

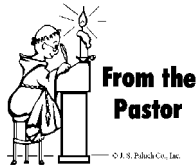
Dear Friends,

You probably don't need me to remind you that next Sunday is Mother's Day. I heard the expression recently "Hallmark Holiday" and Mother's Day must surely rank at the top of Hallmark's list. While it is not a liturgical feast, we in the church have put our spin on the special day for mothers - we make them number one on our prayer list. We pray for all our Moms – grandmothers, godmothers, foster mothers, step-mothers and mothers-in-law. So don't forget all your Moms next Sunday and I encourage you to include them in our novena of Masses starting on Mother's Day. At the back of church there are Mother's Day Mass cards. You can give the beautiful card to your Mom, write her name on the small envelope and drop it off at the office or in the collection. Your Mom's name will be on the altar for nine days beginning Mother's Day.

Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, begun by Pope Paul VI in 1963. It seems that today, more than ever, we need religious vocations in our Church. Take a moment then today to thank the Lord for any priests, sisters and brothers that have helped you in your life and pray that young men and women will respond to God's call to the religious life.

Chapter 10 of John's Gospel fits nicely with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In it Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd. He is our rock of salvation and he is the shepherd who will protect us from harm and lead us to God the Father. As for us, we certainly are the sheep of his flock, but St. John assures us we are more than that – we are God's children. What an amazing statement that is. May those who are called to service in the church have the wisdom and courage to join the Good Shepherd in caring for his flock.

And to those of you who golf and promise to be nice to your mothers next Sunday, you may play at Calabasas Country Club tomorrow! This is the annual Monsignor Murray Golf Tournament and a school fundraiser. Call **Cathy Barkes** (818) 703-0604 and I hope you win the car at the hole in one!

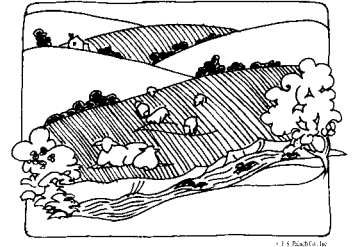


Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2009

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Would You Like to Become an Altar Server?

There will be **3 mandatory** Altar Server trainings on :

May 17th, 1:15 - 2:15 pm in the Library

May 24th, 1:15 - 3:15 pm in the Church

May 31st, 1:15 - 3:15 pm in the Church

Anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server must be at least in the 4th grade and willing to attend all three meetings.

Please contact **Maria Giammatteo** in the Library at **818-8842-2736** for more information.



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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!

ALTAR CARE - May 8, 2009

Will & Ann Gartland, Jan Peixoto,

Fran Van Buskirk, Sue Vigo and

Jan Wheatman

Fr. McNamara



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



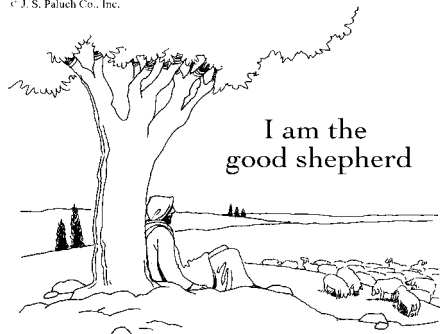
Youth Ministry events are open to 9-12 graders

- Tuesday, May 5th:** What Would Joan (of Arcadia) Do, 7-9:00 pm, Parish Hall
- Wednesday, May 6th:** Gospel Night, 7-8:30 pm, Parish Hall

Confirmation Preparation Process

- 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!

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FOCUS ON YOUNG ADULTS

This week's focus turns to books for Young Adults. (YA). The library has a special section dedicated to YA. Thanks to a recent donation we now have thirteen volumes of the Mysteries of the Sparrow Island series.

Also the seven volume set of the Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis. In the YA section are also copies of the Catholic Youth Bible and Catholic Faith Handbook as well a variety of youth oriented fiction and non fiction books.

Look for Book Reviews available on the Library web page

Looking for an easy way to support the parish and the Library? 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.**

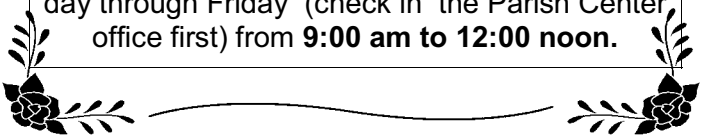
The **Parish Library** is open **Monday—Friday, 9:00-11:30 am** and most **Sundays, after the 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon Masses,** as well as **5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.**



Gifts for the Spirit

Confirmation and Mothers' Day 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 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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Become an OASIS Volunteer!

- **OASIS** is a **Catholic Charities Program** operating through the Guadalupe Community Center in Canoga Park. We offer services to seniors in parishes in the West San Fernando Valley.
- We help seniors and their caregivers in your own parish by providing **free** 2-4 hours per week a wide variety of the following services:
 - . **friendly home visit**
 - . **shopping escorts**
 - . **transportation to MD or Dental appts.**
 - . **minor home repairs**
 - . **light yard work**
- The next OASIS New Volunteer Trainings will be held at the Guadalupe Community Center at 21600 Hart Street in Canoga Park on the following two Saturdays. New volunteers need to attend both sessions. A complimentary breakfast and lunch will be served at both sessions plus free materials will be provided
 - ***Saturday, June 6th 8:45 am-1:00 pm**
 - ***Saturday, June 13th 8:45 am-1:00 pm**
- Please join us and make a difference! Please contact **Adele** or **Sunny** at our OASIS Volunteer Program office at **818-340- 5100** to make a reservation and for more information

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

Linda McClean, sister-in-law of Peggy Pryor;
 Donald White; Kevin Cordasco;
 Trish Greens; John Bellere;
 Eileen Pratt; Dorothy Rice;
 James Doran, husband of Gloria;
 Mildred Jansen; 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; Jessica Saks



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls:

Lois Marquez, wife of Ernest,
 mother of Eileen Bonaduce;
 Linda Chan Prock, sister of
 Maria Chan McClean

Mass Intentions For The Week



May 3 through May 9, 2009
SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo
 8:30 am Chris Zoila+
 10:00 am Josephine Paravato+
 12:00 noon Nick Ettaro+
 5:30 pm Evangelina Torres+

MONDAY

6:30 am Lois Bookey+
 8:30 am Ernesto Fernando

TUESDAY

6:30 am Faustino Garcia+
 8:30 am Antonina Cione+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Adam Wong
 8:30 am Antonina Cione+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Carol Neve+
 8:30 am Charles Phillips+

FRIDAY

6:30 am Matthew Gonzales
 8:30 am Edgar Fernando

SATURDAY

8:30 am Edmund A. Busta+
 5:00 pm Carmella Ettaro+

Child Protection Is a Priority for the Church

The Catholic Church in the U.S. has made care for minors a key priority, with safe environment programs established in every diocese. Through these programs more than five million minors already have been educated on how to protect themselves from harm, and nearly two million adults have undergone background screening and training on appropriate relationships with youth in their care. To find out how you can help keep children safe, please call the parish office or the **Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, 213-637-7227.**

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

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



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-May 11th. Sr. Lovina 815-464-3873 or fsshvocations@aol.com**

The West San Fernando Valley District of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will have its District meeting on **Monday, May 18th**, at:

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,
 18045 Superior St., Northridge.

Registration will begin at **9:00 am**. The speaker will be Sister Benedicta Marie. **11:30 am** mass, followed by a catered luncheon. **\$10.00 Pre-Paid**. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (Mark ACCW Luncheon on check). Deadline for reservations is **Thursday, May 14th**. For more information call **Helen Fitzpatrick 818-346-2837**

St. John Eudes Separated, Divorced and Widowed Catholic Support Group will meet on **Friday, May 8th, 8:00 pm** in Room C of Grill Hall, 9901 Mason Ave., Chatsworth. Guest speaker, **Valarie Cascadden, Ph.D., LMFT** will discuss "Band-aids for the Broken Heart". For more information, please call **Dale at 818-831-7606**.

Young Adult Diners' Club

(Single and married, 20s, 30s and 40s)

Saturday, May 9th, 7:00 pm

Gino's Bistro

1620 Newbury Road, Suite 2

Newbury Park

Please call **Deanna at 805-529-8644** for additional information and reservations



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Give the Gift of Sight

During the entire month of May, the Peace and Justice committee will be collecting used eyeglasses for the needy. Please place any of your old glasses in collection box located at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued support!



Crisis Pregnancy Hotline

(800)973-7334

Abortion Recovery Help

(877)467-3463 &

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Holy Family Adoption Services

(805)374-2785

May 2009

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Nursery Care 8:30am and 10:00am RCIC	4 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am - Veranda	5 Eucharistic Adora- tion 7:00am - Chapel Bible Study—	6 Religious Educa- tion 4:00pm	7 Baptism Class 7:30pm	8 Senior Citizen Mass/Luncheon 11:30am	9 Fashion Show
10 Nursery Care 8:30am and 10:00am MOTHER'S DAY	11 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am - Veranda	12 Eucharistic Adora- tion NO Religious Ed. Bible Study—	13 NO Religious Ed. RCIA 7:30pm	14	15	16
17 Nursery Care 8:30am and 10:00am RCIC	18 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am - Veranda Justice & Peace	19 Eucharistic Adora- tion 7:00am - Chapel Bible Study—	20 RCIA 7:30pm	21	22	23
24 NO Nursery Care RCIC	25 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am - Veranda	26 Eucharistic Adora- tion 7:00am - Chapel Bible Study—	27 RCIA 7:30pm	28	29	30
31 Nursery Care 8:30am and 10:00am Confirmation 5:30pm						