



Dear Friends,



Have you ever heard a child blow the punch line of a joke? In fact, some adults can ruin a joke by putting the laugh line in too early. If today's parable were a joke, Jesus would have ruined it. Here is Jesus and he has a parable – a story with a message; but he tells us the message before he tells us the story! He must have considered it a very important message. Maybe that's why it's my annual Christmas message to children – don't be greedy, I tell them. Jesus puts it better when he says *"Take care to guard against all greed"*. And in case we don't get that, Jesus follows by saying *"one's life does not consist of possessions"*.

Sometimes life events can bring us to our knees. Often it is a health or family crisis. When that happens and our possessions and power are unable to help us, then we understand that life does not indeed consist of possessions.

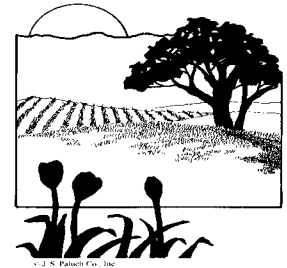
Possessions of course have their place and we cannot live without them. But as our mothers might have said *"money isn't everything"*. That's why in death our money and our possessions do not come with us. Our ownership and relationship with them ends. Some wry wit made the comment that you do not see a U-haul following the hearse! So today is a good day to look at the vice of greed and to sincerely ask if it has some hold on us. Let us live in a way that treasure is important but only the kind we can store up in heaven.

*-Father McNamara*



**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 1, 2010**

Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
— *Psalm 90:12*



**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 NEWS!!  
ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!**

Do you need a challenge?  
Are you looking for a way  
to serve the Lord?  
**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**  
Only a good heart and a willing spirit.  
On the Job training available  
Don't miss this opportunity to join a  
community of adults dedicated to  
helping our youth. The Religious  
Education Program is in need of  
teachers and assistant teachers on  
**Tuesday and Wednesday** afternoons  
from **4:00-5:30 pm.**  
Pray, then call Eileen (818)340-1440.

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

**ALTAR CARE - August 6, 2010**  
Mary Kesterson, Amy Okonski,  
Tony Palmisano and Angie Syp

Christian Service - Justice & Peace - Death Row  
**Sanctity of Life**  
 Detention - Missions of Charity - Respect Life

### 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

### Magnificat Ministry Mass

Fr. Bob Garon, spiritual advisor for Magnificat, will celebrate Mass in the Chapel at **10:00 am** on **Thursday, August 12th**.  
 Everyone is welcome!

### MAGNIFICAT

**A Ministry to Catholic Women**  
 Fellowship Meal, **Saturday, Aug 21st**  
 @ **10:00 am**, Odyssey Restaurant,  
 15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills  
 Mail "Magnificat" check for \$30 by  
**Aug 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](http://www.magnificatsfv.com)

### Bible Study

#### The Book of Exodus

*What do the Rabbis Say?*

Presenter: **Rabbi Gary Oren**,  
 Associate Rabbi at Temple Aliyah

**Tuesday, Aug 3rd,**

**7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

in the Parish Center **Veranda Room**

Everyone Welcome!

Please bring your Bible!

### St Bernardine of Siena-Blood Drive



**Blood Drive**

**Sunday, August 8, 2010,  
 8:00 am to 2:00 pm  
 Parish Center Hall**

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:  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter your sponsor Code: **Stbernardines**

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

Picture ID is required

### What are YOU doing the rest of your life...for the Lord ?



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Consider Eucharistic Ministry as a way to serve God. Ministers are needed to assist at Sunday Masses. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please come to our next training session. This session will take place on **Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 9:00 am** in the church. If you can, come at **8:30 am** and join us for Mass before the training. If you have any questions, please call **Bob Nicholas at (818) 346-8244**.

### Gifts for the Spirit

Your Parish gift shop has the New American Bible paperback Catholic readers edition for \$10.95, a convenient size to carry with you. Last day for Christmas cards at 1/2 price, a considerable savings you will be well pleased with, come December.

*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***

## 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.



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### 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?”*

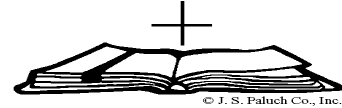
-Mark Hart

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

### 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.

## Mass Intentions



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**August 1 thru August 7, 2010**  
**SUNDAY**

**7:00 am** Pro Populo

**8:30** John Crispo+

**10:00 am** Richard Pittman+

**12:00 noon** Evelyn Boyd+

**5:30 pm** Evelyn Boyd+

**MONDAY**

**6:30 am** Daniel Ruddiman

**8:30 am** Anna & Andy Barry+

**TUESDAY**

**6:30 am** Mai Daly+

**8:30 am** Joe Lelello+

**WEDNESDAY**

**6:30 am** Dorothy Dhesse+

**8:30 am** Gloria Cortez+

**THURSDAY**

**6:30 am** Devon Genova

**8:30 am** Evelyn Boyd+

**FRIDAY**

**6:30 am** Nancy Talbot

**8:30 am** Evelyn Boyd+

**SATURDAY**

**8:30 am** Evelyn Boyd+

**5:00 pm** Marjory Richards+



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

Norbert Grochalski, husband of Shirley;  
Ashlyn Levin, daughter of Kelly & Jon; Robert Wilson, Jr; Julie Scherer; Arleen Onken;  
Joan Trafecanty; Pat Pietrowski; John Hoenig;  
Yvonne Henriks; Jenna Shaw; Ellie Boord;  
Judith Stroz



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

Jose Albert, husband of Marisa;  
Margaret Moriarty, mother of John;  
Phil Jacks, father of Craig;  
Jill Alison Cooke, daughter of Norman

**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
Respect Life	Alise Sue	310-283-2804
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

**Respect Life Ministry Revitalization**

The Respect Life Ministry is having our first meeting! If you are interested in being a defender of life, come to our meeting **Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the **Veranda Room**. For more information contact **Alise Sue** at [alise.sue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alise.sue@sbcglobal.net) or **(310) 283-2804**.



**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

**SAVE THE DATE**

St. Bernardine of Siena  
Presents: Father Greg Boyle  
speaking on his book  
**TATTOOS ON THE HEART**  
**Tuesday, August 24th, 7:30 pm**  
in the Parish Hall

Father Greg Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention agency in the country. He provides jobs and counseling to reformed gang members and offers hope when all hope is lost as is chronicled in his book, **TATTOOS ON THE HEART**. He will read and discuss parts from the book, and afterwards there will be books on sale for him to sign. All Net Proceeds from his book go to Homeboy Industries.

**Gospel Parallel****Monday, August 30th**

St. Bernardine Parish Hall—**7:30-9:00 pm**  
Explore the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and the Gospel of John with Virginia McCarron, St. Bernardine Lector and Spiritual Director. Find out how they differ and similar, who they were written for and what bible scholars have to say about who really wrote the first Gospel. Please bring your bible!

**Changes to Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

July 21st was the last meeting of the Wednesday Morning Bible Study. There will be **no meetings** in August. Classes will resume **every other Monday**, starting **Monday, September 13th, 7:00-8:30 pm** in the Music Room at the Parish Center. Please bring your bible and join us in studying the Gospel of St. Mark!

### 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: Saturday 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](mailto:lvgittens@gmail.com)**

The Justice and Peace Community and Habitat for Humanity want to “thank you” for your generous donations of water and to the volunteers building homes in Pacoima!



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### PARISH CALENDAR

Would you like to advertise your business on our Parish Calendar?

Please contact the **Brent** at

**Catholic Extension 1-800-282-5055 x.6061** for further information.

### A Retreat for Expectant Mothers

**Saturday, September 11th**

Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino

Register by emailing [carla.drozario@gmail.com](mailto:carla.drozario@gmail.com) or calling **818-469-9067**. \$55 includes lunch and materials. *Register by August 14th* for a chance to win a gift!

### Life in the Spirit Seminar

Will be conducted at St. Joseph the Worker church in Canoga Park on **August 7-8 (8:00 am-5:00 pm)**  
Registration is free. Call **Dianne 818-516-1107** or email [sjwcp2007@hotmail.com](mailto:sjwcp2007@hotmail.com)

### Vacation Saving Tips!

Save vacation dollars before you even leave the house!

**First**, turn off the air conditioning or at least set the thermostat to between 85 and 90. Every degree you raise it saves 2 to 3 percent on the cooling portion of your electricity bill.

**Second**, if you have a gas water heater, flip the switch to "pilot" or "vacation." If it's electric, shut it off at the circuit breaker. Why heat water you aren't using?

**Third**, unplug everything (microwave, computer, TV, etc.) *except* the lights you put on timers to deter burglars. According to co-author Thomas Kostigen of "The Green Book", some statistics show if every U.S. household used a timer for 12 hours per day instead of letting their lights burn 24/7 while on vacation, we could save \$187 million in energy costs!

### 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 **[www.scrc.org](http://www.scrc.org)**

### Can I Do Wrong and Get Away With It?

Rev. Brian Mullady, O.P., a specialist in Moral Theology and on questions of nature and grace, will teach on making moral decisions

**7:30pm, Tuesday, August 10th**

St. Joseph Campus

407 N. Granada Ave., Alhambra

Free will offering accepted

For more information please call

**626-289-1353 ext. 302.**

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