Sometimes it's difficult to envision how your pledge can help so many people. But, it does. To see how, please review the materials and read the statements of those whose parishes and schools receive support. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Lenten Meal & Stations

Please join us for our Lenten Supper this Friday, **March 6th** from **6:00 pm - 7:15 pm** in the Parish Center. The menu will include a homemade clam chowder, pasta, corn bread and beverage. Following the Supper, at **7:30 pm** there will be *Stations of the Cross*

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	Michelle Sjolander	999-6169
	Todd Borowski	348-5650
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	Michelle Reams/8:30 Mass	207-5441
	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
Senior Luncheon	Karen Brown	591-1520
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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ALTAR CARE - March 6, 2009

Mary Kesterson, Amy Okonski, Tony Palmisano,
Angie Syp and Antonia Tarazon

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**.



St. Bernardine of Siena Children's Center has started taking Parishioner applications for the summer and fall 2009 Preschool Program.

Children need to be **2.9 months** in **September** and potty trained. For more information or a tour of our facility, please call the preschool office **(818) 716-4730**

St. Bernardine Track Team

All parish children in Kindergarten thru Grade 8 are invited to participate in track practices and at the **Knights of Columbus Track Meet** with the school track team. Permission slips & T-Shirt order forms are available in the school office or on the website @ **www.school.stbernardine.org**

Knights of Columbus Track Meet – Sunday, March 29th

Practices are at El Camino Real High School on **Tuesdays and Thursdays -- March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 & 26**

Kinder – Gr. 2: 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Gr. 3 – 8: 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Permission slips are required before attending practices.

**FOCUS ON LENT**

Looking for something spiritual to read during lent? Your library has a wide variety of Lenten reading material for adults and children. Some of the many books and DVD's related to Lenten reading will be found on the special events table in the library.

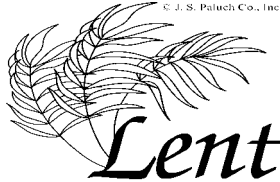
You still have time to respond to the Library and Adult Faith Enrichment Survey. We have had some great responses so far. Survey forms are in the library.

Want to make a donation of religious books and DVDs? We accept good quality and good condition materials

CONTACT MARIA, 818-884-2736, FOR MORE INFORMATION

Bible Study/Lectio Divina

Following our Parish Spiritual Renewal Days
 Tuesday Evenings Beginning
March 3rd, 7:00-8:30 pm
 in your Parish Library
 New group forming.....Everyone Welcome
BRING YOUR BIBLE!



Lent is a time for personal reflection, so what better time to reflect on the rewarding relationship your marriage could be? The **Marriage Encounter** weekend gives you the tools to turn good marriages into GREAT marriages. There are Marriage Encounter weekends scheduled **April 24-26** and **July 31-Aug 1**. Register early to avoid the waiting list! For more information, call **Joe & Karen Greulich @ 661-286-9950** or **Jeanine & Russ Walker @ 805-648-4244**

“Lead us to the Water”

An evening of prayer and reflection at Our Lady of Lourdes, 18400 Kinzie St., Northridge
Wednesday, March 11th, 7:30 pm
 ValLimar Jansen, world renowned recording artist, speaker and retreat leader will present an evening of Gospel storytelling. \$5 donation will help defray the expense for this event. For more info, call:
Sr. Sharon Richards 818-349-2836 or
Mary Janus 818-349-1500 ext. 105



Gifts for the Spirit, your Parish gift shop was established for your convenience. We have Lenten books for reflection. First Communion gifts will be in the store soon. Greeting cards, St. Patrick and St. Joseph cards are reasonably priced. We also have a few Sunday Missals left. Coming up for a donut? Stop in and see us, browse or just visit. We can also have your broken rosaries fixed for you **“free of charge”**

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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**Sacred Heart Retreat Camp
2009 Summer Camps**

Family Camp: June 25-June 28 or July 2-5
Girls' Camp: July 12-19 or July 26-August 2
 Call **909-866-5696** for brochure & registration forms.

Spaces are limited. Donations are needed to help sponsor a child or family to camp. Please help! Contributions can be sent to:

SACRED HEART RETREAT CAMP
 PO Box 1795, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Sacred Heart Women's Retreat**May 1-3 - Donation: \$90**

This retreat will include communal and private prayer. Come and be refreshed by the love and company of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Save This Date - April 27, 2009

Louisville will be hosting their 14th Annual Golf classic on **Monday, April 27th** at the North Ranch Country Club. Please come and support the wonderful young women of Louisville.

Lenten Parish Mission 2009 by**Fr. Fernando Suarez**

Our Lady of the Valley Church,
 22021 Gault St., Canoga Park
 March 7-10

Contact: Fr. Lawrence Santos/Thelma Chaparro
818-592-2880; Dr. Hedy Daulo 818-345-9302;
 Neila Cacic **818-425-8939**

WHEN BEING SORRY ISN'T ENOUGH....
RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND
 FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

March 13-15, 2009

San Fernando, CA

Cost **\$180** per person

For more info: **866-2-RACHEL 866-272-2435**
www.rachelsvineyard.org

**Crisis Pregnancy Hotline**

(800)973-7334

Abortion Recovery Help

(877)467-3463 &

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Holy Family Adoption Services

(805)374-2785