

Dear Friends,

The Feast of the Ascension celebrated today is about Jesus, having risen from the dead, ascending to his Heavenly Father. Where he has gone, we hope to follow. Next Sunday then will be Pentecost, arguably the most important feast of the Church year; when we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit. We give thanks to God that at the 5:30 pm Mass on Pentecost, 52 young teenagers and a few adults of our parish will be confirmed by Bishop Wilkerson.

I am always surprised, though after almost 41 years as a priest I should be used to it, when someone brings me a photograph of myself in church. I always examine the photo and the color of the vestments. It gives me a clue about the time of year the photo was taken. Lent and Advent will have violet or purple. Christmas and Easter season will have white while the rest of the year will have green, with the exception of Pentecost with red. The colors, of course, are significant in their symbolism. Are you old enough to remember when all funerals had black vestments? Then there was a shift in emphasis from sorrow to joy, and invariably now, all funerals will have white vestments.

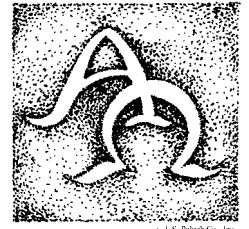
The red of Pentecost captures Luke's description in the Acts of the Apostles where he wrote - "There appeared to them tongues as of fire which parted and came to rest on each one of them." The Holy Spirit is long associated with fire. The Spirit moved in the early church with the energy of our all too familiar brush fires. I have no doubt that the Spirit continues to move today, but perhaps in a calmer fashion. Wear red next Sunday and let us pray that the fire of the Spirit will burn in our hearts so that we, with the enthusiasm of a wild fire, may proclaim the Gospel by loving God and our neighbor.

-Father McNamara

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2010**

"I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the first and the last,
the beginning and
the end."

— Revelation 22:13



**Sacrament of Confirmation
Sunday, May 23, 5:30 pm Mass**

On Sunday, May 23, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the **5:30 pm Mass**. We are pleased to welcome Bishop Gerald Wilkerson as our principal celebrant. We welcome you to join us at this special liturgy, but please know that the church will be quite crowded with parents, sponsors and candidates attending this Mass.

Are YOU being called to serve the Lord ?

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to assist in this important ministry 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, May 29th 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**.

ASCENSION



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



IMPORTANT DATES

- May 15/16** Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry
- June 5/6** 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.

Bundle Sunday-May 16th

The St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday truck is here today in the parish parking lot from **8:00 am-1:30 pm**. We need your support! Remember to bring any usable items that will help the needy. For large items including furniture and appliances, please phone **323-224-6280** or **800-97-HELP-1** for home pickups.

Congratulations to
Rev. Msgr. Robert J. McNamara,
who is being awarded the Koach
Award by Temple Aliyah at a
special celebration being held
this Evening, **May 16, 2010**

Dear St. Bernardine Parishioners,
Thank you for your generous support. Your 7th grade Destination ImagiNation team, iThink, earned over \$4,000 over the past two weekends. We are most grateful for your help. The team will be departing for the Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee on May 25th and competing throughout the week. Please keep them in your prayers. Read more about Destination ImagiNation at destinationimagination.com



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This **Thursday, May 20th**, is the Feast Day of St. Bernardine of Siena. Our Hospitality Committee will be offering light refreshments after both the 6:30 & 8:30 am Masses, outside the Church. Please stop by and celebrate the feast day of our patron saint.



ACCW

West San Fernando District Meeting

All Catholic Women are automatically members of ACCW. There are **NO DUES**. The West San Fernando Valley District of the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will have its District Meeting on **Monday, May 24th** at Our Lady of Grace, 5011 White Oak Ave., Encino. The day begins at **9:00 am** and includes Rev. Austin Doran as speaker. Mass, catered luncheon at **\$12.00 pre-paid** and concludes at 1:30 pm. Deadline for reservations is **Thursday, May 20th**. For more information, please call **Helen Fitzpatrick 818-346-2837**

ATTENTION CAREGIVERS!

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday evening, May 20th, 7:30-9:00 pm** in the Veranda Room in the Parish Center. It will be facilitated by Dr. Tracy Carlis, a licensed psychologist. She will help us to share our experiences and concerns. This meeting is being held on the 3rd Thursday of May, due to the upcoming Memorial Weekend.

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

ALTAR CARE - May 21, 2010
Veronica Arce, Michele Croson,
Bernice Galbreath, Cathy Moore,
Helen Robinson and Josephine Shim



Confirmation

Sunday, May 16: Year Two Candidate Session and Mass, **3:00-6:30 pm**, Parish Center

Sunday, May 22: Confirmation Liturgy Rehearsal for Year Two Candidates and Sponsors, **6:30-9:30 pm**, Church

Sunday, May 23: Confirmation Liturgy at **5:30 pm Mass**. Year Two Candidates and Sponsors meet in the Parish Hall at **4:00 pm**

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



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

Lynn Rodriguez, wife of Al;
Madelyn Werner; Charlotte Rardin;
Aurelio Salazar, husband of Rose;

Della Corral, ; Cathy Heath; Julie Goossen;
Dorothy Kennedy; Naomi Simmons;
Vincent Calderone & Judith Stroz; Ellie Boord
Lucy McClean; Maryann Bailey; Bruno Santillo;
Janina Kozloski; Jonathon Gingras;
Josephine Diego; Rufina Wilson;
John Robinson; Caroline Nestor;
Laurie Pearson

Please pray for the happy repose of all souls:

Fernando Camaya, brother of Jaime;
Dorothy Dhesse, wife of Gerard;
Jerry Seitz, son of Paul & Carolyn;
Evelyn Boyd, longtime parishioner ;
Sara Bellissimo, sister of Connie Amato



Mass Intentions For The Week



May 16 thru May 22, 2010
SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 am Al Ferraro+

10:00 am Novena

12:00 noon Robert White Okey+

5:30 pm Michael Provenzano+

MONDAY

6:30 am Catherine Yost+

8:30 am Robert Lauer+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Novena

8:30 am Lori Esparza+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Richard Teresi+

8:30 am Garabet Johorian

THURSDAY

6:30 am Nicolas Cabezas+

8:30 am Jesus S. Pasos, II+

FRIDAY

6:30 am Wilfred John Bathant+

8:30 am Jesus S. Pasos, II+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Bud & Dorie Cowles

5:00 pm Joe Spinella+



BREAD VOLUNTEERS

Guadalupe Community Center is in need of volunteers who can commit to regular pick up of **day-old bread from two markets.**

Ralph's—El Camino, located at 4754 Commons Way, Calabasas (in the Commons) **Tues through Fri mornings between 8-9 am and**

Henry's Market, located at 21821 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills (at the corner of Topanga Blvd. and Ventura Blvd.) **Thurs & Fri between 8-9 am.**

All bread is to be delivered the same morning to the

Loaves and Fishes pantry at Guadalupe Community Center, 21600 Hart St., Canoga Park

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	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
Silverado Music Ministry	Jo & Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
School	Peggy Hill	340-2130
Scouting (Boy Scouts)	Gary Bishop	998-7917
	(Cub Scouts)	Tony Cassar
	(Girl Scouts)	Kim Palkovic
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



FOCUS ON TATTOOS ON THE HEART

Fr. Greg Boyle head of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles has written a book Tattoos on the Heart -The Power of Boundless Compassion. This is a book about real people and real experiences in the poorest districts in the city.

Fr. Boyle or "G" as he is affectionately known by the gang members that he lives and works with daily, recounts through a series of short essays his experiences over the years with gangs from the barrios.

He says it like it is. Some of the short stories will leave you laughing; others are guaranteed to bring tears to your eyes. To "G" each person in the street gang is a child of God and deserving of love and compassion.

This book was recently written up in the LA Times and is on the best seller list. The library will have several copies.

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

PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTER - OPEN HOUSE -

10211 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA
May 16th (Sunday), 1-4pm
RSVP 818-895-2500



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

You're Invited

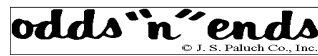
St. Euphrasia Parish Presents
An Evening Under the Stars
Saturday, June 19th

Master of Ceremonies-Fritz Coleman
 The evening includes performances by:
 Grammy Winner, Vic Vanacore with
 The 10:30 choir

The HARANA Men's Choir
 ***The St. Euphrasia Cantor Ensemble ***
 The St. Euphrasia Children's Choir
 led by Kathy Palma and much more.

11766 Shoshone Ave., Granada Hills.

For info and ticket prices contact **818-360-4611**
 (office hours 8am to 4pm, Mon-Fri)



Mark Your Calendars!

It's Louisville High School's 15th "Annual Golf Classic" scheduled for **Monday, May 24th** at the North Ranch Country Club in Westlake Village. Please call **Louisville Development Office at 818-346-7510**



Help We Need Families!

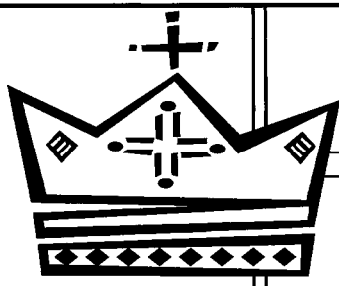
Please help fill 25 more beds for this summer's program with EF Homestay. The students are coming **July 1-27** with daily activities. You have your choice of students from Sweden, Finland, Russia, and Spain. All they need is a welcoming home, a bed, sack lunch, and a summer filled with memories and new friends. Thank you and we hope your family may consider this amazing program.

Please call **Sheena Dalance at 818 274-7515** or **weesheena1@hotmail.com**.

Upcoming Retreats

Scenic Serra Retreat in Malibu is offering the following retreat opportunities in *Forgiveness & Reconciliation - June 4-6* *Religious Sisters' - June 27-July 4* *Hispanic Married Couples - August 20-22* For further information or registration, please call **310-456-6631** or **www.serraretreat.com**

REJOICE WITH US! VIGIL PENTECOST CELEBRATION at St. Catherine of Siena, 18115 Sherman Way, Reseda on **May 22nd** at **7:00 pm**. Music, Praise & Worship, Mass and fellowship with area prayer groups. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** For more info, call **Clarissa at 818-343-2110** or **reignitethefire.scs@gmail.com**



SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Chaminade College Preparatory is offering a series of summer courses for elementary, middle and high school students as well as a variety of outstanding sports, arts and science day camps geared towards kids between the ages of 5 and 17. Join us at one of our two beautiful and safe campuses from **June 21-July 28**. For more information or to apply, visit **http://www.chaminade.org/SummerPrograms/start.htm**.

Crespi Carmelite High School is now accepting registration for our summer programs. Programs begin **June 28th**. For further information please contact the Summer School Office at **818-345-1672** or visit **www.crespi.org**

Louisville High School will be hosting summer sports camps for girls who are in the 6th-9th grades. A variety of camps will be held from **June 14-August 6** at various times and dates. For further information contact **Marilyn Hyman at 818-346-2149**.

Notre Dame H.S. Summer Sports Camp for 6-12 year old boys & girls will be available this summer beginning **June 21-July 23**. Please call **Paula Sheehan 818-933-3661** or visit

!!HELP WANTED!!

Our Lady of Grace Parish in Encino is looking for a Director of their Religious Education and a Confirmation/Youth Ministry Coordinator. Please mail or fax a cover letter/resume to **Betty Vanek** at: Our Lady of Grace, 5001 White Oak Ave., Encino, CA 91316, Fax **818-342-6579**; Phone **818-342-4686**, email: **blvanek@yahoo.com**. Both positions are available **NOW!**