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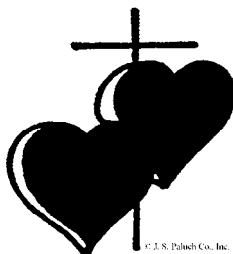
Gaza is that little strip of land surrounded by Israel on the North and East, Egypt on the South and the

Mediterranean Sea on the West. In Biblical times it was the approximate home of the Philistines, familiar to us from the story of Samson.

Recently Gaza was prominently in the news because of rockets being fired from there at Israel and the subsequent Israeli invasion. Following a lunch conversation between **Rabbi Vogel** and myself, he has agreed to speak to us about Gaza. Come and hear him **tomorrow night, Monday, February 2nd at 7:30 PM** in our hall. His topic will be "A Jewish Perspective on the Israeli - Palestinian Conflict." Bring your friends and neighbors. There is no charge and it promises to be a fascinating evening.

Next weekend, and the following few days are very special to our parish. Like an old fashioned mission or retreat, you will be hearing **Fr. Felix Just S.J.** speak at all the Masses. As a nationally well known speaker and expert on Scripture, we will be blessed by his visit. Check elsewhere in this bulletin for more details on our Parish Spiritual Renewal Days. I would love to see you all come and be inspired.

~ Fr. McNamara

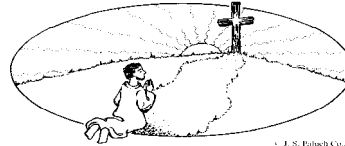


devote yourself to the Lord

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1, 2009**

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
— Psalm 95:6



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ALTAR CARE - February 6, 2009

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



FOCUS ON CLASSICAL MUSIC

The library now has a good selection of over 25 classical music CDs which are available for check out. Included are many symphonies and concertos by Beethoven, Brahms, Haydn, Mozart and Tchaikovsky.

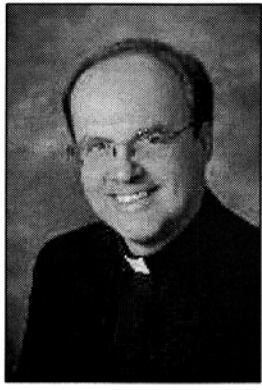
Also in the CD collection of nearly 100 are a number of gospel spirituals, hymns, chants and a variety of other religious music.

Come in and check them out!

SAVE THE DATE

The 9th Annual Monsignor Murray
Golf Tournament
Monday, May 4, 2009
Calabasas Country Club
More info to come.....

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.**



Rev. Felix Just, S.J., Ph.D.

Parish Spiritual Renewal Days

February 7-11, 2009

St.. Bernardine of Siena Church/Hall
 24410 Calvert Street
 Woodland Hills
 (818) 888-8200



Are you ready for a
Transforming Relationship
 with Jesus?

Saturday, February 7 - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 8 - All Masses:

Father Just will give the homilies at all of the weekend Masses, exploring how the biblical readings can help us to deepen our relationship with Jesus. He will show how scripture, in connection with liturgy and community, can help us to grow closer to Jesus and how our relationship with Him is reflected in our service to community.

He will also conduct a special session for teens in the Parish Hall after the 5:30 Mass on Sunday evening.

Monday, February 9:

9:00 a.m. in the Church, repeated 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Principles of Catholic Interpretation of the Bible - How we should interpret the Bible properly to gain access to the Living Jesus, not just a historical or fundamentalist Jesus.

Tuesday, February 10:

9:00 a.m. in the Church, repeated 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Reading the Bible in the Liturgy of the Community - How we can gain a better and deeper understanding of the liturgical readings heard at Mass throughout the year.

Wednesday, February 11:

9:00 a.m. in the Church, repeated 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Reading the Bible for personal prayer and spiritual growth - Using Lectio Divina and other methods to read and understand the scriptures individually and/or in small groups.

About our Speaker:

Fr. Just, a member of the California Province of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), is the Director of Biblical Education at the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, CA. He is also the Academic Coordinator of the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program and the Deacon Formation Program for the Diocese of Las Vegas. After receiving his Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Yale University, he taught at Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles), the University of San Francisco, and the University of Santa Clara. He regularly teaches courses through LMU Extension and through the "Ecclesia" program of Mount St. Mary's College (Los Angeles), gives many public lectures on a wide variety of biblical and liturgical topics, and often leads biblically-based days of prayer, parish missions, and summer retreats. He also maintains an internationally recognized website of Catholic Resources (<http://catholic-resources.org>).



IMPORTANT DATES

Jan31/Feb 1 - 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

Feb 14/15 - Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry

Annual Interfaith Dialogue

Save the Date - February 19th

St. Bernardine and Temple Aliyah will sponsor an evening of Interfaith Dialogue, **Thursday, Feb 19th**, from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Temple Aliyah. A professor and a student from CSUN who are Muslims will share their reactions to the portrayal of North American Muslims in a television series. Members of the congregations of St. Bernardine and Temple Aliyah will form dialogue groups to share thoughts about episodes. Rabbi Stewart Vogel and Father Robert McNamara will respond to the themes in the series as they relate to Judaism and Catholicism.

Please plan to attend.

What are YOU Doing for Christ's Sake?

Have you considered serving in Eucharistic Ministry? Eucharistic Ministers are needed to assist in this important ministry at Sunday Masses. If you are interested in joining in this ministry, please come to our next training session. This session will take place on Thursday, **February 12th**, at 7:00 pm in the church. If you have any questions, please call **Bob Nicholas** at 818-346-8244

Mass Intentions For The Week



February 1 through February 7, 2009

SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 am Adelaide Gentile+

10:00 am Charles Barkley+

12:00 noon Enna Pablos+

5:30 pm Gloria Mosca+

MONDAY

6:30 am Joan O'Meara+

8:30 am Ruth Chambers

TUESDAY

6:30 am Joan O'Meara+

8:30 am Gloria Mosca+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Theron Murphy+

8:30 am Providence Bellone+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Angelica Giaimo+

8:30 am Gloria Mosca+

FRIDAY

6:30 am President Barack Obama

8:30 am Dorothea Schiro+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Kurt Allensworth+

5:00 pm Gloria Mosca+



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

Paul Hsu, husband of Nellie;
Amelia Hunt, sister of Maria Ascarrung; Robert Affronti, grandfather of Jake & Katie Mitchell; Nolan & Ella Watson, newborn twins of Chris & Karla; Minnie Barkley; Maddy Marazita; Patrick Bennett; Dick Karlinger; Michele Chowdrey; Josephine Ramsey; Rita Pound; Marcella Johnson; Anthony Trafecanty; Ruth Chambers; Steve Gutierrez; Lucy McClean



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls:

Margaret "Trish" Milewski, wife Frank;
Thomas Lynch, nephew of Anne Falotico;
Bob Yelabich, father of Lee Ann Wade, grandfather of Kevin & Brian;
Richard Murkey, father of five



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

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

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

Sunday, Feb 8th: The AfterMass-featuring St. Bernardine Parish Spiritual Renewal Days speaker Ref. Felix Just, **6:30-9 pm**, Parish Hall (Pizza Dinner for \$5 from **6:30-7:30 pm**...Fr. Just's presentation to teens from **7:30-9 pm**)



Confirmation Preparation Process

Sunday, Feb 8th: Year Two Catechetical Session, **3:15-5:15 pm**, Parish Center

Sunday, Feb 22nd: Year One Catechetical Session, **3:15-5:15 pm**, Parish Center
Don't forget, all Confirmation Candidates are expected to attend Sunday Mass regularly and Year One Confirmation Candidates must attend at least one Youth Ministry event per month in addition to their required Catechetical Sessions!

Come Explore the Sunday Readings with Youth Ministry

Does your mind wander during the Gospel or the Homily at Sunday Mass? If you spend some time reading and reflecting on the Gospel and the other readings, before you go to Mass each week, you are far less likely to tune out during the Liturgy of the Word. Come explore the Sunday Gospel each week, become a volunteer for Youth ministry's Gospel Nights, **Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. Contact **Andrew Gafvert** at **818-710-1662** for more information

Magnificat will hold a Morning of Prayer at **10:00 am** on **Thursday, Feb 12th**, in the Chapel. Fr. Bob Garon, Spiritual Advisor to Magnificat will celebrate Mass, followed by a short meeting and refreshments in the Veranda Room.
Anyone is welcome

MAGNIFICAT-A Ministry to Catholic Women Prayer Brunch, Saturday, February 21st

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Odyssey Restaurant

15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills

Speaker: Heather King

Mail "Magnificat" check \$26 to 1500 W. Victory Blvd., Apt. D, Burbank, CA 91506.

Reservation deadline **Feb. 9th**, call **Angela Lopez 818-352-5563** or **www.magnificatsfv.com**

The next FINGERPRINT SCHEDULE:

St. Joseph the Worker

19808 Cantlay St.

Canoga Park

Wednesday, February 4th

12:00 pm - 3:40 pm, 5:20 pm - 7:20 pm

For appt. call **818-341-6634**

St. Bernardine of Siena-Men's Retreat February 6-8th, 2009

at the Serra Retreat Center in Malibu. You are invited to come and rediscover the joy and appreciation of your life and your love in the life of faith. *"Happy are those who know They are spiritually poor; The kingdom of Heaven*

Belongs to them" Mt. 5:3

For reservations, please call:

Jim Birkhead 818-348-4616

Serra Retreat Center 310-456-6631

Women's Retreat

Our 2nd Annual Women's Retreat at Sacred Heart House in Alhambra, **March 6th-8th**. Private \$215; Semi private \$194; and double \$142. Two nights and 5 meals are included.

Carpools available. For more info and reservations, call

Aida Dickinson 818-363-0858.

!!!DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 12TH!!!

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 (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	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 Barnett	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

ATTENTION SENIORS

Join us for **Mass on February 6th, 11:30 am**,
and for a free delicious **lunch** following at
12:00 noon includes entertainment.
Hope you can be with us

Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women

Nazareth House,
3333 Manning Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064
Sunday, Feb 8th, 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Call Sr. Philomena Murphy 310-839-2361 or
Sr. Fintan 310-216-8170

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**Chaminade College Preparatory
High School**

Entrance Exam Dates-**February 7th, 2009**
8:00 am-12:00 noon

For more information, please call the
Admissions office at **818-347-8300**

Crespi Carmelite High School

Entrance exam dates for Crespi Carmelite High School
are February 7th. For more info:
admissions office, 818-345-1672 x 535.

Become an OASIS Volunteer!

The next **OASIS New Volunteer Training**
will be held at the Guadalupe Community
Center at 21600 Hart Street in Canoga Park
on the following two Saturdays.

Saturday, Feb 7th - 8:45 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday, Feb 14th - 8:45 am - 1:00 pm
Please contact **Adele or Sunny** at our OASIS
Volunteer Program office at **818-340-5100**
to make a reservation and for more
information

The Annual Religious Education Congress

held in Anaheim, CA, is ready to enrich and
revitalize us once more. This year there will be more
than 280 workshops available to choose from,
covering a vast range of topics and interests from
spirituality and personal development to biblical
studies, theology and catechesis. This year the
Congress is scheduled for **February 26 (Youth Day)**
through **March 1, 2009** and focuses on the theme
Love Unfolding...Igniting our Yes! Over the
weekend participants will enjoy morning praise,
workshops, evening liturgies and a variety of prayer
experiences with internationally renowned leaders in
the areas of liturgical music and worship. Concerts
at noon-time and evening offer additional
opportunities for praise and worship-delightful
experiences which engage and renew participants!
Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching
weekend! For more info or to register, stop by our
parish Religious Ed Office for a guidebook OR call
the R.E. Congress info line **213-637-7348** OR visit
www.RECongress.org