

Dear Friends,

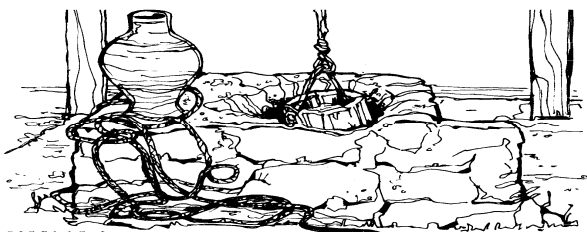


You remember we had our Together in Mission appeal on February 7th with the follow up on February 14th? This is the collection to help the poorer parishes and schools in our archdiocese. Our goal this year is \$116,000.00 and I am thrilled to report that we are 6% over goal in pledges. This cushion over goal is terrific, since the uncertainties of the economy may make it impossible for some to fulfill their pledges over the next five months. Monies over goal stay in our parish. And please, you may still make a pledge, if you wish, and become an important part of our parish outreach. To all who made a pledge, making our parish appeal successful, I am really proud and grateful. I thank God for you.

God's promise to Moses in this week's first reading from the Book of Exodus was that he would free the people of Israel from slavery in the land of Egypt. Now that we've been thoroughly into Lent for a while we have each probably discovered what sins we are slaves to. It is not slavery in the land of Egypt from which we seek liberation. Rather, it is the sin to which we are beholden day after day that needs to be broken by the power of God.

While fasting from food or drink is often in vogue during Lent, it might also be time to fast a bit from some of the noise of our world so that we can have some quiet time for self-reflection. This may be the week to turn off the cell phone or television for a brief period of time and listen to God speak to our hearts.

-Fr. McNamara



Third Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2010

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
 slow to anger and
 abounding in kindness.
 — Psalm 103:8

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

Lenten Soup Supper

Please join us for our Lenten Soup Supper this **Friday night, March 12th** from **6:00-7:15 pm** in the Parish Hall.

The *Stations of the Cross* will follow at **7:30 pm** in the Church.

SOUP

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Thank You for Helping Fight Hunger!

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your generous support of Youth Ministry's fundraising efforts during the 30 Hour Famine last weekend. Your donations after Mass alone brought in nearly \$2,500 to help feed and care for hungry children throughout the world. For more information about World Vision's 30 Hour Famine, please visit 30hourfamine.org. If you would like to donate money to fight poverty and hunger on a more regular basis, please consider doing so through Catholic Relief Services (crs.org/donate), or by sponsoring a child through World Vision (worldvision.org/sponsorship).

ALTAR CARE - March 12, 2010
 Will & Ann Gartland, Jan Peixoto,
 Fran Van Buskirk, Sue Vigo and
 Jan Wheatman



IMPORTANT DATES

March 6/7 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

March 20/21 Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry

March Dinner with Friends

Join us for our special “*St Patrick’s Day - Dinner with Friends*” on **March 14, 2010**, after the 5:30pm Mass. St. B’s fantastic youth from Youth Ministry and St. B’s own “executive” chef, Jeff Paradise and staff will once again be presenting a scrumptious meal. The meal will be served starting about 6:45 in the Parish Center. The cost will again be **\$5.00** per person and beverages will be provided. So that we can have enough food for everyone, please *call and reserve tickets or purchase tickets in advance*. Tickets are available from Bob Nicholas, at the Lenten Soup sessions, or purchase them in the parish center during normal business hours. Any questions, please call **Bob Nicholas (818) 346-8244**.

Hope to see you there!



St. Bernardine of Siena ~ Adult Faith Enrichment ~

Explores

“Jesus, the Gospels, and the Jews”
Anti-Judaism in the New Testament?

Presentations by

Dr. Jeffrey Siker

New Testament Professor and Chair:

Dept. of Theological Studies,

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles



Thursday, March 11

Session 1: Introduction; The Gospel of Luke & The Acts of the Apostles

Additional analysis by:

Rabbi Richard Camras, Shomrei Torah Synagogue

Father Robert McNamara, Pastor St. Bernardine of Siena Church

Thursday, March 25

Session 2: The Gospel of John

Additional analysis by:

Rabbi Stewart Vogel, Temple Aliyah

Father Robert McNamara, Pastor St. Bernardine of Siena Church

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

St. Bernardine of Siena Parish Hall

About our Presenter:

Dr. Jeff teaches and publishes in the area of New Testament studies and has taught in the department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles since 1987. He is the author of five books including *Disinheriting the Jew: Abraham in Early Christian Controversy* and *Scripture and Ethics: Twentieth Century Portraits*. An ordained Presbyterian minister, he is a regular presenter for the Catholic Bible institute, and has been involved in Jewish-Christian dialogue for 25 years.

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Confirmation

Sunday, March 7th: Year Two Candidate Session and Mass, **3:00-6:30 pm** Parish Center

Sunday, March 14th: Year One Candidate Session and Mass, **3:00-6:30 pm**, Parish Center

Sunday, March 28th: Year Two Candidate Session and Mass, **3:00-6:30 pm** Parish Center



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In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish: Carlee Bahr; Teresa McClean, aunt of Peggy Pryor; Dorothea Green; Roger Sandy; Peggy Smith, mother of Ken; Josephine Ramsey; Rita Pound; Joe Freas; Ted Bonich; Tony Susca; Rob Christie; Kim Hargraves; Dorothy Dhesse; Ron Garifo



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls: Sr. Bernadette Murphy, SSL; Joan Ann Abarcar, wife of Charles, sister-in-law of Ramon & Cindy Reyes; Shirley & Clair Jones, sister & brother-in-law of Mary Joyce Cellner

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Mass Intentions For The Week



March 7 thru March 13, 2010 SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo
8:30 am John Crispo+
10:00 am Bob Gebken+
12:00 noon Mary Azarloza+
5:30 pm Martha Sheern+

MONDAY

6:30 am Bob Mack+
8:30 am Philip Giraldin+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Eva Strott+
8:30 am Mary Shuryin+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Dan Jones
8:30 am Mary Shuryin+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Theresa Gaudier+
8:30 am Jake Kopinsky+

FRIDAY

6:30 am Barbara Nowicki
8:30 am Prisma Contreras+

SATURDAY

8:30 am James Munoz, Sr.+
5:00 pm Al Ferraro+

Magnificat will hold its Intercessory Prayer meeting at **10:00 am** in the Veranda Room on **Thursday, March 11th**

Don't Forget! Sunday March 14th



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Babysitting Volunteers needed for 8:30 & 10:00 am Nursery Care. Please call Carole 818-999-3764 or Michelle 818-207-5441.

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	Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
Environment	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert Nicholas	346-8244
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
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	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	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
Sick/Homebound)	Dcn. Dale Taufer	888-8200
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
Welcoming Committee	Darma Trafecanty	515-2039
Women on the Journey	Jean Sampson	888-7073

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, March 20th -
Save the Date!!!

**The Wild Bunch Saloon &
Casino Spring Event 6:30 pm**
Cactus Mac's Parish Hall

**CASINO NIGHT**

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**Crisis Pregnancy Hotline**

(800)973-7334

Abortion Recovery Help

(877)467-3463 &

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Holy Family Adoption Services

(805)374-2785

**FOCUS ON SPIRITUAL BOOKS BY
FR. RONALD ROLHEISER**

Rolheiser, an Oblate priest, has written several books on spirituality which may be useful for your Lenten reading. We will focus on two of his books this week:

Against An Infinite Horizon – The Finger of God is in our everyday lives. This book speaks to those who seek inner peace but have a restless yearning for God. An instruction on how to handle life's hurts.

The Holy Longing – The Search for Christian Spirituality. A book for those searching to understand what Christian Spirituality means and how to apply it to our own lives.

These books and others will be on the special reading shelves in the Library.

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**

How to Find a Job “Workshop”

Take a crash course on “How to Find a Job” on **March 13th 9:00am - 12:00pm**, St. Bernardine Parish Center! You will learn:

- Using the internet for job hunting
- Interviewing techniques
- Negotiating compensation

Job seekers of all ages and experience levels are invited to attend. A donation of \$10.00 per participant to cover printing and refreshments would be appreciated. Please RSVP

818-347-4737 or elicia@woodlandhillsc.net, if you plan to attend.

The **PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTER** seeks women who are 6-28 weeks pregnant for **FREE** limited obstetrical ultrasounds to complete our nurses' training. The ultrasounds will be performed under the supervision of licensed Medical Sonographers.






WHERE: The Pregnancy Counseling Center
10211 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345

WHEN: **March 10 & 11th** (Wed. & Thurs..)

Morning and afternoon appointments available.

CONTACT: 818-895-2500 and state you'd like to be a pregnant model during our training.

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Senior Exercise Class 9:30am	2 Euch.Adoration 7:00am-Chapel Rel Ed 4:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm-Veranda Room	3 Bible Study 9:15am Library Rel Ed 4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm	4 Baptism Class 7:30pm Prayer Workshop 7:30pm	5 Senior Citizen Mass/Lunch 11:30am Lenten Meal 6:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm	6 Bunco Night 6:30pm
7 Nursery Care 8:30am & 10:00am RCIC	8 Senior Exercise Class 9:30am	9 Euch.Adoration 7:00am-Chapel Rel Ed 4:00pm Parish Council Mtg. 7:30pm	10 Bible Study 9:15am Library Rel Ed 4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm	11 Inter-Faith Meeting-7:30pm	12 Lenten Meal 6:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm 	13 Religious Education Parents' Retreat
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21 Nursery Care 8:30am & 10:00am RCIC Cub Scout Blue & Gold Dinner	22 Senior Exercise Class 9:30am	23 Euch.Adoration 7:00am-Chapel Rel Ed 4:00pm	24 Bible Study 9:15am Library Rel Ed 4:00pm RCIA 7:30pm	25 Inter-Faith Meeting-7:30pm	26 Lenten Meal 6:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm 	27
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Knights of Columbus

You're invited to a
St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
 21433 Strathern St., Canoga Park, CA on
March 13th
 Live Carman Frasca Band/Irish Dancers
 \$20.00 per person
 Tickets will be sold after the 10:00 am Mass on
 Sunday, March 7th.
 Jim Lopez, 818-312-6438

Spring Fling Boutique & Luncheon

Featuring gifts for the home, Easter decorations, clothing, jewelry, collectibles, baked goods and more!
Friday, March 19th, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
 St. Anne's Foundation Room
 155 N. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles
 Box lunch catered by Marie Callenders' -\$16
 If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to
Christina Essex 310-821-0108 (RSVP deadline is March 12th and is non-refundable)