

Dear Friends,

There is a classic German painting of Jesus knocking on a door. Curiously there is no handle or knob for Jesus to open the door. It is one of those pictures that captures our imagination and invites us to question the intent of the artist. We wonder about the message and the meaning. Generally the interpretation is something like this: the door is the entrance into our lives and Jesus cannot enter unless we open the door from the inside.

Today's Gospel story is a reversal of that. Jesus, the Master, is already in the house. It is we who are looking to gain entrance into the blessedness of the kingdom of God. Christ will open the door for us and welcome us in if we accept his teaching and are obedient to his commands. In Luke's Gospel, that teaching includes being faithful in prayer while caring for those in need.

-Father McNamara

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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 info.

ALTAR CARE - August 27, 2010

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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2010

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.

Make straight paths for your feet,

that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

— *Hebrews 12:12-13*



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

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts... some people God has designated in the church to be teachers”

1 Corinthians 12



We offer you the opportunity to share your gift of teaching with children in the first and fourth grade on Tuesday afternoons and the second grade on Wednesday afternoons.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Religious Education classes for children in grades 1 - 6, who attend public or private schools will begin on **Tuesday, Sept. 21st** and **Wednesday, Sept. 22nd** from **4:00 - 5:30 pm**. Children learn what we believe as Catholics, how we worship, live and pray. Our sessions also prepare children for the reception of the first sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Registration forms have been mailed to all parishioners. Forms are also available online at **stbernardine.org** and in the parish office For more information please call **Eileen** at **818-340-1440**.



IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 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.

Sept 18/19 Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry



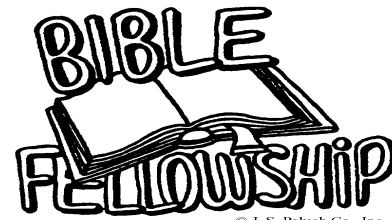
rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults is one of the most significant legacies of the Second Vatican Council. It is, in brief, the process or spiritual journey of faith by which new members come into the Catholic Church. Consequently, it involves, more than passing on knowledge. It involves faith and community sharing, reflection on experience and Gospel values with special emphasis on spirituality.

If you or someone you know are interested in the Catholic Church and you are:

- An unbaptized person
- A baptized Christian of another denomination
- A baptized Catholic never having received Eucharist
- Or if you are interested in becoming more spiritual in your faith

You are invited to join our RCIA Group that will begin **September 15th**. We meet every **Wednesday** evening for two hours starting at **7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall Veranda Room. For further information, please call **818-340-2087**. Someone will call you back. Please spread the word, invite an interested friend to be part of this year's new RCIA journey towards a closer relationship with God.

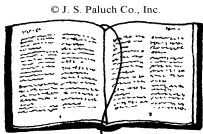


Tuesday Evening Bible Study resumes **Sept 7th** at **7:00 pm** in the Parish Center Chapel. We continue our study of Old Testament with the Book of Leviticus and for this series we will also study its New Testament Commentary: **The Letter to the Hebrews.**

Come and explore how these old rituals and sacrifices continue to affect our understanding of Jesus, the idea of sacrifice and atonement!

Everyone is welcome!

Pick up copies of commentaries outside of church this weekend after all the Masses.



SCRIPTURE
STUDY

Workshop on the Gospel Parallel
Monday, August 30th
St. Bernardine Parish Hall—
7:30-9:00 pm
Call **Virginia McCarron**

818-703-8656 for info! Please bring your bible!

Silent Auction Items Needed!

The 14th Annual Fall Festival is right around the corner and the Silent Auction committee is putting together exciting packages for the **Oct. 8th-10th** event. However, we need your help! We are looking for the following items:

trips, time-shares or weekend stays at hotels, condos, or cabins -- rounds of golf -- sports or entertainment memorabilia -- spa passes -- tickets to sporting events, concerts, theme parks, movie theaters or shows -- restaurant or store gift certificates. If you own your own business or know someone who does, any donations of gift certificates, goods or services would also be greatly appreciated. Remember, all gifts are tax deductible! Lastly, the committee needs baskets of all shapes and sizes, as well as volunteers. If interested or if you have anything to donate, please contact our co-chairs, **Sophia Crescenzi 818-917-6788** or **Valorie Snyder 818-347-0986**.

You can also drop any items off at the Parish Center or school office. Please include a note with your name and address on it for our records. Thank you in advance for your help.

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 on

Sunday, Aug 29 from **3:00-5:00 pm** in the Parish Hall (youths do not need to attend). Youth must be in high school 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 school year. 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**, so please register your child ASAP. Volunteers are needed and appreciated.

Youth Ministry Needs... Everyone's Help

Truly effective parish youth ministry requires a parish of youth ministers! Simply put, youth ministers live their faith in the presence of youth and remind youth that they have a faith to live too. Every member of the parish community that is observed by its young members is a part of this. The example that you set as a member of this faith community and a disciple of Jesus Christ in the world today is far more effective than you may realize.

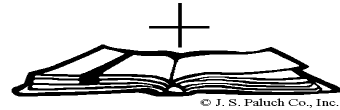
If you would like to take on a more active role in our parish's outreach to youth and their families, please contact the parish office of **Youth Ministry** at **(818) 710-1662** or **stbcym@gmail.com**.

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**.

Mass Intentions



August 22 thru August 28, 2010
SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 Joe Finn+

10:00 am Marilou Pastanac+

12:00 noon Terrance Wetzstein+

5:30 pm Sr. Mary Valentina, OSF+

MONDAY

6:30 am Colleen A. Ehrin+

8:30 am Minnie Bohem+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Colleen A. Ehrin+

8:30 am Peck George Prior+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Jim Tipton+

8:30 am Raymond Andrin

THURSDAY

6:30 am Cesar Espina+

8:30 am Dale Galbreath+

FRIDAY

6:30 am Louise Moon+

8:30 am Aurelio Salazar+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Minnie Bohem+

5:00 pm Mary Helen Corrigan+



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

Eugene Koscinski, husband of Goldie, father of Pat, Mark & Jill; George Suel; Terri Piscitello;

Fr. John Knoernsschild.; Joyce Angelini; Paula Brummett; Helen Ellescas; Joe Norton; Kathryn Seymour; Jenny McLearn; Norbert Grochalski; Ashlyn Levin; Judith Stroz



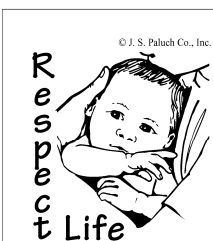
Please pray for the happy repose of all souls:

Konstantinos Papapopoulos, husband of Arleene; Amanda (Mandy) Tanny, wife of George; Karen Keegan, sister of Eileen Schifrin; Timothy Hall, relative of the Barks family

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

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



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

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.scr.org** For more info/brochure, please contact SCRC **818-771-1361** **spirit@scr.org** or **www.scr.org**

Eat and Give!

Take the family out for a great healthy dinner and support homeless pregnant women at the same time! Join us for a **FUN-RAISER** at **Souplantation** to benefit **Angels Way Maternity Home**.

Souplantation will donate 15% of sales to Angels Way when you show the special yellow flyer. Get yours at the back table in the church or contact Angels Way at **(818) 346-2229**.

When: **Wednesday, August 25, 5:00 - 8:00 pm**

Where: **Souplantation**
 19801 Rinaldi Street
 Northridge 91326

Safety Tips for Children Traveling Alone

Take time to discuss appropriate behavior with your child before he or she boards an airplane alone. If another passenger acts in an inappropriate way, be sure that your child knows to inform a flight attendant or other airline representative. Inappropriate behavior on the part of other passengers includes rude, offensive, or threatening comments; inappropriate touching; inappropriate conversations; taking food or other items away from the child; or other behavior that makes the child uncomfortable or fearful. In addition, inappropriate behavior would include any attempt to elicit personal information about the child. Make sure that your child understands that no passenger they meet needs to know things such as their full name, their home address, their telephone number, or where they are going.

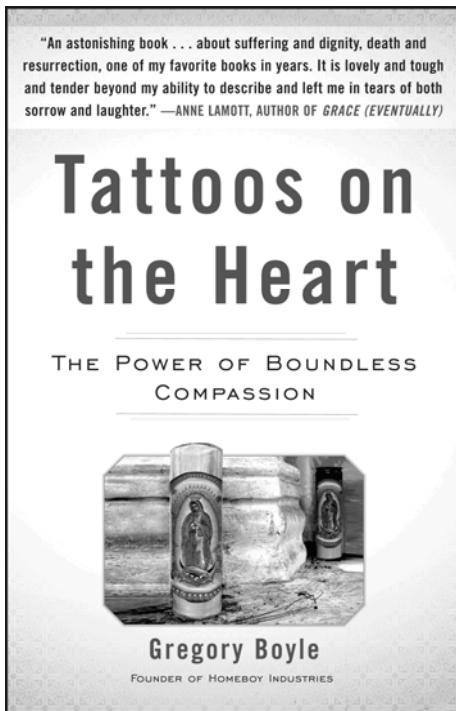
For particular help, you may call **Assistance Ministry** at **213-637-7650**



St. Bernardine of Siena

Presents

An Evening with Father Greg Boyle



Father Greg Boyle will be sharing reflections on his new book, ***TATTOOS ON THE HEART: The Power of Boundless Compassion***.

He condenses his work with gang members—the homies—in the barrio of Los Angeles into a book of amazing stories and essays. He relays, with humor and breathtaking compassion, the heartbreaking and uplifting tales that surround him every day. Arranged by theme and filled with sparkling humor and generosity, it's an inspiring look at how to stay faithful in spite of failure and how to meet the world with a loving heart.

Fr. Boyle hopes to lead people to lives of compassion and kinship no matter who they are or what they've done. As he says, "*God doesn't just love you, it's his joy to love you...he is like a father who can't take his eyes off his kid.*"

This is an extraordinary book—erudite, down-to-earth, and utterly heartening—that amply demonstrates the impact unconditional love can have on all our lives and gives us a window onto the lives of those affected by gang culture, particularly in a spiritual context.

~ THE BOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ~
**THE AUTHOR IS DONATING ALL OF HIS NET PROCEEDS
FROM THIS BOOK TO HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES**

St. Bernardine of Siena Parish Hall

24410 Calvert Street
Woodland Hills
(818) 888-8200

Tuesday, August 24
7:30 p.m.

Father Greg Boyle, a Jesuit priest, is a nationally renowned speaker and an acknowledged expert on gangs and intervention. He also serves as a consultant to youth service and governmental agencies, policy-makers and employers, and has received numerous public accolades and recognitions.

Homeboy Industries, founded by Father Boyle in 1986 and now located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles, is the largest gang intervention program in the country, offering job training, tattoo removal, and employment to members of enemy gangs and has become a national model in its effectiveness.

Please visit www.Homeboy-Industries.org for more information.

Homeboy offers hope to those for whom all hope is lost.

