

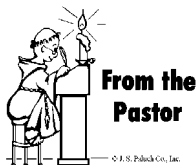
Dear Friends,

This weekend is the second and last of our First Communion Sundays. Over the two weekends we have eight masses with small groups at each Mass for a total of 100 children. I hope you enjoy the way we do it here at St. Bernardine's. I imagine it can bring back some of our own childhood memories and feelings. I have a clear memory of getting a lot of money. I was never as rich as on my First Communion day with relatives and neighbors slipping me coins. In later years it was common to hear someone described as so mean that he still had his First Communion money! I pray our children today will have a more spiritual experience and more appropriate memories. May the Lord bless the children and their families.

A couple of months ago the principal of Guardian Angel school in Pacoima, with which our parish school has a "sister" relationship, spoke briefly to us at all our weekend masses. Here is a note from him:

Principal Mario Landeros, the teachers, students and families at Guardian Angel send a big "thank you" to the parishioners for their generosity to the Guardian Angel School in Pacoima. Your kindness in response to the appeal for assistance has been phenomenal, and has made a huge difference to the school and its students. More than \$17,000 was donated, and that amount is matched through their grant so they are receiving at least \$34,000. Already, more students are receiving tuition aid to continue their education; two leaky roofs have been repaired; two classes now have teachers' aides; and a tutor is available after school to help students who need assistance. In addition, you've donated playground equipment and tricycles, computers and office equipment, and furniture. Thank you! If you are interested in helping further, please feel free to contact Mr. Landeros directly, at 818-896-1113. Thank you again.

Fr. McNamara



Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2009

You alone, O LORD,
bring security to
my dwelling.

— Psalm 4:9



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ATTENTION 50+ FREE LUNCH

First Friday Mass on May 1st at
11:30 am in the Chapel, followed by
lunch in the Parish Hall.

Bring a friend.
Come and Enjoy Entertainment



ALTAR CARE - May 1, 2009

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

Pregnancy Counseling Center

If you still have your Pregnancy Counseling Center baby bottle from the recent fundraiser and did not participate, you can still help by returning the bottles to the church office or by dropping the bottles in the basket provided in the Church entrance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Christian Service - Justice & Peace - Death Row
Sanctity of Life
 Detention - Missionaries of Charity - Respect Life

IMPORTANT DATES

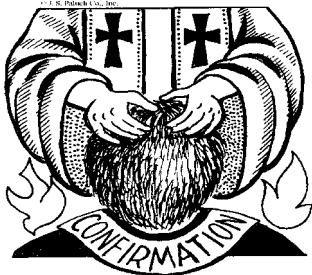
May 2/3 Sandwich Sunday. Bagged meals (Sandwich, chips, dessert, fruit) water, socks and blankets will be collected at all the Masses for distribution to those in need in the San Fernando Valley.

May 16/17 Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry



Youth Ministry events are open to 9-12 graders

Wednesday, April 29th: 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 NEW DVDs

The Library has thirty five new DVDs. Here is a sampling:

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| Magdalena | Quo Vadis |
| The Silver Chalice | Pride and Prejudice |
| Trip to Bountiful | Oh God Book 2 |
| Chocolat | Father Brown |
| Tree of Wooden Clogs | Brian's Song |

Come in and check these out along with over 350 others. Book Reviews are available on the Library Webpage

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.



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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.

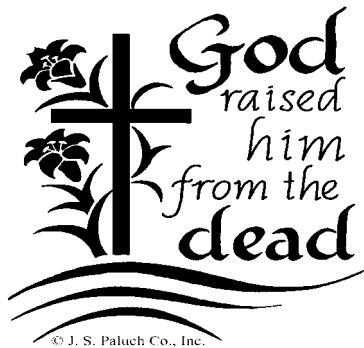


school NEWS

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St. Bernardine's
Spring "LOVE"
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!



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



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Eileen Pratt, mother of Bruce, grandmother of Courtney;
Dorothy Rice, sister of Kitty Lucero;
Mildred Jansen, wife of Jerome;
Joyce Angelini; Mark Kaszynski;
Dcn. Steven Ellms; Carol Conner;
Rita Pound; Vita Colella;

Olivia Gonzales; Karen Stanton; Amelia Hunt;
Josephine Ramsey; Marjorie Kluck; Karen Cass;
Kevin Tarwater; Marcella Johnson; Linda Chan;
Jessica Saks; Aurelio Salazar; John Bellere;
Sharon Roqu; Rabbi Bill Gordon; Donald James;
Patrick Bennett

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls:

James Wilson, husband of Bernice;
Arlene Beyeler Nelson, daughter of Beyeler Family;
Leny Reyes, sister-in-law of Ilumindada Reyes;
Marlene Nolte, formerly a parishioner of St. B's



Mass Intentions For The Week



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April 26 through May 2, 2009
SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo
8:30 am Richard Bruesegaard+
10:00 am Lois & Mike Burd+
12:00 noon Linda Epperson+
5:30 pm Nick Ettaro+

MONDAY

6:30 am Marcie Grajczyk+
8:30 am Leslie Fernando

TUESDAY

6:30 am William Faulkner+
8:30 am Jesus Pasos, II+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Raymond & Kathy Sison
8:30 am Josephine Paravato+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Jonathan Alaniz+
8:30 am Patricia Cassidy

FRIDAY

6:30 am Sylvia Peters+
8:30 am Edmund A. Busta+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Al Decker+
5:00 pm Josephine Paravato+

We would like to congratulate the Newly Baptized and recipients of **RCIA** and **RCIC** into our **FAITH FAMILY**

Katherine Balian
Allyson Bell
Dianne Cappello
Kevin Downey Jr.
Michael Hong

Megan McNellis
HerMelinda Lopez
LaCresha Ratcliff
Gary Riddle
Mike Rozema

Jonathan Lamas

Kayla Allen
Jamie DeCesare
Alexandre Gaballa
Chaeli Gutierrez
Christianna Gutierrez
Liam Kearns
Hannah Knecht

Catherine Kovelman
Brendon Lau
Tristan Lau
Jack Shields
Pascal Vieira
Anja Wimmer
Wolfgang Wimmer



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Child Abuse is a National Problem

According to the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services there were 905,000 reported child abuse victims in 2006 alone. Imagine if a disease claimed that many young lives. What would be our national response? Abuse, even if it is not fatal, robs a life and damages a child's spirit. It changes who that person is on a fundamental level.

There are 25,857 Catholic parishes and schools in the United States. If every Catholic parish or school could stop just one child from being abused we could make a tremendous difference. Abuse prevention training programs are available on a regular basis in English and Spanish throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. These programs only take a few hours to complete. To locate a training program near you, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, **213-637-7227**.

For more 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>.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at **213-637-7650**.

Calling All MARRIED Couples

If you are married and enjoy being Catholic, how would you and your spouse like to help engaged couples preparing for marriage? No experience necessary and free training is provided based on your busy lifestyle. Call **Tom & Diane Krause** at **310-316-4857** for additional information.

You can also visit our website
www.CEEofLA.org

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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**.

Sacred Heart Retreat Camp

Sacred Heart Women's Retreat, May 1-3 -

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

Call **909-866-5696** Donation: \$90

Save The Date

Knights of Columbus council 3601 presents:

Mariachi Festival

May 17, 2009, 1:00 - 6:00 pm

Notre Dame High School

You are invited to the community of Notre Dame High School for the 34th annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, **"Passage Through India" on Saturday, May 2nd** at the Universal Sheraton. Call **Sue Wellman** at NDHS **818-933-3605** for tickets.

An Interfaith Connection and Celebration

Sunday May 3rd, 2 - 5 pm

Temple Aliyah

6025 Valley Circle Blvd, Woodland Hills

"Celebration of Jewish Life"

A Performance and Discussion of Jewish Music
from Around the World

\$18.00/person (Lunch/Refreshments)

Additional info: **Clara Rosenbluth 818-348-1498**

For Catholic single women, ages 18-40, who are discerning a vocation to religious life. Are you

sensing a call to serve and to seek a deeper relationship with God as a Religious?

"Come and See" day on Sunday, May 17th,

11:30 am-7:30 pm at Sacred Heart Convent,

Altadena. **RSVP by May 11th.** For info, call

Sr. Lovina 815-464-3873 or **fsshvocations@aol.com**