

Dear Friends,

It's seventeen years and one week since the Northridge earthquake. If you lived through it, you will never forget it. At that time here, Msgr. Dotson was pastor and that earthquake changed the course of St. Bernardine's history. It led to a couple of years of Sunday Mass in a tent on the lawn, until the rebuilding of our beautiful church. Obviously, we have bounced back.

The people of Haiti will not be so lucky. To watch or read the news is to see one terrible sadness after another. With so many people living in utter poverty, they lack the resources we had that enabled us to bounce back; and so they are subject to despair and hopelessness. Last Sunday at all the Masses and without previous announcements, we asked for financial help for Haiti. Your response was magnificent and close to \$20,000.00 was collected. One envelope was stuffed with a fistful of crumpled bills, including some movie stubs, almost \$100. Did some generous soul just empty their pockets? May God bless that person and all of you who gave. I am expecting and praying that many more of you will give today or next week.

Your donations will be sent to Fr. Tom Hagan who, before the earthquake, was feeding and teaching 6,700 children in the slums of Port au Prince. Fr. Tom ducked under a metal table when the earthquake started and was unhurt. Some of his team were not so lucky. Our parish has supported him for the last few years through our Tithing. (Check our website to see where all our Tithing money goes.) You can read about Fr. Tom on his web site –

www.handstogether.org. And, you can of course, if you wish, send Fr. Tom your donation directly instead of through the parish.

Another great way to give to Haiti is through CRS – Catholic Relief Services and you can learn more about them at **www.crs.org** If we did not already have a contact in Haiti, this would have been our first choice.

If you have a favorite charity other than the above, you can check them out at **www.charitynavigator.org** This independent organization rates hundreds of charities in the



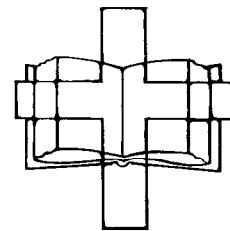
US and gives them a star rating. Fr. Tom gets a four star, their highest rating. If you don't have a computer and would like to check these sites, come to our library any Sunday or weekday mornings. In the midst of catastrophes like Haiti, one thing always gives me optimism, and that is that there is such caring from the nations of the world for victims of natural disasters, in this case the people of Haiti. It shows that deep down we know we are all God's children and I pray we will help them until they can stand on their own feet.

-Fr. McNamara

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 24, 2010

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

— Luke 4:18a



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

Today is **Life & Dignity Sunday**

Today is *Life & Dignity Sunday* in the San Fernando Region. It is a day that Bishop Gerald Wilkerson has designated for us to focus on the Catholic responsibility to be good and engaged citizens. You have been invited and had the opportunity to register for a statewide Catholic Legislative Network, which is to be a strong, clear, moral voice for life and justice in our state. We thank you for registering, if you did, and for your patience and forbearance if you did not. If you did register, we hope that you will be faithful in responding to the Action Alerts that will come asking for your assistance on important issues. If you missed signing up today, you can still register on line at

www.cacatholic.org

ALTAR CARE - January 29, 2010

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

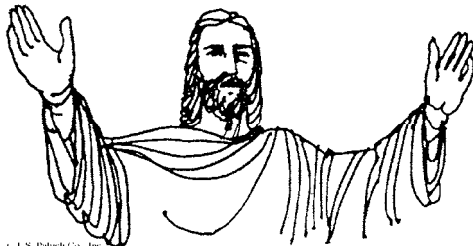


IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 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.
- Feb 20/21** Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

The Book of Genesis
 continuing 7:00 - 8:30 pm
 in the **Parish Library**.
 Everyone Welcome!
 Please bring your Bible!



FOCUS ON FUTURE TRENDS FOR THE CHURCH

John Allen in his book The Future Church has listed ten trends that will shape the direction the Church will takeover the next century. The trends are:
 A World Church The Biotech Revolution
 Evangelical Catholicism Globalization
 Spread of Islam Ecology
 The New Demography Multipolarism
 Expanding Lay Roles Pentecostalism
 He summarizes these trends into four major themes. The Church in the future will be: **Global** in nature, **Uncompromising** in thought, more **Pentecostal** in form and **Extroverted** in action. An interesting perspective on the future. See it on the library 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, 12:00 noon

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Have you noticed the bassinet in the vestibule filled with baby bottles? This important non profit organization is committed to serving girls in the San Fernando Valley. Please support this life given tax deductible cause by picking up a bottle after Mass and return it the next two Sundays with your donation of cash, coin or check, payable to PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTER. Thank You and God Bless You!!!

Dinner With Friends

January 24, 2010

Join us for our first "Dinner with Friends" of 2010. We will be dining after the 5:30 Mass today, **Jan. 24th**. The Youth Ministry and St. B's own chef, Jeff Paradise, will be presenting an "Italian Meal", consisting of Minestrone Soup, Baked Ziti, Italian Sausage, and Tiramisu for 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. Any questions, please call **Bob Nicholas, (818) 346-8244**.

Happy New Year! Hope to see you there!



St. Bernardine of Siena School 2010-2011 New Student Open Enrollment

Applications are now available at the school website at **www.school.stbernardine.org** and will be available in the school office **beginning Jan 4th**. Application deadline is **January 31, 2010**

Application Sunday - Jan 31st 10:00—12:00

Catholic Schools Week begins with "Application Sunday". Those interested in applying for St. Bernardine of Siena School for the 2010/2011 school year are invited to tour the school.

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Confirmation

Sunday, Jan 24th: Year Two Candidate Session and Mass, **3:00-6:30 pm**, Parish Center

Sunday, Jan 31st: Year One Candidate Session and Mass, 3:00-6:30 pm, Parish Center

St. Bernardine

Adult Series On the Sacraments
Wednesday evenings in the Parish Hall
 From 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Jan. 27 - **The Eucharist** —

Father McNamara, Our Pastor

Feb. 3 **Holy Orders and Matrimony** -

Paul Ford, Professor, St. John Seminary,
 author of "A Companion to Narnia"

You are invited to either and/or both of
 these discussions.

Refreshments will be served.

Altar Server Training

Altar Server training for Weddings and
 Funerals will take place in the church on

Friday, February 5th at 1:00 pm and

4:00 pm. The duration of the class should be approximately 1 1/2 hours, depending on class size.

Please RSVP by calling the Library with the time and session you wish to attend.

(818) 884-2736 - Maria Giammatteo



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

Alvaro Valdez, husband of Maria; Roger Sandy; Alegria Reyes; Diane Stone; Rosita Cornelio;

Suet-Hing Wong; Shirley Jones; Gail Shaw; Joe Scardino; Lori Reed

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls:

Jim Boord;
 Lucille Villanueva, mother of Toni Mattock;
 Joseph Sica, uncle of Suzanne;
 Anna Sarnataro



Mass Intentions For The Week



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January 24 thru January 30, 2010
SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 am Bill Moorman+

10:00 am Rosita Rodriguez+

12:00 noon Alexander Brennan+

5:30 pm James Parks+

MONDAY

6:30 am Bob Mack+

8:30 am Thomas Rainone+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Barbara Reiss+

8:30 am Tony Famini+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Alexander Brennan+

8:30 am Rosita Rodriguez+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Alexander Brennan+

8:30 am Lou Rauchenberger+

FRIDAY

6:30 am Bob Gebken+

8:30 am Alexander Brennan+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Benjamin McNael

5:00 pm Al Ferraro+

ATTENTION CAREGIVERS

Many of us have found ourselves at a time in life where we are providing long term care for a loved one. Therefore, we

have started a 'Caregivers

Support Group', which is

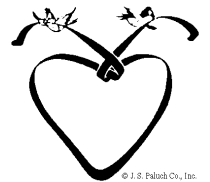
facilitated by Dr. Tracy Carlis, a licensed psychologist. She will help us to share our

experiences and concerns. We can all learn from each other how best to function in this trying situation. The next meeting will be

Thursday evening Jan 28 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the Staff Conference Room downstairs in the Parish Hall. Meetings will continue on a monthly or bi-monthly basis, if there is enough

interest. If you are interested, please call

Charlotte Fuchs at (818) 884-3935 or just show up at the meeting on Thursday.



ST. BERNARDINE'S PARISH LEADERS

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| 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 | 348-6262 |
| Tithing | Frank Loffa | 880-8101 |
| Ushers | Donna Forrester | 712-9922 |
| Welcoming Committee | Darma Trafecanty | 515-2039 |
| Women on the Journey | Jean Sampson | 346-8116 |
| Youth Ministry | Andrew Gafvert | 710-1662 |

Gifts For the Spirit

Your Parish gift shop will have Christmas cards and Christmas items at **50% off** until the end of January. New stock coming in will include Valentine's, First Communion and Confirmation gifts.

The gift shop is located upstairs in the Parish across from the Hall and is open **Sundays** from **9:15 am to 1:30 pm** and **Monday thru Friday** from **9:00 am to 12:00 noon** (check in the Parish Center office first).

HELP NEEDED-NURSERY CARE

Babysitting Volunteers needed for

8:30 and 10:00 am

Nursery Care.

Please call **Carole** at **818-999-3764** or **Michele** at **818-207-5441**



Cross Bearers Welcome

Did you make a New Year's resolution for volunteer work? Do you need service hours for school or confirmation? Or do you hear that whispering call to serve others?

Whatever the reason, the cross bearer ministry could use your help. The service is easy, convenient and flexible. If you are interested, please call **Dave Goracke** at **818-347-0192**

Mark Your Calendars

Adult Faith Enrichment presents Rabbi Arthur Rosenberg speaking on the **BOOK OF JONAH**, **Thursday, February 11th**, at **7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. Rabbi Rosenberg is the Rabbi/Chaplain of the Motion Picture and Television Fund in Woodland Hills. For many years, he was head of adult education for Temple Judea.

Interfaith Activity with Temple Aliyah and Mohammadi Center

Join with members of Temple Aliyah and the Mohammadi Center in Social Action Projects for the Environment next **Sunday, January 31st**. The day includes weeding, planting and native plant restoration at Paramount Ranch (**9:00 am - Noon**) harvesting grapefruit at Orcutt Ranch for donation to local food pantries (**Noon - 2:00 pm**) and assisting the residents of Silverado Assisted Living Facility in decorating and filling flower pots (**1:00 - 3:00 pm**). Look for the display in front of Church after Mass today for more information and to sign up to participate.



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

Would you like to help seniors and their caregivers in your own parish and make a difference?

- Become an **OASIS** (Older Adult Services and Intervention System) **Volunteer!**
- **OASIS** is a **Catholic Charities Program** operating through the Guadalupe Community Center in Canoga Park. We offer services to parishes in the West San Fernando Valley.
- We help seniors and their caregivers in your own parish by providing free 2-4 hours per week a wide variety of the following services:
 - . **Friendly home visits**
 - . **Shopping escorts**
 - . **Transportation to MD or Dental appointments**
 - . **Minor home repairs**
 - . **Light yard work**
- The next OASIS New Volunteer Training for our parish will be held at the Guadalupe Community Center at 21600 Hart Street in Canoga Park on the following two Saturdays, **Feb. 6th & 13th**. New volunteers need to attend both sessions. A complimentary breakfast and lunch will be served at both sessions plus free materials will be provided.
 - Saturday, Feb, 6, - 8:45am - 1:00pm**
 - Saturday, Feb. 13—8:45am - 1:00pm**
- Please join us and make a difference! Please contact Adele or Sunny at our OASIS Volunteer program office at 818-340-5100 to make a reservation and for more information.

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Saturday, **March 20th** -

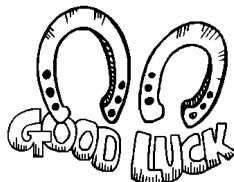
Save the Date!!!

The Wild Bunch

Saloon & Casino Spring
Event

6:30 pm

Cactus Mac's Parish Hall



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Census Testing - P/T Job Opportunity

As you know, the United States Constitution mandates that we count everyone in the country every 10 years. Federal funding for schools, roads and other projects is allocated using Census results. Private industry uses census data to determine where to locate new facilities and what services to offer. All apportionment of Congressional seats and state legislative seats in California is determined using Census data. And the Archdiocese uses Census data to determine which parishes qualify for subsidies!!

A short questionnaire will be sent out in March, with a due date of April 1st for return. Those who do not return their questionnaires will get a visit from one of the estimated 1000 enumerators we will *hire*. We are currently testing people to perform that task (as well as some limited number of office jobs). The test is 30 minutes, 28 multiple choice questions.

We urge people to view the sample test on line, as well as application materials. The website address is www.2010censusjobs.gov. The pay for enumerators is **\$17/hour plus \$0.50/mile**. The work is very temporary and may last a couple of weeks.

This is a great opportunity to help your community and your country, and earn a few bucks as well!! We look forward to seeing you on **Jan 30 at 10:30 am or 1:00 pm** in the Veranda Room.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS

Chaminade H.S. - Jan 30th (8:00am to 12:00pm) For more info -Admissions Office at **818-347-8300** or www.chaminade.org

Crespi Carmelite H.S.—Jan 30th & Feb 6th
For more info—**818-654-1329** or rkodama@crespi.org

Louisville H.S. - Jan 30th
For more info **818-346-8812** or louisvillehs.org

Notre Dame H.S. - Jan 30th
For more info **818-933-3600** or www.ndhs.org

Bishop Alemany H.S. - Jan 30th or Feb 6th
9:00 am—12:00 pm
For more info **818-837-522** or **881-837-5224** or Admissions@alemany.org