

Dear Friends,

Easter was a marvelous celebration here in our church. While it is obvious that many people do not come to church every Sunday (like they used to when I was a kid!), it is also clear that the hope and promise of Easter continues to be very important to us. The Penance Celebration on Tuesday of Holy Week drew about 250 people just about double what it drew in the last few years. I have no clue why. All Masses Easter morning were very well attended with some having people standing all along the walls. Donations were very generous – my gratitude to each and every one of you. I hope many of us moved a little closer to our loving God.

This weekend and next about 100 children of our parish will receive Communion for the first time at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass and the Sunday 8:30 am, 10:00 am and Noon masses. Congratulations to the children and their families.

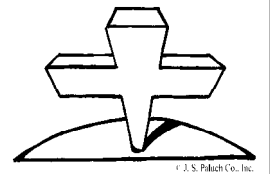
A few weeks ago an appeal was made to help with the Pregnancy Counseling Center. You were invited to take home a baby bottle and bring it back with a financial gift. Your response was terrific. Here is a thank you from the director.

I am Nancy Corbett, Executive Director of the Pregnancy Counseling Center. I would like to thank St. Bernardine's for their generosity during the Baby Bottle Drive. To date, we have received almost \$8,000.00 !!! God bless you all abundantly for reaching out and helping our "moms". During these economic times, they are being hit especially hard and are very grateful for your support. You are always welcome to come to visit our Center (818) 895-2500.

Fr. McNamara

**Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
April 19, 2009**

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
— 1 John 5:5



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

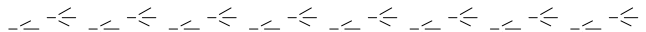
Every **Tuesday**, in the Chapel, beginning at **7:00 am** and ending with **Benediction** at noon.

MAGNIFICAT MASS

On Thursday, April 23rd, a Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at 10:00 am for Magnificat members. Please bring your prayer requests as Mass will replace our usual Intercessory Prayer meeting.



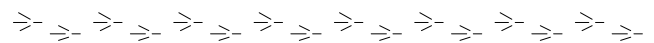
First Communion



Congratulations to the following children on celebrating their

First Communion this weekend

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| ↓ | Marianne Alonso | Anthony Khasho | ↑ |
| ↓ | Christiana Anglin | Colby Klaiman | ↑ |
| ↓ | Megan Ayers | Matthew Lee | ↑ |
| ↓ | Nicholas Bruni | Sandra Lee | ↑ |
| ↓ | Jaden Butcher | Jazarie Low | ↑ |
| ↓ | Audrey Cabrera | Margaret McQuaid | ↑ |
| ↓ | Vanessa Chahayed | Martin O'Reilly | ↑ |
| ↓ | Joseph Chrisman | Morgan O'Reilly | ↑ |
| ↓ | Joaquin Contreras | Kaysen Pajarillo | ↑ |
| ↓ | Charlize Cotton | Luke Partello | ↑ |
| ↓ | McKayla Crone | Taylor Ross | ↑ |
| ↓ | Jose Maria Cuna | Jonathon Semerjian | ↑ |
| ↓ | Anthony Decker | Caitlin Serna | ↑ |
| ↓ | Gary Duitsman | Olivia Shields | ↑ |
| ↓ | Chloe Emerick | Graydon Simons | ↑ |
| ↓ | Connor Finnerty | Alexandra Sole | ↑ |
| ↓ | Maximilien Gaballa | Zhaimon Sosoban | ↑ |
| ↓ | Liam Gilhuly | Jasper Van der Zwaan | ↑ |
| ↓ | Shane Hanson | Sofia Vinas | ↑ |
| ↓ | Nash Jones | Kiley Voss | ↑ |
| ↓ | Connor Kaminsky | Joseph Williamson | ↑ |
| ↓ | Kasey Kelso | | ↑ |





IMPORTANT DATES

- Apr 18/19** Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.
- May 2/3** 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.



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

Tuesday, April 21st: What Would Joan (of Arcadia) Do, 7-9 pm, Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 22nd: Gospel Night, 7-8:30 pm, Parish Hall

Confirmation Preparation Process

- Sunday, April 26th: Year One**
Candidate and Sponsor Day,
3-8 pm, Parish Hall
- Sunday, May 3rd: Year Two**
Catechetical Session
3:15-5:15 pm, Parish Center
- Sunday, May 17th: Year One**
Catechetical Session,
3:15-5:15 pm, Parish Center

Year One Confirmation Candidates must also attend at least one Youth Ministry event per month in addition to their required Catechetical Sessions!



FOCUS ON BOOK REVIEWS

- This week we look at four book reviews:
“Protecting the Gift – Keeping Children and Teenagers Safe and (Parents Sane)” and
“The Gift of Fear”
(both reviewed by Tammy McNair)
“What happened at Vatican II?”
(reviewed by Kate Smirnoff)
“Catholicism at the Crossroads”
(reviewed by Terry Haney)

To read the reviews www.stbernardine.org click Library and then Book Reviews. The Library has over thirty new DVD's, many that relate to the Easter season.

We are still in need of more volunteers to staff the Library for an hour or so after Sunday Masses. Training is provided. **A great way to spend a little time in your library. Contact Maria 818 884 2736 for times and hours available.**

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.

Easter Break for Religious Education Classes

Classes will resume this week, **Tuesday, April 21st** and **Wednesday, April 22nd**, for students in Religious Education. We meet from **4:00-5:30 pm**

Magnificat

Speaker: **Cyndi Peterson, M.D.**
MAGNIFICAT-A Ministry to Catholic Women
Fellowship Meal Saturday, **May 2nd @ 10:00 am**
Odyssey Restaurant,
15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills
Mail “Magnificat” check for **\$28** by **April 21st.**
Afterwards \$32. 6202 Wisteria Dr., Simi Valley, CA 93063. Questions? **Teri Thompson 805-527-3745**

ALTAR CARE - April 24, 2009
Marilyn Byloos, Jerry & Theresa Cofsky, Stella Como, Anne Falatico and Helen Robinson

 **school NEWS** Tickets on sale after mass today for the St. Bernardine's Spring Grand Raffle....."LOVE"
 Win \$2,500, a Wine refrigerator or \$100 cash; \$5 for one ticket, \$20 for a book of five; or \$50 for 4 books of five
 Sponsorship *deadline is extended to May 1st.* Sponsorship forms are available online at www.stbernardine.org or by calling sponsor co-chair, **Cathy Barkes** at **818-703-0604**.
 Thank you in advance for supporting our school.

Continuing Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark
 (through June 9)
Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Library
All are welcome! Please bring your bible!

Sisters of St. Louis
60th Anniversary Pilgrimage
Holy Land and Jordan
14 Days—March 7-20, 2010

Join a praying community of pilgrims. Visit the holy places of Israel and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Experience the Bible come alive.
 Cost p/person from Los Angeles, \$3,999 double occupancy; \$899 single room supplement
 Call now for complete details and brochure.
Brid Long, SSL, brid.long@att.net 818-458-3141



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

Dcn. Steven Ellms, husband of Sharron; Carol Conner, daughter of Simone Brunschwiler; Rita Pound; Vita Colella; Olivia Gonzales, mother of Rene Zoida; Karen Stanton, cousin of Sharon Galindo; Dorothy Rice, sister of Kathy Lucero; Mildred Jenson, wife of Jerome; Josephine Ramsey; Marjorie Kluck; Kevin Tarwater; Marcella Johnson; Karen Cass; Jessica Saks; Mark Kaszynski; Aurelio Salazar; Linda Chan; John Bellere; Sharon Roqu; Bob Gebken; Kevin Tarwater; Rabbi Bill Gordon; Barbara Mazur; Carol Conner; Joyce Angelini; Donald James; Amelia Hunt; Patrick Bennett

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls:

Dr. Marilyn Luckey, wife of Richard, mother of Angie; Marlene Nolte



Mass Intentions For The Week 

April 19 through April 25, 2009
SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo
8:30 am Jeffrey E. Forrester+
10:00 am Bettie Bohlig+
12:00 noon Cielito Kirkham
5:30 pm Laurel Haggert+

MONDAY

6:30 am Al Decker+
8:30 am Cathy Zack+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Trish Milewski+
8:30 am Grace Bellone+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Celestina Milch+
8:30 am Rick Rodriguez+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Josephine Buntent+
8:30 am Maribel Kirkham

FRIDAY

6:30 am David Davis+
8:30 am Felisa Montejo

SATURDAY

9:00 am Frank Lang+
5:00 pm Richard Hargraves+



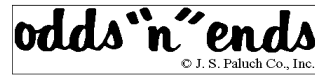
Gifts for the Spirit

1st Communion Cards and gifts are available at your Parish gift shop. "Chicken Soup for the Soul" and "Living Catholic Faith" books still available. Great gift idea for R.C.I.A., Confirmation, Graduation or just to give a friend. Come and see. We also repair broken rosaries **"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**.

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	MichelleReams/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



World Wide Marriage Encounter Circle Meeting is on Fri, 4/17/09, 7:30 pm, in the Veranda room. All encountered couples welcome. Please bring your dialog book. Any questions call **Joe and Karen Greulich at 661-286-9950**

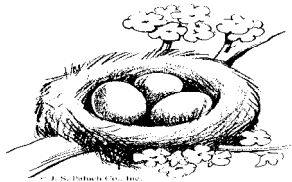
Do You Have a Case For Annulment?
 St. John Eudes Divorce Ministry invites all interested persons to attend a presentation by Sr. Tracy Sharp, SCRH, Case Coordinator for the LA Archdiocesan Tribunal on **Friday, April 24th, 7:30 pm**, in Room A/B of Grill Hall, 9901 Mason Ave., Chatsworth
 For more info, call **Kathy 818-349-9335** or **Dale 818-831-7606**

Louisville's 14th Annual Golf Classic is scheduled for **Monday, April 27th** at the **North Ranch Country Club in Westlake Village**. Players will be able to participate in the live and silent auction and the Louisville Lotto raffle. All proceeds will be used for the advancement of technology at Louisville. For more info or if you can help with corporate sponsorships or auction items, **Bob Bills 818-343-5622** or **robertbills@roadrunner.com**.



EARTHFEST 2009
Saturday, April 25th, 2-10 pm
St. Cyril of Jerusalem School
 4548 Haskell Ave., Encino

Join us for carnival games, crafts, silent auction, raffles, food, other fun activities and more for all ages. Admission is FREE! For more info: **Molly Anderson at familyearthfest@gmail.com** or **Dean Jackels at gjackels@roadrunner.com**



April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month.

It is most appropriate that child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God - our children. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call the parish office or visit:

<http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/index/php>



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

Working Together To prevent Child Sexual Abuse

Sexual Abuse of Minors—A Pervasive Social Problem

Child abuse is a frightening social reality. Numerous studies, while not in full agreement, estimate that some 40% of girls and 30% of boys suffer some form of molestation by an adult during their childhood and adolescence, with the majority of child sexual abuse occurring within the setting of an extended family. We as the "People of God" are called to work together to stop all forms of sexual abuse, wherever they occur.

Church Teaching on the Sexual Abuse of Minors

Church teaching condemns the sexual abuse of children and youth as seriously sinful. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "Connected to incest is any sexual abuse perpetrated by adults on children or adolescents entrusted to their care. The offense is compounded by the scandalous harm done to the physical and moral integrity of the young, who will remain scarred by it all their lives, and the violation of responsibility for their upbringing." (2389)

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* was adopted by the Bishops of the United States in June 2002. This important document contains the *Essential Norms* which are the Church's response to child sexual abuse and the concrete plan to work actively in the prevention of sexual abuse. Key components of the implementation of the *Charter* include:

1) Office of Victims Assistance Ministry Helps Abused Victims Find Healing (Charter Articles: 1, 2, 4,12,16)
The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles was created in April of 2002 to deal with allegations of past or current sexual abuse by clergy, religious or any lay person working or volunteering for the Archdiocese. The office is charged with creating a safe and compassionate environment for victims to come

forward while ensuring that civil authorities are notified and victims are provided with counseling and other assistance in the healing process.

Call Victims Assistance Office at (800) 355-2545 to:

- report misconduct by a priest, deacon or other person working for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.
- get information about the Archdiocese's ongoing commitment, programs and resources that focus on outreach to victims/survivors of sexual abuse.
- report abuse suffered in another diocese and to receive assistance in connecting with the appropriate persons in that diocese.

2) Office of Safeguard the Children and Parish Committees (Charter Articles: 2, 16)

The establishment of the Office of Safeguard the Children and the formation of Safeguard the Children Parish Committees were mandated by Cardinal Roger Mahony in 2002. The Office of Safeguard the Children assists these permanent Parish Committees in coordinating child sexual abuse prevention education and resources and in the implementation of the Safe Environment policies and procedures.

3) Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Education for Adults (Charter Article: 12)

VIRTUS® "Protecting God's Children" is three hour training for adults which teaches the five basic Steps of child sexual abuse prevention. This program is mandated for all adults who work with or around children or youth on a regular basis. Over 50,000 clergy, staff, volunteers and parents have attended the program. For more information call: (213) 637-7227.

4) Children and Youth Sexual Abuse Prevention Programs (Charter Article: 12)

Child sexual abuse prevention includes empowering children by teaching them body safety rules and steps they can take to ensure their own

safety. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles currently offers the following age-appropriate prevention programs for children:

- VIRTUS® Teaching Touching Safety
- Good-Touch/Bad-Touch®
- Archdiocese of Los Angeles Prevention Program

Parishes/schools can select from the programs listed above. These programs encourage parent involvement by reinforcing what their children learn and providing information and materials to help parents fulfill their role as the "primary educators" of their children. For more information call: (213) 637-7460.

See: <http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/>

5) Background Checks and Screening (Charter Article: 13)

All clergy, paid parish/school personnel and volunteers who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth must be fingerprinted. For more information call: (213) 637-7411.

6) Archdiocese of Los Angeles Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Policies (Charter Article: 6)

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has implemented rigorous policies and procedures to provide a safe environment in our parishes and parish schools for all children and young people. These include:

- "Zero Tolerance"
 - Guidelines for Adults Working or Volunteering with Minors
 - Archdiocese of Los Angeles Boundary Guidelines For Junior High and High School Youth Working or Volunteering with Children or
 - Megan's Law Compliance Procedures
- To view these and other policies see: <http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/>

Copies of the brochure "Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse" are available in the back of the church and the parish office.