

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter and welcome to all who come to celebrate this great feast today. Our journey through Lent has led us to the mountain top of Easter. Alleluia, He is Risen! We began on February 25th with Ash Wednesday. We made our resolutions, we fasted and we prayed. It was wonderful to see many extra people at the weekday Masses. Some of us broke our Lenten resolutions and others forgot to abstain from meat on Fridays, but we all are here today seeking forgiveness and new life and ready to celebrate the greatest day of our church year.

In many ways the new Easter Candle tells the story. It is placed by the altar for the next six weeks until Pentecost. It reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world. Look closely at the candle. There is an Alpha and an Omega – Jesus is the beginning and the end. The year 2009 is on it – Jesus is not confined to the past; He is with us in our time. There are five wax nails signifying His five wounds and his death by which we are saved. Last night when the candle was first lit, this prayer was said. *“Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, alpha and omega; all time belongs to him and all the ages: to him be glory and power through every age for ever. Amen.”*

All who will be baptized during the coming year will be given a candle lit from our new Easter candle. This is to remind them that through baptism, they are connected to Jesus and that they are to be a light in the world. That same Easter candle will also stand at the head of the casket for all whose funeral will be held here during the coming year; a reminder that because their lives shone with the light of the Risen Christ they now inherit eternal life. We, who are living between our baptisms and our funerals rejoice today. Jesus has overcome sin and death and we can too. Alleluia! A blessed Easter to you.

Fr. McNamara

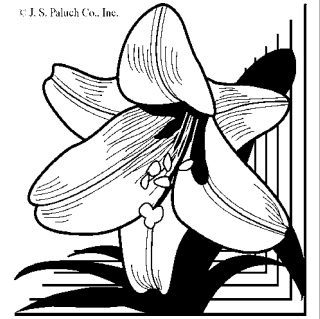
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Easter Sunday
April 12, 2009

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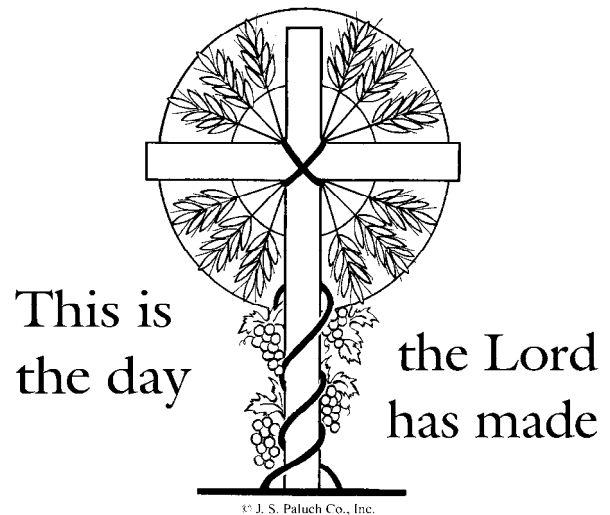
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the
works of the LORD.

— *Psalm 118:17*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



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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**.

ALTAR CARE - April 17, 2009

Michele Croson, Norma Crowe,
Bernice Galbreath, Helen Robinson and
Judy Sabo



IMPORTANT DATES

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



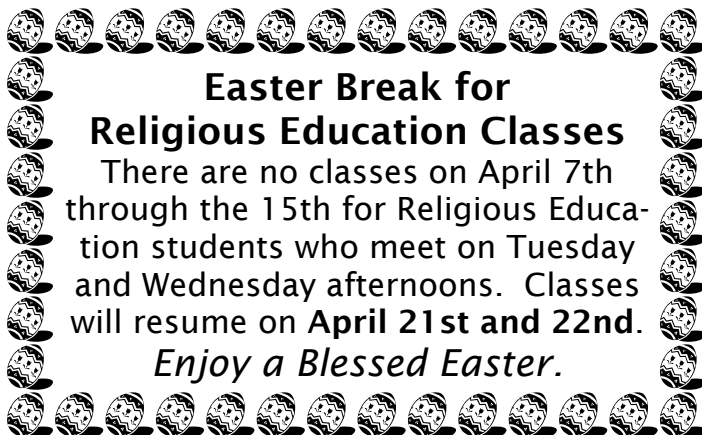
Youth Ministry events are open to 9-12 graders

Tuesday, April 14th: Girls Only Night, 7-8:30 pm meet at the Parish Office

Confirmation Preparation Process

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



Easter Break for Religious Education Classes

There are no classes on April 7th through the 15th for Religious Education students who meet on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Classes will resume on **April 21st and 22nd.**

Enjoy a Blessed Easter.



FOCUS ON NEW BOOKS, DVD'S AND NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!

The library has donations of several new books. **Catholic Christianity** by Peter Kreeft. An easy to read, complete compendium of Catholic beliefs. **Being Catholic Now** – Kerry Kennedy. Kennedy relates her own faith experiences and those of 37 other prominent Catholics. Good Reading

The Library has over thirty new DVD's, many that relate to Holy Week and Easter.

April book review selection is **Catholicism at the Crossroads** by Paul Lakeland. He lays out a ten step approach to a more adult church. To access the review go to the parish website www.stbernardine.org click on Library and Book Reviews.

We are 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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Magnificat

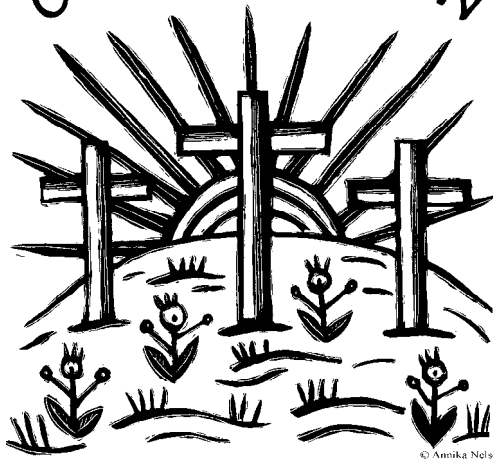
Speaker: **Cyndi Peterson, M.D.**
MAGNIFICAT-A Ministry to Catholic Women
Fellowship Meal Saturday, **May 2nd @ 10:00 am**
Odyssey Restaurant,
15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills
Mail "Magnificat" check for **\$28** by **April 21st.**
Afterwards \$32. 6202 Wisteria Dr., Simi Valley, CA 93063. Questions?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



St. Bernardine of Siena School

The "LOVE" Sponsorship deadline has been extended to May 1, 2009. 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.

CHRIST IS RISEN



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

Karen Cass, daughter of Bill & Adalene Moothart;

Jessica Saks; Mark Kaszynski; Aurelio Salazar; Linda Chan; John Bellere; Sharon Roqu; Bob Gebken; Kevin Tarwater; Rabbi Bill Gordon; Barbara Mazur; Marlene Nolte; Carol Conner; Joyce Angelini; Donald James; Amelia Hunt; Patrick Bennett

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls.



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Mass Intentions For The Week



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April 12 through April 18, 2009

EASTER SUNDAY

- 7:00 am Pro Populo
8:30 am John Reyes Crispo+
10:00 am Charles Barkley+
12:00 noon The Blank Family

MONDAY

- 6:30 am Al Decker+
8:30 am Jean Williams+

TUESDAY

- 6:30 am Al Decker+
8:30 am Tony Famini+

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 am John Paul Cassidenti+
8:30 am Louise Leininger+

THURSDAY

- 6:30 am Emily & Harry Ley+
8:30 am Al Decker+

FRIDAY

- 6:30 am Robert Condon+
8:30 am Benjamin Puno+

SATURDAY

- 9:00 am Sr. Teresa Markey, SSL
5:00 pm Arlene Beyeler Nelson+



Gifts for the Spirit

Easter and 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"



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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 Barks	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 Barks	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

 * **Save The Date** *
 * Knights of Columbus council 3601 presents: *
 * Mariachi *
 * Festival *
 * May 17, 2009 *
 * 1:00 - 6:00 pm *

The **9th Annual Monsignor Murray Golf Tournament** is scheduled for **Monday, May 4, 2009**. Golf entry and sponsorship forms are online at **www.stbernardine.org** or in the Parish and School offices. You can also contact **Cathy Barks** at **818-703-0604** for any questions.



Alleluia!
Christ
is
risen!

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“IN HIS PRESENCE:

A Worship Revival Celebration”

An Easter praise fest concert featuring *El Shaddai Southern California Music Ministries* (A Catholic Charismatic Prayer Community)

Saturday, April 18th, 3:30 pm or 7:00 pm

Glendale High School Auditorium
 1440 E. Broadway, Glendale, CA

Suggested Donation: **\$20 at box office.**

To reserve your seats call the

Secretariat Office: 213-385-8667

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 life and silent auction and the Louisville Lotto raffle.

For more info, **Bob Bills 818-343-5622** or email **robertbills@roadrunner.com**.



Crisis Pregnancy Hotline
 (800)973-7334

Abortion Recovery Help
 (877)467-3463 &

www.rachelsvineyard.org

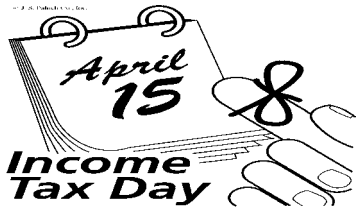
Holy Family Adoption Services
 (805)374-2785



Monastery Vocational Retreat

The Holy Trinity Trappist Monastery (for men) in Huntsville, Utah will be hosting a Live-In Experience religious vocations retreat **April 15-19th**.

Work and pray with the monks and enjoy the vocational talks. They have over 2000 acres to enjoy a time of rest and retreat. There is no cost, but space is limited. For additional dates and information call toll free **1-800-221-1807** or email **Godisjoy@aol.com**



The Carmelite Sisters invite you to:

“Around the World with Avila Gardens”

Featuring: Italy

Enjoy Live Classical Harp Melodies, Italian Cuisine, Door Prizes, Tours and More!

Sunday April 19th, 11:30 am - 3:00 pm

Call **626-599-2214** or **www.avilagardes.com**

1171 Encanto Parkway, Duarte

Feast of Divine Mercy Devotion

Sunday, April 19th

St. Mel, 1:00 pm, Celebrant: Fr. Michael Sears, Mass, Chaplet, 1st Class Relic of St. Faustina
20870 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills

Our Lady Of Grace Church, 3:00 pm,

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Fr. Tom Feltz, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction

Corner of White Oak and Ventura Blvd., Encino

April Showers

A Luncheon

benefiting Mary Health of the Sick Nursing Home & Convalescent Hospital

Thursday, April 23rd

Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks

For further info, call

Donna 805-498-6795

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**

The **Marriage Encounter** weekend gives you the tools to turn good marriages into GREAT marriages. There are Marriage Encounter weekends scheduled **April 24-26** and **July 31-Aug 1**. Register early to avoid the waiting list! For more information, call **Joe & Karen Greulich @ 661-286-9950** or **Jeanine & Russ Walker @ 805-648-4244**

Sacred Heart Retreat Camp

2009 Summer Camps

Family Camp: June 25-June 28 or July 2-5

Girls' Camp: July 12-19 or July 26-August 2

Call **909-866-5696** for brochure & registration forms. Spaces are limited. Donations are needed to help sponsor a child or family to camp. Please help!

Contributions can be sent to:

SACRED HEART RETREAT CAMP
PO Box 1795, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

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

Spring Tea

St. John Eudes' Womens' Ministry is once again hosting their annual Spring Tea. This year's special guest speaker will be Lauren Kitchens

Saturday, May 2nd, 9:00 am in Grill Hall

Tickets - \$20 per person, go on sale at

St. John Eudes before and after Masses beginning

March 22nd. More Info-**Carly Hermann**

818-903-2707 or **carluann@hotmail.com**