



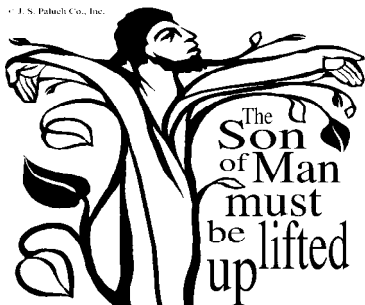
### From the Pastor

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Dear Friends,

You lovers of liturgy will remember that today is Laetare Sunday, which is the Lenten equivalent of Gaudete Sunday (third week of Advent). Rose colored vestments may be used instead of violet and a little bit of color may be introduced into the environment. So what is this tradition all about? It is saying – don't get stuck in Lent? Yes, we are in a penitential season but lift up your eyes and see Easter. Rejoice! Do you think it is possible to be "stuck in Lent"? Could we fall in love with our penances and stay in a penitential mode? I think it is extreme, but possible. Most of us have probably met people who seem to thrive in their misery, who would be lost if they did not have something to complain about. They love to moan and talk about their problems. We must not be like that. I wonder if that is related to those who love a sad movie so they can have a good cry! Probably not, but let's get the message of today Laetare Sunday. Stay with your Lenten penances but remember, Easter is coming, death is not the end, Jesus did rise and we too will rise along with him.

*Fr. McNamara*

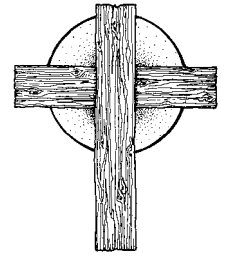


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### Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2009

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

— *John 3:17*



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### Lenten Meal & Stations

Please join us for our Lenten Supper this **Friday**,

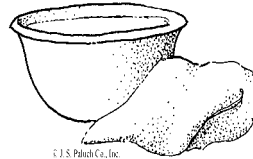
**March 27th** from

**6:00 pm - 7:15 pm** in the Parish Center.

Following the Supper, at **7:30 pm** there will be

**Stations of the Cross** in the Church.

Immediately after, will be a **Taize Prayer Service** with sacred chant by John Bonaduce's Shantigarth.



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### 30 Hour Famine—March 28-29th

Next weekend Youth Ministry will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. Participants will go without food for 30 hours and attend a retreat in the parish hall. Participants raise money by finding sponsors for their fast. Special arrangements can be made to include those who cannot go without food for 30 hours for medical reasons. Call the **Youth Ministry** office at **818-710-1662** for registration information.

### Parish Dinner to Fight Hunger Sunday, March 29th

Youth Ministry invites all parishioners to dinner in the Parish Hall **after the 5:30 pm Mass next Sunday, March 29th**. We look forward to sharing our simple meal with you as we break our fast of 30 hours following our participation in *World Vision's 30 Hour Famine*. We will be accepting donations to help us reach our fundraising goals. Please join us.



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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**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 and T-Shirt order forms are available in the school office or on the website at **www.school.stbernardine.org**

### **Knights of Columbus Track Meet – Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

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 NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY**

We have some new books for your reading pleasure Here is a snapshot of two of them:

**Church, Ecumenism and Politics.** Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI). A collection of essays on the nature and structure of the Church, ecumenical problems and the Church and politics

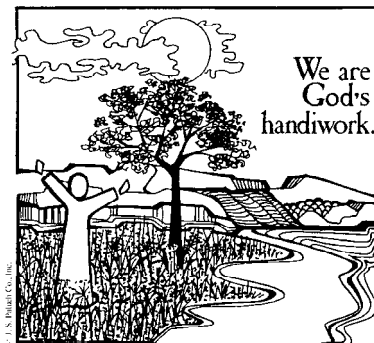
**American Catholics Today,** William V D'Antonio  
What do American Catholics think? Explores questions related to lay participation in the Church and how beliefs of older and younger generations differ.

### **BOOK REVIEW**

This month's book selection is **What Happened at Vatican II** by **John W. O'Malley** and is reviewed by **Kate Smirnoff**. The book is great background for Fr. Doug Glassman's series currently in progress.

To access the review go to the parish website **www.stbernardine.org**, click on Library and then Book Review. The library has two copies of this book for circulation. Contact **Maria, 818-884-2736**, for more information

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.**



### **ALTAR CARE - March 27, 2009**

Marilyn Byloos, Jerry & Theresa Cofsky, Stella Como, Anne Falatico and Helen Robinson

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

**April 4/5** - 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, March 24th:** Girls Only Night, 7-8:30,  
(We will be meeting in a room at the Parish Office. Please meet at the Parish Office)

**Wednesday, March 25th:** Gospel Night,  
7-8:30 pm, Parish Hall

### Confirmation Preparation Process

**Sunday, March 22nd:** Year One Catechetical  
Session, 3:15-5:15 pm, Parish Center

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

**Sunday, April 17-19th:** Year Two  
Confirmation Retreat

**Sunday, April 26th:** Year One Candidate and  
Sponsor Day, 3-8 pm, Parish Hall

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

### Catholic Relief Services Collection One Human Family Caring for Those in Need

Please note there were special envelopes sent to your homes, with your regular envelopes, and there are some extras in the back of the church, for this very special collection.

The Office of Justice and Peace **thank you** for your generous contributions.

### Mass Intentions For The Week



March 22 through March 28, 2009

#### SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo  
8:30 am Edward Gnuter+  
10:00 am Charles Barkley+  
12:00 noon Cathy Zack+  
5:30 pm Bill Chrisman+

#### MONDAY

6:30 am Trish Milewski+  
8:30 am Janet Watts+

#### TUESDAY

6:30 am Jean Williams+  
8:30 am Madeline Chydzik

#### WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Jimmy So+  
8:30 am Tracy Chydzik

#### THURSDAY

6:30 am Ed Rodriguez+  
8:30 am Susanna Huerter+

#### FRIDAY

6:30 am Esther Vetter+  
8:30 am Brother Urban Naal+

#### SATURDAY

8:30 am Tracy Chydzik  
5:00 pm Magdolna Szabo+

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



Kevin Tarwater, son of Marc & Linda; Rabbi Bill Gordon; Barbara Mazur; Bill Harps, brother of Dave; Marlene Nolte, formerly of St.B's.; Carol Conner, daughter of Simone

Brunschwiler; Joyce Angelini; Jim Tomas; John MacAdam; Dale Sheets; Sharon Roque; Josephine Ramsey; Rita Pound; Joe Freas; Antonina Cione; Donald James; Amelia Hunt; Patrick Bennett

### Please pray for the happy repose of the souls:

Charles Bohlig, brother of James  
William Faulkner, brother-in-law of Jean Sampson



**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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

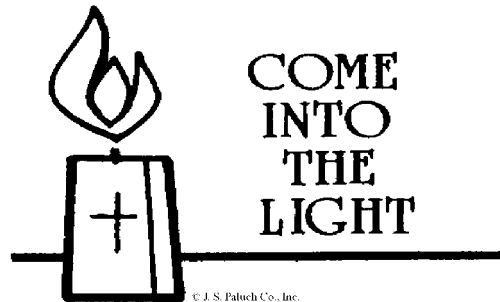
Every **Tuesday** in the Chapel, beginning at **7:00 am** and ending with **Benediction** at noon.

**MOTHER TERESA'S MISSIONARY BROTHERS OF CHARITY**

and **CO-WORKERS FROM ST. BERNARDINE** are seeking your help. This ministry needs **COOKS** and **DRIVERS**. You would be called upon (to either cook or drive downtown) once every six weeks on Saturday mornings. If you feel the call to help, please contact **Jean Sampson at 818-888-7073**.

**Baby Bottle Fundraiser**

**Correction – the bottles are available today!** Have you noticed the baby crib in the Narthex filled with empty baby bottles? This crib serves as a reminder of the girls in crisis pregnancy that are in need of help from the Pregnancy Counseling Center. This important non-profit organization is committed to serving girls in the San Fernando Valley. Please pick up a bottle after Mass and return it the next two Sundays with your donation of cash, coin or check payable to the **PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTER**. Please help in this life given cause. Your generosity in the past has been very appreciated. Thank you!



**9th Annual Mass To Honor the Life and Legacy of CESAR E. CHAVEZ**

**Cardinal Roger Mahony**  
Main Celebrant

**Sunday**  
**March 29, 2009**  
**12:30 pm**

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels  
555 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2707

For more information, please call Sr. Gail Young  
**213-637-7690**



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

## odds "n" ends

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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 24th-26th** and **July 31st-Aug 1st**. Register early to avoid the waiting list! For more info -call **Joe & Karen Greulich -661-286-9950** or **Jeanine & Russ Walker - 805-648-4244**

The **WEEKEND COLLEGE** at **MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE** in downtown Los Angeles will be hosting Summer 2009 Information Sessions **FOR WORKING ADULTS** wishing to return to college and complete their Bachelor's degree. The **INFORMATION SESSIONS** for the upcoming Summer 2009 Semester will be held on **Saturday, March 28th**, from **10:30 am - 12:00 noon** on our Downtown Doheny Campus inside the Mary & Frank Kelly 24-hour Study Room at 10 Chester Place, Los Angeles, 9007. For further information or reservations, please call **Malika Gary at 213-477-2866** or go to [www.weekendcollege.org](http://www.weekendcollege.org)

### Save This Date - Monday, March 30th

Crespi Carmelite High School will be hosting the annual **Tresieras Supermarkets Scholarship Fund Golf Classic** on **Monday March 30th** at the Calabasas Country Club. Please come and support the wonderful young men of Crespi Carmelite High School. Please contact Rick Bejune, Director of Alumni Relations at **818-654-1304** or visit [www.crespi.org](http://www.crespi.org)

**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.

### Echoes of Lourdes-Celebrating the 151st Year of the Lourdes Apparitions

Relics of Saints Bernadette, Therese, Faustina and Padre Pio will be on display for public veneration on this day only.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church  
13001 Victory Blvd., North Hollywood, CA  
**Saturday, March 28th @ 6:30 pm**  
Information: **323-573-3175**

**St. John Eudes Separated, Divorced and Widowed Catholic Support Group** will meet on **Friday, March 27th, 8:00 pm**, in Room C of Grill Hall, 9901 Mason Ave., Chatsworth. Guest speaker, Rudy Uribe, Jr., will discuss "The Art of Listening". For more information, please call **Dale at 818-831-7606**



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**For women who desire**  
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**To live life in community**  
**To experience joy**  
**In service to God and His people**  
*Sunday, March 29th*

*10:00 am - 2:00 pm*  
Regional Headquarters,  
5300 Crest Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes  
Reservations—Sr. Frances Fisher, 818-246-5664,  
Sr. Mary Rose Creegan 310-377-2154