

Dear Friends,

Most of the transfers of priests in our diocese occur in July. There are a few new pastors in the valley. The former pastor's names are in parentheses. Our Lady of the Valley welcomes Fr. Arturo Velasco (Fr. Ike Ikeocha). Our Lady of Grace now has Fr. Rolly Jardiniano (Fr. Austin Doran) as administrator. St. Bridget of Sweden, Van Nuys (Fr. Victor Ruvalcaba) and St. Catherine of Siena, Reseda are now twinned with Fr. Paul Griesgraber as administrator of both. The new pastor at St. Euphrasia in Granada Hills is Msgr. Jim Gehl (Fr. Rollo Jardiniano). We pray that these new pastors will have fruitful ministry in their new parishes.

In our diocese there are 620 priests in parish ministry including Diocesan, Religious and Externs. The median age is 60 and the average age is 54. There are 154 retired priests. Retirement for a priest means no more administration. Typically retired priests continue to help out in parish work like our own extraordinary founding pastor Monsignor Murray. The need for vocations to the priesthood is critical. So, while you pray for them don't hesitate to encourage someone you know to consider becoming a priest.

Two weeks ago Bishop Callist Rubaramira from Uganda spoke at all our Masses. He was our annual missionary and was making an appeal for help in his ministry with the many orphans in Uganda. Your generous response of \$14,229.47 was phenomenal. That will make the bishop grin from ear to ear! I bet his gratitude will flow into prayers for the people of St. Bernardine's. I too am so grateful to you. Again and again your faith comes through in such incredible action. Thank you for being a part of the giving spirit of our parish which incidentally crossed a milestone last Friday. While the parish was founded in 1962, it was July 23, 2000, ten years ago, that our new Church and Altar was dedicated. We are so blessed – thanks be to God.

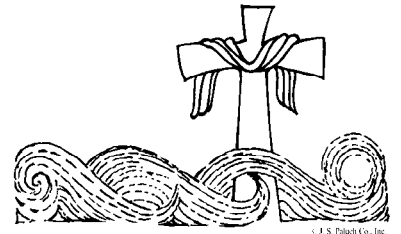
-Father McNamara



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 25, 2010**

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

— Colossians 2:12



A Prayer for Priestly Vocations

*Lord Jesus,
You called chosen men
To be with you, to preach the
Good news of salvation and to
Have authority over the powers
Of darkness. Send your Holy Spirit
Upon the men you have chosen
For the priestly ministry. May they
Answer your call and follow you
With generous hearts. Amen*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

You are being CALLED!

Will you share your Faith with our young people? We are blest to have many returning catechists, however we have 10 teacher and assistant teacher vacancies to fill so that we can start classes in September. As an adult, practicing Catholic, who is living your faith and open to spiritual growth, you are qualified.

We work in teams and can provide you with "hands-on" help and support, lesson plans, teacher guides, resource materials, audio-visual aids, and all the supplies you need. Supporting our parents in passing the Faith to our children is task of the total community. We are totally dependent on volunteers. You are invited to consider being a part of our ministry.

Eileen (818) 340-1440

ALTAR CARE - July 30, 2010

Letizea Amato, Veronica Arce, Cathy Moore,
Anna Marie Pudwill Fran Van Buskirk, and
Helen Worthen



IMPORTANT DATES

July 31/Aut 1 Sandwich Sunday. Bagged meals (sandwich, chips, dessert, fruit) water, socks and blankets will be collected outside Church for distribution to those in need in the San Fernando Valley.

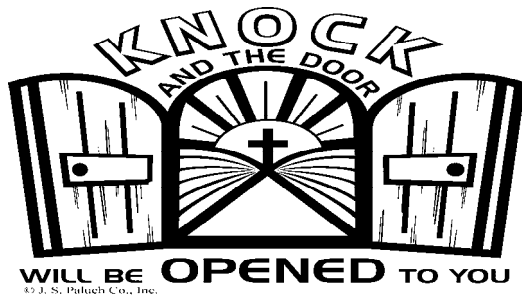
Aug 14/15 Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry

Christians, in particular, realize that their responsibility within creation and their duty towards nature and the Creator are an essential part of their faith. (Pope John Paul II, 1990 World Day of Peace Message, no. 15, on www.vatican.va)

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 Andrew Gafvert, Parish Director of Youth Ministry and Confirmation, today at **(818) 710-1662** or **stbcym@gmail.com** to learn more about this exciting opportunity to share your faith!

WE'RE BACK!!

"Dinner with Friends"

July 25, 2010

Our monthly "Dinner with Friends" after the 5:30 pm Mass resumes on Sunday, **July 25th**.

We will be presenting "Pulled Pork" as the entrée. Once again, a full meal will be included including vegetables and dessert. This delicious meal will be served starting about

6:45 pm in the Parish Center. The cost will again be **\$5.00** per person and beverages will be provided. Tickets for the dinner should be purchased **in advance**, if possible. You may purchase tickets from Bob Nicholas or in the parish center during normal business hours.

Any questions, please call **Bob Nicholas (818) 346-8244**. Hope to see you there!

Gifts for the Spirit

Your Parish gift shop is 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 **9:15am -1:30pm** and*

***Monday - Friday** (check in the Parish Center office first)*

*from **9:00 am - 12:00 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**.



Confirmation Preparation Registration

To register youth for our two year adolescent Confirmation Preparation Process, parents of new first year candidates must attend a parent orientation session (youth do not need to attend). Two parent orientation sessions are being offered: **Sunday, August 1** from **3:00 – 5:00 pm** and **Sunday, August 29** from **3:00-5:00 pm**. Both orientations will take place in the Parish Hall and parents only need to attend one of them. Youth must be in high school in the fall to begin the preparation process. Please contact the parish office of Youth Ministry at **(818) 710-1662** or **stbcym@gmail.com** for more information.

Middle School Religious Education

Our religious education class for grades 7 and 8 combined will be held on Wednesdays from **4:00-5:30 pm** in the parish hall this coming school year. The registration deadline is **Friday, Aug 20**. Please contact the parish office of Youth Ministry at **(818) 710-1662** or **stbcym@gmail.com** to request registration materials. Registration materials are also available at the parish office. Classes begin **Wednesday, September 22**. Volunteers are needed and appreciated.

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



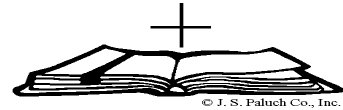
Robert Wilson, Jr; Julie Scherer;
Joan Trafecanty; Pat Pietrowski;
John Hoenig; Yvonne Henriks;
Jenna Shaw; Tara Isabelle;
Cecilia Bellisimo; Char Rardin;
Arleen Onken; Jo Ramsey; Rita Pound;
Ellie Boord; Judith Stroz

Please pray for the happy repose of all souls:

Stanley Strychaz;
Jill Alison Cooke, daughter of Norman;
Michael Capps, friend of the Trafecanty family



Mass Intentions



July 25 thru August 31, 2010
SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 Doris Allen+

10:00 am Rufina Wilson

12:00 noon Faustino Valera+

5:30 pm Benjamin Puno+

MONDAY

6:30 am Evelyn Boyd+

8:30 am Linda Sampson+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Dorothy Dhesse+

8:30 am Dorothy Dhesse+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Andrea Staid

8:30 am Evelyn Boyd+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Irene Geronimo+

8:30 am Nick Vittorino+

FRIDAY

6:30 am Sr. Margaret Fitzer, SSL

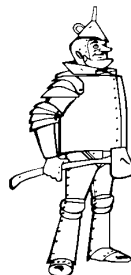
8:30 am Evelyn Boyd+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Kim Sauber+

5:00 pm Giuseppe Schiro+

St Bernardine of Siena-Blood Drive Sunday, August 8, 2010, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Parish Center Hall



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All participants will receive a Daphne's \$5 Gift Certificate & will have a Chance to WIN a region wide Free Gas drawing for a \$500 gift card! (Details at drive).

To Schedule Your Appointment, visit:

BLOOD DRIVE www.redcrossblood.org and enter your sponsor Code:

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Sign up after Church Services with Youth Ministry or Contact Sherry Nikirk with questions at **(818) 992-2005**.

Picture ID is required

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 31st & Aug 7th

WHERE: St. Mary Catholic Church
1600 E. Avenue R-4, Palmdale

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 lvgittens@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 For more info/brochure, please contact SCRC **818-771-1361**

spirit@scrc.org or **www.scrc.org**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In the world today couples become so involved in the day-to-day concerns of their lives -- job, children, home, social activities -

- that they can lose touch with each other and their married relationship. The

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend helps couples discover each other again.

The next WWME Weekends are

July 30 - Aug 1 in Woodland Hills and

Sep 17-19 in Ventura. Please contact

Russ and Jeanine Walker, 805.648.4244

or **walkerrjbp@sbcglobal.net** or

www.wwme.org

"Tour de Vin"

An Evening of Wine and Music

Join the Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce for a wonderful evening of fine wines, hors d'oeuvres and music. They are working with non-profits in our community, including **Angels Way Maternity Home**.

Thursday, July 29, 2010

6 pm – 8 pm

The Hidden Chateau & Gardens

23130 Sherman Way, West Hills

Tickets: \$35/person pre-order or \$40/person at the door

(\$15 will be donated to Angels Way Maternity Home from each ticket sold)

Call **818-346-2229** to order your tickets

MAGNIFICAT

A Ministry to Catholic Women

Fellowship Meal, **Saturday, August 21st @ 10:00 am**, Odyssey Restaurant

15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills

Mail "Magnificat" check for \$30 by **August 10th deadline** to Magnificat, 7616 Pomelo Dr.,

West Hills, CA 91304.

After August 10th, \$34. Questions?

Call **Pat Dunlap 818-346-5460** or

Teri Thompson 805-527-3745.

On-line reservations accepted at

www.magnificatsfv.com

St. Joseph Campus

Tuesday Night Spirituality Series

July 27th-Rev. Adrian Tomlinson

Faith and Belief in Contemporary Society

Topic: Living Our Catholic Faith

August 10th-Rev. Brian Mullady, P.P.

Topic: Making Moral Decisions

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