



Dear Friends,

There are no castles, no royal parades, no palaces and no crowns. The Kingdom of Jesus is, to quote the Mass today – “a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.” These are five powerful words – truth, life, justice, love and peace. They are important to all of us. May we live them especially today on this feast of Christ the King. Today is the last Sunday of the church year, with Advent beginning next Sunday

I just wrote a letter to the administrators at Kaiser Hospital in Woodland Hills. I have been visiting parishioner patients there for over twenty years. Sometimes it's very busy with heavy traffic and difficult to find parking. However, close to the hospital, on the ground floor in the parking structure there are a couple of parking spaces reserved for clergy. Almost always one of those spots is empty when I visit and I am always so grateful to the planners who made that possible. I often entertain the thought that I should send them a letter of gratitude. I am not aware of another hospital with reserved parking for clergy. So today, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, I sent them a thank you note. There are of course many institutions and people to whom, for one reason or another, I am very grateful. Topping that list is you. As a parishioner of St. Bernardine, you are a part of the fabric of my life. So I thank God for you, my parish family, you pray with me and I hope for me. I'm so thankful for your volunteerism and support. This Thanksgiving you will be very much in my prayers.

If you have no family here and are going to be alone for Thanksgiving, I invite you to be at my Thanksgiving table. I hope to eat around 4:00 PM so call me if you will join me. 818-888-8200. We will have only one Mass Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 am. What a great way to celebrate the day, see you then.

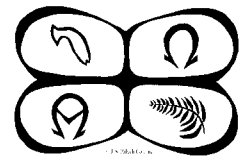
-Fr. McNamara

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

November 22, 2009

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and ruler of the kings of
the earth.

— Revelation 1:5



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development - Today

These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans, these choices are forced by a recent layoff, pay freeze or retirement fund decrease. For 37 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root cause of poverty. More than ever, CCHD needs your support in today's Collection. Thank you for your generosity.



Pumpkin Pie Donations

To everyone donating pumpkin pies for the “Feed the Elderly Thanksgiving Dinner”, you can drop the pies off to us at the church on **Wed., Nov. 25th**, between **6-8 pm** OR directly to the Sagebrush Cantina on Wednesday. Thank you so much for your donations. If you have any questions, please contact **Michael Miller**,
818-702-0148



IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 5/6 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

Dec 19/20 Food Gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
THANKSGIVING BREAK**

We do not have Religious Education classes the week of Thanksgiving, **Tuesday, November 24** and **Wednesday, November 25**.

Classes resume on **December 1 and 2**.
Happy Thanksgiving.

Gifts For the Spirit Gift Shop, will be having a Christmas preview of all the items in the store on Sunday, **November 29th**. Your parish gift shop has greeting cards, statues, books, bibles, music, jewelry, rosaries and gifts for many occasions. Want to brighten someone's day: You may just find that certain something in our store. To uplift the spirit of another. Giving is better than receiving.

The gift shop is located upstairs in the Parish across from the Hall and is open **Sundays** from **9:15 am to 1:30 pm** and **Monday thru Friday** (check in the Parish Center office first) from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.



FOCUS ON NEW AUDIO BOOKS

Traveling this holiday season? Why not take along some audio books? Your library has over thirty plus several new ones.

Two by G.K. Chesterton – The Innocence of Fr. Brown, detective fiction and MANALIVE a classic novel.

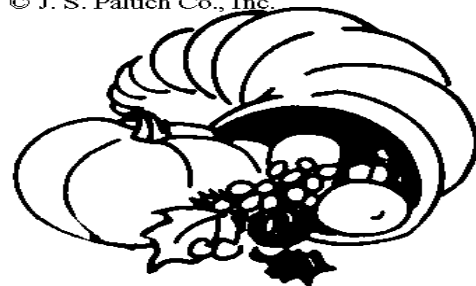
The Salvation is From the Jews – the role of Judaism in salvation history, by Roy Schoeman.

And don't miss Joseph Girzone's, Mediations on the Words and Actions of Jesus.

These and many more are available for your advent and holiday listening pleasure.

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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ATTENTION CAREGIVERS

A new ministry has started at St. Bernardine. Many of us have found ourselves at a time in life where we are providing long term care for a loved one. Therefore, we have started a 'Caregivers Support Group', which is facilitated by Dr. Tracy Carlis, a licensed psychologist. She will help us to share our experiences and concerns. We can all learn from each other how best to function in this trying situation.

The next meeting will be **Thursday** evening **Dec 10** from **7:30 to 9:00 pm** in the Staff Conference Room downstairs in the Parish Hall.

Meetings will continue on a monthly or bi-monthly basis, if there is enough interest.

If you are interested, please call **Charlotte Fuchs** at **(818) 884-3935** or just show up at the meeting on Thursday.

ALTAR CARE - November 27 2009

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



Confirmation

Friday, Nov 20-Sunday, Nov 22: Year One Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, Dec 6th: Year One Candidate Session and Mass, 3:00-6:30 pm, Parish Center

Sunday, Dec 13th: Year Two Candidate Session and Mass, 3:00-6:30 pm, Parish Center

Did you know that the Advent and Christmas stories in the gospels of Matthew and Luke are really "mini gospels" all by themselves? How do they tell us that Jesus is both son of David and Son of God?

Make your Advent really meaningful this year...

Come and explore these stories anew with Dr. Laura Manzo, Professor of Scripture at St. John's Seminary
Two Thursdays: **Dec 3rd & 10th**
7:30 - 9:00 pm in the Parish Center Hall
Bring your Bible!

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

Charlene Fenning, mother of Paul, grandmother of Sabrina & Jacqueline; Hector Marusich, brother of Blanche Gomez; Nicole Mueller, niece of Linda Hoenig; Billy Nichols, husband of Booboo; Tom Lombardo; Lori Reed; Josephine Ramsey; Rita Pound; Carol Sullivan; Marge Kluck; Christy O'Neil; Sue Spaep; Roger Sandy; Joan King; Sonny Kuffer; Brenda Jo Kramer; Laurie Pearson

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls:

David Lillback, husband of Dorothy; Julia Flynn, mother of Ann Culhane



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Mass Intentions For The Week 

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November 22, 2009 thru November 28, 2009
SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 am John Reyes Crispo+

10:00 am Kelli McCoy+

12:00 noon Conrad Dominguez

5:30 pm Vincent Colarossi

MONDAY

6:30 am Sabina Greco+

8:30 am Paula Scidoncillo+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Mrs. Audish+

8:30 am Mark Bigbee+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Helen Gallagher+

8:30 am Lola Anastasia+

THURSDAY

10:00 *Thanksgiving*

FRIDAY

6:30 am Thomas P. Cusack+

8:30 am Tony Amato+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Glen Galbraith+

5:00 pm Thomas P. Cusack+

Concern America Craft Sale

On **Sat. & Sun., Dec. 12th & 13th**, volunteers from St. Bernardine's Peace & Justice Committee are hosting a Concern America Craft Sale with unique, quality handcrafts that provide us with the opportunity to purchase conscientiously. The gifts we find for special events, holidays, or to brighten our own homes are an exchange of caring with impoverished communities in developing countries. The inventory has been refreshed with a number of new crafts and designs. Inspired by nature, these beautifully crafted textiles, ceramics and wood products, honor indigenous traditions and were selected to be reminders that when a Concern American product is purchased we are providing a source of income to materially poor communities; promoting human scale endeavors; eco-friendly work patterns; and fair working conditions. Concern America is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana, CA **714-953-8575**. You may view a selection of their crafts on their website: www.concernamerica.org

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
Coffee & Donuts	Angie Syp	222-1333
Cross Bearers	Dave Goracke	347-0192
Detention Ministry	Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
Environment	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert Nicholas	346-8244
Facilities	John Erlinger	883-4345
Festival Chairpersons	Michelle Sjolander	999-6169
	Todd Borowski	348-5650
Finance Committee	Steve Kiser	999-6711
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	340-5100
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
Sick/Homebound)	Dcn. Dale Taufer	888-8200
Silverado Music Ministry	Jo & Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
School	Peggy Hill	340-2130
Scouting (Boy Scouts)	Gary Bishop	998-7917
(Cub Scouts)	Tony Cassar	999-1063
(Girl Scouts)	Kim Palkovic	992-0737
Senior Luncheon	Karen Brown	591-1520
Social Activities	Janet Barnett	348-6262
Tithing	Frank Loffa	880-8101
Ushers	Donna Forrester	712-9922
Welcoming Committee	Darma Trafecanty	515-2039
Women on the Journey	Jean Sampson	346-8116
Youth Ministry	Andrew Gafvert	710-1662

**St. Vincent de Paul Society
Bundle Sunday**

On Sunday, December 6th, our parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items to St. Bernardine's School Pavilion in the parking lot. Help them in their efforts to assist the needy.

Call them for pick up of heavy items at
323-224-6280 or 800-974-3571



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**Pregnancy
Counseling Center**

**WANTED: Pregnant ladies for
FREE ULTRASOUNDS!**

The **Pregnancy Counseling Center** is looking for women who are **6-28 weeks pregnant** to volunteer for free ultrasounds so that our Center can complete our medical conversion and nurse training. The ultrasounds will be performed under the supervision of a registered sonographer, and you will receive a free picture of your unborn baby.

WHEN? *November 30th - December 3rd or
December 9th - 12th.* Morning and afternoon appointment available.

WHERE: The Pregnancy Counseling Center at 10211 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345
I'D LOVE TO COME!

HOW DO I GET SIGNED UP?

Call **818-895-2500** and ask for **Christie**

**Adopt A Family
Christmas Caring and Sharing**

The St. Bernardine Parish Justice and Peace Committee invites you to participate in the Guadalupe Community Center Adopt a Family program again this year. The number of families in need is greater than ever. If you are fortunate to have a job, please consider helping with a donation of cash or script. No donation is too small. Volunteers will be at the Adopt a Family table after all masses to provide information.



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Crisis Pregnancy Hotline

(800)973-7334

Abortion Recovery Help

(877)467-3463 &

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Holy Family Adoption Services

(805)374-2785



The Carmelite Sisters of Santa Teresita in Duarte present their Annual “*Fantasia Family Festival*,” **Sunday, Nov. 22nd**, from **9:30 am to 3:30 pm** celebrating our *80th year of Service to the Community*. There will be food booths, boutique items, fudge shoppe, live entertainment, activities and shopping for the children, photos with Santa Claus, Raffle prizes and the popular **CLASSIC CAR SHOW!** Admission is **FREE**. For further information, please call: **626-359-3243** or **626-408-7814**



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

Chaminade News

Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

“OPEN HOUSE” - Families are invited to tour the campus, meet the faculty and administrators and experience all that Chaminade has to offer. For more info, call the Chaminade Admissions office **818-347-8300 ext. 355** or visit Chaminade on the web at **www.chaminade.org**

Notre Dame High School OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, November 22nd
10 am - 1 pm**

13645 Riverside Dr., Sherman Oaks
For info: **818-933-3600** **www.ndhs.org**

Louisville High School Open House

Sunday, December 6, 2009

Louisville High School Entrance Exam

January 30, 2010

Families and friends of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are invited to attend Louisville High School’s Open House on **Sunday, Dec. 6th**. Come tour the campus, meet the faculty and enjoy performances by our student singers and dancers. The program will begin at **11:00 a.m.** Please visit **louisvillehs.org** for more information or contact us with questions at **(818) 346-8812**.

Senior Needs Answered by OASIS

Are you, or do you know, a parishioner 65 years of age or older who needs one or more of the following services from a parish volunteer for 2-3 hours per week?

- Companionship or weekly friendly visits
- Regular Telephone contacts
- Assistance with shopping or running errands
- Light Yard work
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Small home repairs

Please call **Sunny or Adele** at **818-340-5100** for further info or assistance about our free OASIS Senior Volunteer Services.

Volunteers Needed for Virtual Rosary Pilgrimage Project

Volunteers, especially catechists, youth ministers, deacons, are needed to assist with a virtual Marian “shrine” pilgrimage and Rosary exhibit.

“*Family Rosary Pilgrimage: Around the World with Mary*” will be held **Dec. 8-11** in the gym at Rancho San Antonio Boys Home, Chatsworth. This project is sponsored by Holy Cross Family Ministries, founded by Servant of God Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC. Volunteers will help set up the exhibits for various displays on the Rosary, greet the children and staff exhibits among other tasks. Call **1-800-299-7729, ext. 2023** or email

FamilyRosaryPilgrimage@hcfm.org

Calling All Moms!

Would you like to meet other Catholic moms, have fun, deepen your faith, and learn tools to make you an even better wife and mother? *Journey Through Motherhood* is a group of devoted, spiritual mothers who meet every **Thursday, 10:00 am-12:00 noon**, at St. John Eudes Church (in Room C of Grill Hall). Join us for a new year of book discussions, guest speakers, the *Dare to Discipline* DVD series, and special days to pamper mom. Free childcare is provided and babies are welcome.