

Dear Friends,

Lent is coming to a close. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and weather permitting, we will bless palms outside Church before each Mass. It is also the Sunday when we have the long reading of the Passion of Christ, a powerful testament of the Lord's love for us. Thus begins Holy Week. You should have received the Holy Week Schedule in the mail and I hope you will attend as many of the special services as possible.

Church law requires that a bishop submits his resignation to the Pope when he turns 75. Cardinal Roger Mahony did that just last month so our diocese will have a new archbishop appointed "soon". Meanwhile the Council of Priests have written a prayer that I suggest we pray daily.

*LORD, GOD,
You are our eternal shepherd and guide.
In your mercy, grant to the Archdiocese
of Los Angeles,
A shepherd who will walk in your ways,
And whose watchful care will bring us
your blessing.*

*In your love for us,
Give us the joy of receiving a shepherd
Who will be an example of goodness to
your people
And who will fill our hearts and minds
with the truth of the Gospel.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.*

Amen

-Fr. McNamara

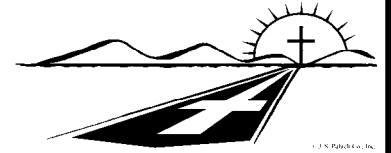


Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2010

I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord.

— *Philippians 3:8*



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Everyone Welcome!

Bring your Bible!

**Thursday, March 25, 2010,
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Parish Center Hall
"Jesus, the Gospels and the Jews"**

An exploration of the question of
anti-Judaism in the gospel of John

Speaker: *Dr. Jeffrey Siker,
LMU Theological Studies Dept. Chair*

Commentary and Response:
*Rabbi Stewart Vogel, Temple Aliyah
Father Robert McNamara*

Lenten Soup Supper

Please join us for our
Lenten Soup Supper this
**Friday night, March
19th from 6:00-7:15 pm**
in the
Parish Hall.

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



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ALTAR CARE - March 26, 2010

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



IMPORTANT DATES

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

April 3/4 Sandwich Sunday. Bagged meals (sandwich, chips, dessert, fruit), water, socks and blankets will be collected at all the Masses for distribution to those in the San Fernando Valley.

ATTENTION CAREGIVERS!

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday evening, March 25th, 7:30-9:00 pm** in the *Veranda Room in the Parish Center*, which will be facilitated by Dr. Tracy Carlis, a licensed psychologist. She will help us to share our experiences and concerns. Future meetings will be held the **4th Thursday** of each month, until further notice.

Please call **Charlotte Fuchs 818-884-3935** or **Deacon Steve Ellms 818-340-2087** if you are interested or have questions.



Gifts for the Spirit, your Parish gift shop was established for your convenience. We have Lenten books for reflection. First Communion gifts will be in the store soon. Greeting cards, St. Patrick and St. Joseph cards are reasonably priced. Stop in and see us, browse or just visit. We can also have your broken rosaries fixed for you "free of charge".



St. Bernardine's School Proclaims Great News

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

St. Bernardine of Siena School would like to share our recent accomplishments with our parish family. Our Archdiocesan supervisor informed us that the students of St. Bernardine School received the highest test scores on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills in our region. This is a national test taken by all public and private schools.

All of our 8th Grade students were accepted into the Catholic High School of their choice. Many students qualified for honors classes, and they received honors at entrance, and leadership scholarships.

All seven of our Destination Imagination Teams received medals at the recent regional competition in March and six teams will compete at the State Finals in April.

We are extremely proud of all of our students, faculty and staff.

Tradition of the Pretzel
Pretzels had their beginning the in the 6th century at an Italian monastery. A young monk was preparing unleavened bread for Lent and creatively twisted scraps of bread dough to resemble arms folded in prayer. He names his creation Pretiola, a Latin word meaning "little reward," and gave it as a treat for the children who recited their prayers. The pretzel is often served during Lent to remind Christians of their faith.

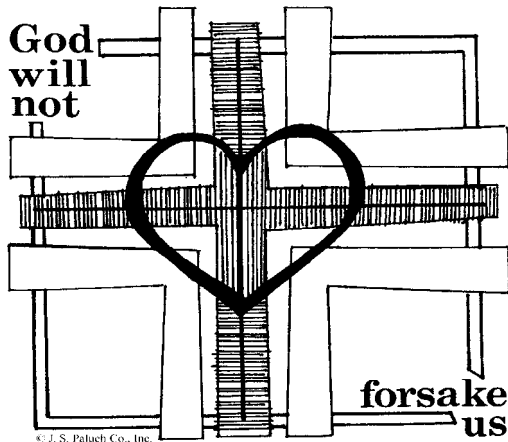
Confirmation

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

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



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

- Doris Allen, mother of Bob;
- Leslie Frankenheimer;
- Max Foster, Sr.; Esta Prager;
- Iris Li; Art Pfeifer; Mary Helen
Corrigan; Joyce Angelini; Carlee Bahr;
- Teresa McClean; Dorothea Green;
- Roger Sandy; Peggy Smith; Rita Pound;
- Josephine Ramsey; Joe Freas;
- Ted Bonich; Tony Susca; Rob Christie;
- Kim Hargraves

Please pray for the happy
repose of the souls:

- Bob Perock, husband of
Gloria, grandpa of Hannah
Spencer;
- Colette Jouen, aunt of Odile Swift



Mass Intentions For The Week



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March 21 thru March 27, 2010
SUNDAY

- 7:00 am Pro Populo
- 8:30 am Jeff Forrester+
- 10:00 am Ambrose Didelow+
- 12:00 noon Robert Ciancaglini+
- 5:30 pm Normand Morin+

MONDAY

- 6:30 am Eugene Houghtaling+
- 8:30 am Ed Rodriguez+

TUESDAY

- 6:30 am Annie Saludares
- 8:30 am Eric Reiner & Tim Gillory+

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 am Connie Cross
- 8:30 am Michael Miller+

THURSDAY

- 6:30 am Bo Biggart+
- 8:30 am Sandra Maria Carlson+

FRIDAY

- 6:30 am Michael Miller+
- 8:30 am Michael Miller+

SATURDAY

- 8:30 am Michael Miller+
- 5:00 pm Michael Miller+

St. Bernardine's Mommy & Me Playgroup

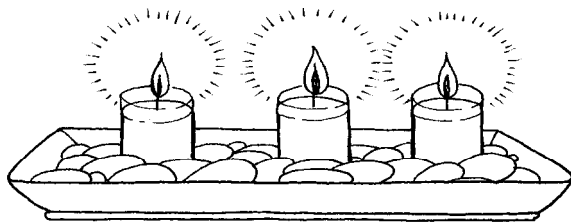
A great way to meet other moms and for infants and toddlers to meet other children their ages, learn to play together, and make friends. Contact Kari Lovequist at (818)710-1484 or e-mail lovequist@sbcglobal.net. We hope to meet you and your children soon!

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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
Youth Ministry	Andrew Gafvert	710-1662



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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:****THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH**

In John Allen's book The Future Church, he devotes a summary chapter to an assessment of how Catholicism in the 21st Century will look. He sees the Church as becoming increasingly global which he describes as heavily influenced by Africa, Latin America and Asia. He also sees it as becoming more conservative, less western, non white, and non affluent. He identifies several areas that will separately or together define the Church of the future.

- * Relationship to Islam –many challenges ahead
- * Aging demographics in the global north and west
- * New ethical questions related to biotechnology
- * Social justice/environment- many issues and challenges
- * International relations will challenge Vatican diplomacy

An interesting, provocative summary and recommended reading

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**

Senior Needs Answered by OASIS- (Older Adult Services and Intervention System) Parish Volunteers

Are you, or do you know, a parishioner 65 years of age or older who needs one or more of the following services from a parish volunteer for 2-3 hours per week?

- Companionship or weekly friendly visits
- Regular telephone contacts
- Assistance with shopping or running errands
- Light yard work
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Small home repairs

Please call Sunny or Adele or Susan at 818-340-5100 or at oasisguadalupe@yahoo.com for further information or assistance about our free OASIS Senior Volunteer

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN, THE VALLEY CIRCLE PEDESTRIAN GATES WILL BE LOCKED FROM MONDAY, 8:00 AM THROUGH FRIDAY, 5:00 PM, DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Upcoming Retreats

Scenic Serra Retreat in Malibu is offering the following retreat opportunities in

April and May, 2010:

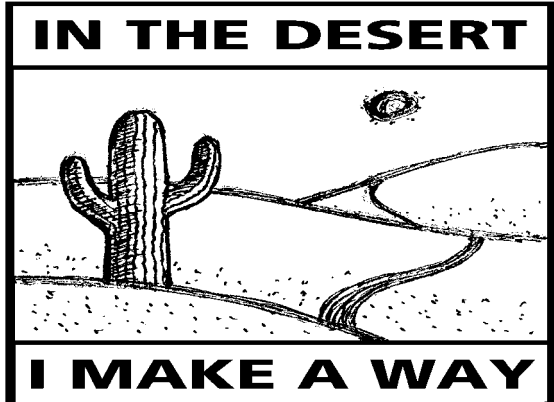
Women's Retreat - April 9-11, 2010

Men's Retreat - April 23-25, 2010

Hispanic Men's Retreat - May 5-9, 2010

Married Couples' Retreat - May 14-16, 2010

For further information or registration, please call 310-456-6631 or www.serraretreat.com



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Louisville High Spring Musical
 It is time for Louisville HS Spring Musical. This year's musical is Valerie Dunlap's World Premier of "Our Time" Music by Stephen Sondheim. Show times are
Tuesday, March 23rd thru March 27th, 7:30 pm.
 Tickets are \$5 for Students/\$10 for adults, and can be purchased at the door or in the front office during school hours.

Relay For Life of Woodland Hills

Saturday, April 17th at 9:00 am -

Sunday, April 18th at 9:00 am

Pierce College

Please join us? Register or Call Today:

www.RelayForLife.org/WoodlandHillsCA

Yvette Peterson, Volunteer Event chair

818-378-3068, Ywpeterson@gmail.com

Sonia Lopez, RFL Manager

818-447-7778, Sonia.Lopez@cancer.org

Join a Team! Camp Out for a Cure!

Light a Life with Luminaria!

Celebrate Survivors!