

Dear Friends,

Today, Palm Sunday begins the richest week of liturgies in our church year. It is full of drama, symbols and emotion, all of which are designed to bring us into prayer, into the presence of God and into the love he has for us.

We start the week with the procession of palms today. Tuesday, join the sinners as we confess and rejoice in our forgiveness. Thursday is called Holy – the last supper, the Eucharist is established and feet are washed. Friday, death dominates. There is the story of the Passion, the kissing of the cross and Communion. It is called good because through His death, we are saved. With Holy Saturday the tone changes. The Easter fire, the lighting of the new Easter candle, the blessing of the new Easter water, the baptism of the new converts – it all brings us to the joy of new life and the Risen Christ.

This week of liturgies is meant to fashion us into God's holy people. Please come and be part of the greatest week in the church year. A few words about this Passion according to Mark read at today's mass. One unique detail is found at Chapter 14, Verses 51-52. At the time of Jesus' arrest, soldiers tried to seize one of his followers – a young man wearing nothing but a linen cloth. Terrified, the man left the cloth behind and ran away naked. There is an old tradition that claims the young man might have been Mark himself. No matter who he was, the story conveys how frightened Jesus' followers were and how desperate and confusing the situation was. Whether he was telling on himself or someone else, Mark clearly was saying, "Try to imagine how awful all of this was!" You'll notice too, that in Mark's version, the high priest's servant loses his ear, and Jesus does not heal him as he does in the Gospel of Luke. We are offered no relief from the pain and violence of this awful scene. We must face what our sins have cost. Have a very blessed Holy Week.

Fr. McNamara

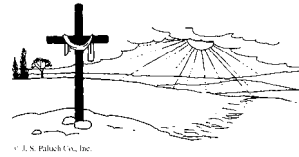
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 5, 2009

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,

becoming obedient to the
point of death,
even death on a cross.

— *Philippians 2:8*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, April 7th, in the Chapel,
beginning at **7:00 am** and ending with
Benediction at noon. On **Holy Thursday,**
April 9th, Adoration will be from
8:45 am-12:00 noon

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**



Good Friday Collection A Cry for HELP!

In the land where Our Lord Jesus Christ chose to be born, where the ultimate loving sacrifice was made by his dying on the cross, and where his glorious resurrection took place...

a desperate cry for help can be heard. For many centuries, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem have been charged with the protection of Christians and the care of our holy shrines, including the Tomb of Christ. On Good Friday, a special collection is taken up worldwide for this very important cause.

Please be very generous this Good Friday, as the needs are especially great due to the unrest in the land of Our Lord. May Our Lady of Palestine bless and embrace you!





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.

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 after-
noons. Classes will resume on April 21st
and 22nd. Enjoy a Blessed Easter.



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

Tuesday, April 7th: What Would Joan (of
Arcadia) Do? **7-9 pm**, Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 8th: Gospel Night,
7-8:30 pm, Parish Hall

Confirmation Preparation Process

Sunday, April 5th: Year Two Candidate and
Sponsor Session, **3:15-5:15 pm**, Parish Hall

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!*

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 Barkes at 818-703-0604 for any
questions.



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.

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 are also 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
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.**



IMPORTANT DATES

April 4/5 - 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.

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

Baby Bottle Fundraiser

This is the last weekend of the Baby Bottle Drive for the **Pregnancy Counseling Center**. If you have not already made your contribution, you still have this weekend to make a tax free donation.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this important non-profit organization. We appreciate all your wonderful support. God Bless.



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



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Mark Kaszynski, son of Don & Joyce; Aurelio Salazar, husband of Rose; Linda Chan; John Bellere; Sharon Roqu; Bob Gebken; Kevin Tarwater; Rabbi Bill Gordon; Barbara Mazur; Marlene Nolte;

Carol Conner; Joyce Angelini; Jim Tomas; Donald James; Amelia Hunt; Patrick Bennett

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls.



Mass Intentions For The Week



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April 5 through April 11, 2009 SUNDAY

7:00 am Shirley Gelinaz+
8:30 am Pro Populo
10:00 am Charles Barkley+
12:00 noon Mark Logsdon+
5:30 pm Donna Bigi+

MONDAY

6:30 am Mark Logsdon+
8:30 am Al Decker+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Peter Chan Kuai+
8:30 am Richard Murkey+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Patricia Costigan+
8:30 am Leonila Morales+

THURSDAY

9:00 am Morning Prayer

FRIDAY

9:00 am Morning Prayer

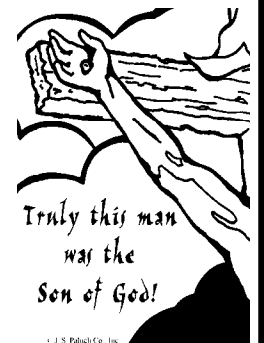
SATURDAY

9:00 am Morning Prayer
7:30 pm Easter Vigil

*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 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

Stations of the Cross will be held at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 10th



Truly this man was the Son of God!

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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

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**.

ALTAR CARE - April 10, 2009
Will & Ann Gartland, Jan Peixoto, Fran Van Buskirk, Sue Vigo and Jan Wheatman



**“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: **\$15 before March 29th;**
\$20 at box office. To reserve your seats call the
Secretariat Office: 213-385-8667

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
To make a reservation call **626-599-2214**
1171 Encanto Parkway, Duarte,
www.avilagardes.com

Possible Indicators of Child Abuse & Neglect
A key to reporting child abuse and neglect is being able to recognize common indicators. In a parent, the following signs may signal the presences of child abuse or neglect: Shows little concern for the child. Blames the child for the child's problems in school or at home. Asks teachers or other caretakers to use harsh physical discipline, if the child misbehaves. Sees the child as entirely bad, worthless or burdensome. To learn more about child abuse prevention, visit:
http://www.archdiocese.la/protecting/index.php.
For particular help, you may call **Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.**

Respect Life

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

April 2009

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 Nursery Care 8:30am and 10:00am NO Preschool RCIC RCIA</p>	<p>6 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am in the Ve- randa</p>	<p>7 Eucharistic Adora- tion 7:00am - Chapel Parish Reconcilia-</p>	<p>1 Religious Educa- tion 4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm</p>	<p>2 Lecture Series: Vatican II 7:30pm in Hall Baptism Class 7:30pm</p>	<p>3 Senior Citizen Mass/Luncheon 11:30am Lenten Meal 6:00pm</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12 Easter Masses: 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm and 5:30pm</p>	<p>13 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am in the Ve- randa</p>	<p>14 Eucharistic Ador- Chapel - 7-12:00 am Bible Study—Library 7:00 pm Parish Council Mtg.</p>	<p>8 RCIA 7:30pm</p>	<p>9 Morning Prayer 9:00am Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm Adoration 8:45-</p>	<p>10 Morning Prayer 9am Stations of the Cross 12:00pm Lord's Passion</p>	<p>11 Morning Prayer 9am Reconciliation 3:00pm Easter Vigil Mass</p>
<p>19 Nursery Care 8:30am and 10:00am RCIC 1st Communion Masses</p>	<p>20 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am in the Ve- randa Justice & Peace</p>	<p>21 Eucharistic Adora- tion- Chapel - 7-12:00 am Bible Study—Library Religious Education</p>	<p>22 Religious Educa- tion 4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 1st Communion at 5:00pm Mass</p>
<p>26 Nursery Care 8:30am and 10:00am RCIC 1st Communion Masses</p>	<p>27 Senior Exercise Class 9:15am in the Ve- randa</p>	<p>28 Eucharistic Adora- tion- Chapel - 7-12:00 am Bible Study—Library Rel. Ed. 4:00pm</p>	<p>29 Religious Educa- tion 4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm</p>	<p>30</p>		