

Dear Friends,

We have some visiting priests around this week whom you may remember from past visits and they have volunteered to help out with the Masses. Fr. Jack Kane from Opelika, AL is visiting his sister, Dottie Barkes and Fr. Thomas Tifft, who teaches at the seminary in Cleveland is visiting his sister, Jan Wheatman. I am very grateful for their helping us during their vacations. My brother, Fr. Leslie, whom many of you remember, will be here for the month of July. He is still teaching in China, since his retirement from High School work in Ireland. He will give another talk about his experiences in China; and you are welcome to come and listen on Thursday evening, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 pm.

Annulments of marriages are one of the misunderstood things about our Church. Two complaints are often made: it is very difficult to get one and you have to have a lot of money. The facts do not support those opinions. In my 41 years as a priest, I have helped many people apply for annulments of their marriages. Not once was a request denied, all were granted. There were some where better testimony was required, but eventually they, too, were granted. With regard to money, the matrimonial department of the diocese does ask for \$500, but if that is a hardship, then the donation is waived.

So how long does it take? The fastest I have seen was eight months but most fall in the range of 12 to 24 months. A petitioner has the ability to speed things up. Obviously the sooner the petition, the petitioner's testimony and required paperwork are turned in, the sooner the process starts. It is important too, to get witnesses to respond promptly. To hurry up and wait makes the entire process faster. And just as a civil divorce is a statement about a marriage, so also in the church; an annulment is a statement about a marriage. It is not saying anything about children born from the marriage. It is simply saying that this union, which we thought had all the ingredients for a valid union was, in retrospect, missing one or more required ingredients. Examples of those would be the intentions of the couple with regard to a lifelong union, openness to children, commitment to fidelity, psychological maturity etc.

Church annulments are only relevant for marriages that are considered valid and that is normally for marriages performed in church. Annulments can also come into play for first marriages, when both people are non catholic. This comes as a surprise to many but we see as valid in the eyes of God the first marriages of our non catholic brethren who are not under obligation to Catholic Church laws to be married in Church. So if you have been thinking of applying for an annulment, give me a call. I am just sitting in my office, twiddling my thumbs, waiting for your call!

-Father McNamara

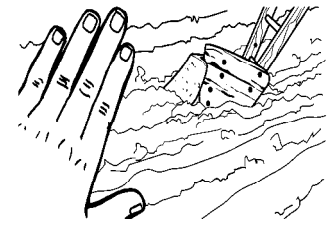


## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27, 2010

“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”

— Luke 9:62



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**Coadjutor Archbishop Jose Gomez** is getting acquainted with the people of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles by celebrating a Sunday Mass at a parish in each of the twenty Deaneries. The Mass for this Deanery will be celebrated at **St. Catherine of Siena Parish**, 18115 Sherman Way, Reseda, at **5:00 pm** today, Sunday, **June 27th**.

There will be a simple reception and an opportunity to greet the Archbishop following the Mass. This will be a bilingual Mass (English-Spanish) and all are welcome to attend and meet Archbishop Gomez.

## PARISH CALENDAR

Would you like to advertise your business on our Parish Calendar? Please contact the Parish Office at **818-888-8200** for further information.

## Peter's Pence Collection-Today

With your help, we can assist the Holy Father with the financial means to respond with emergency assistance to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease.



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## ALTAR CARE - July 2, 2010

Mary Kesterson, Amy Okonski, Tony Palmisano and Angie Syp



**IMPORTANT DATES**

**July 3/4**

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.

**MAGNIFICAT MINISTRY**

Magnificat is a ministry to all Catholic women. Our objective is to encourage growth in our faith and share our experience of God in our lives. We are here to minister to women, whose faith in Jesus Christ allows them to believe in the activity of the Holy Spirit in their lives or to those who may be struggling with their faith.

Magnificat is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and is inspired by the story of the Visitation, Luke 1:39-46. Father Bob Garon serves as Spiritual Advisor for the West San Fernando Valley Chapter of Magnificat. Our next brunch will be held at the **Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills at 10 am, Saturday, August 21st.** Our own parishioners, Ken and Judith Storey Langford, founders of Storey Time Ministries will share their faith journey. Look for a notice in the bulletin in July. Please join us as we share a meal and fellowship.

**Prayer For Priests**

*O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests, for your unfaithful and tepid priests, for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant missions, for your tempted priests, for your lonely and desolate priests, for your young priests, for your dying priests, for the souls of your priests who have died.*

*But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me, those who absolved me from my sins, those at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; those who taught and instructed me, all those to whom I am indebted in any other way.*

*O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, pray for us now and forever. Amen*

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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

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**VIRTUS Re-certification**

A VIRTUS – Keeping the Promise Alive r refresher course will be held in the St. Bernardine parish hall from **7-8:30 pm on Monday, June 28.** Completion of this course is required of all adults who completed the three hour VIRTUS – Protecting God’s Children for Adults course prior to 2007. All clergy, staff, and volunteers who work with or around children or young people are required to be re-certified every four years. Keeping the Promise Alive is the current re-certification course. If you would like to register for this re-certification course, or have any questions about it, please contact **Andrew Gafvert** at **(818) 710-1662** or **stbcym@gmail.com.**

**39th Annual**

**SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention**

Join thousands of Catholics at the 39th Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention “Stand Firm in the Faith” to take place over Labor Day

weekend, **September 3-5, 2010** at the Anaheim Convention Center!

**-FREE** John Michael Talbot Concert on Saturday, **Sept. 4th, 3:30 pm** in the Arena!

**-Fr. Stan Fortuna**, CFR will be performing and speaking throughout the weekend!

Something for the entire family! Online registration available now: [www.scrc.org](http://www.scrc.org)

For more info/brochure, please contact SCRC **818-771-1361** [spirit@scrc.org](mailto:spirit@scrc.org) or

### Share Your Faith!

“Modern teenagers are going to be evangelized and they are going to be converted. The question is, are we going to do it, or are we going to continue to let [the culture] do it?” - Mark Hart

For many Catholic teens, the process of preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation is a conversion experience that awakens them to their Catholic faith. You can help facilitate this awakening! We need more Confirmed Catholic adults, who are seeking to live out their faith authentically; to minister to our young people as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please contact me, **Andrew Gafvert**, Parish Director of Youth Ministry and Confirmation, today at **(818) 710-1662** or **stbcym@gmail.com** to learn more.

I'm waiting to hear from you. God bless you.

### Chili's is Proud to Support 'Catholic Daughters of Americas'

Catholic Daughters is having a fundraiser at Chili's Restaurant on **June 30th, Wednesday, 4:00 pm - 10:30 pm** at **6775 Fallbrook Ave., West Hills**. You must have a coupon from one of the Catholic Daughters. For more info: **Anna Marie Pudwill 818-348-1632** or **Dorothy Kennedy 818-347-8783**

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

Peggy Auer, mother of Jim Auer;  
Diana Chiaverini, Fr. Daniel Fox;  
Char Rardin; Doug Pettibone, Sr., husband of Dodie; Arleen Onken; Jo Ramsey; Rita Pound; Martha Fry; John Hoenig; Michael Sauber; Elizabeth Booths; Ellie Boord; Judith Stroz; Laurie Pearson



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

Mary Helen Corrigan;  
Colleen Ehrin, mother of Kerry;  
Patrick Walsh, former parishioner;  
Agnes Bernosky



## Mass Intentions For The Week



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June 27 thru July 3, 2010  
**SUNDAY**

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 James Lamm+

10:00 am Josephine Senatore+

12:00 noon June Droz+

5:30 pm Novena

**MONDAY**

6:30 am Novena

8:30 am Fr. David Sobieszczyk+

**TUESDAY**

6:30 am Patsy Cortez

8:30 am Jean Austin+

**WEDNESDAY**

6:30 am Roberta Comes+

8:30 am Tati Cardero+

**THURSDAY**

6:30 am Daniella Civitello+

8:30 am Alexis Trafecanty

**FRIDAY**

6:30 am Larry McClean+

8:30 am Joe Sampson+

**SATURDAY**

8:30 am Noli Bunzalan+

5:00 pm John Valtin+



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### Gifts for the Spirit

Your Parish gift shop will be having Christmas in July with Christmas cards at a fire cracker half off price.

Come December, you will be so glad you made your purchase now. For more savings, we will be having a clearance sale with nothing over \$5.00. Come in and 'see and save'.

*Gifts for the Spirit is located upstairs in the Parish Center across from the Hall. The shop is open **Sundays** from **9:15 am - 1:30 pm** and **Monday - Friday** (check in the Parish Center office first) from **9:00 am - 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
Coffee & Donuts	Angie Syp	222-1333
Cross Bearers	Dave Goracke	347-0192
Detention Ministry	Joyce Wright	884-4305
Environment	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert Nicholas	346-8244
EM's for Homebound	Dcn. Dale Taufer	888-8200
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
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	Dcn. 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)	Tony Cassar	999-1063
(Girl Scouts)	Kim Palkovic	992-0737
Senior Luncheon	Karen Brown	591-1520
Social Activities	Janet Barnett	206-8180
Tithing	Frank Loffa	880-8101
Ushers	Donna Forrester	712-9922
Webmaster (St. B's)	Odile Swift	613-0595
Welcoming Committee	Darma Trafecanty	515-2039
Women on the Journey	Jean Sampson	888-7073
Youth Ministry	Andrew Gafvert	710-1662

**Everyone Welcome!**  
**Bible Study-Book of Exodus**  
**Bring your Bible!**  
**Tuesday,**  
**June 22, 2010, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**  
**In the Parish Library**



**FOCUS ON CENTERING PRAYER**

Fr. Thomas Keating is one of the architects of Centering Prayer which is a simple process of praying where one is able to give oneself entirely to God. Centering prayer is one of the most effective means of meditative prayer and is practiced by some St. Bernardine parishioners.

Two excellent books which describe this process and its benefits are:


Centering Prayer – Renewing an Ancient Christian Prayer Form- Fr. M. Basil Pennington.

Centering Prayer and the Healing of the Unconscious—Fr. Murchadh O Madagain-

**These books will be on the special reading shelves**

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 and 12:00 noon Masses**

You're invited to join your St. Bernardine's **Parish Council** for **Coffee & Donuts** on **Sunday, July 11th** after the **8:30 & 10:00 am** masses. This is an excellent opportunity to get info on parish ministries and to speak with council members on any issues, concerns or suggestions that you have. We hope to see you there!



**Theology on Tap**

Young adults, married, single, dating between the ages of 18-39, you are invited to join us for the 10th annual summer series, Theology-on-Tap!

WHEN: **Saturdays, July 17th, 24th, 31st & Aug 7th**

WHERE: St. Mary Catholic Church  
 1527 Fremont Ave., S. Pasadena

TIME: **6:30-8:00 pm**—Doors open at **6 pm**  
 For more info or if you would like to be part of the San Gabriel Regional Theology-on-Tap Team, contact **Vanessa & Louis** at **lvigt-**



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

