



Dear Friends,

The place of Jesus' baptism at Bethany across the Jordan has the remains of five churches, one built on top of another. In the early centuries of the Christian era those to be baptized walked down to an area where the waters of the Jordan flowed through four pillars, dividing the water into a cross. Many of the newly baptized etched a cross into the stone of the baptistery walls, signifying their desire to be like Jesus. Indeed, in Baptism we do become like Jesus. We become God's beloved sons and daughters who are called to manifest God's love to the world. Christ was shown to be the beloved Son by his love for others. If we want to follow him, we have to do more than wear a cross around our neck (or carve one into the baptistery wall). We, too, have to manifest God's love.

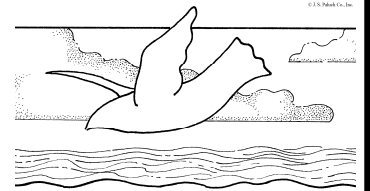
So on this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, here's a question for you. Do you know the date of your own baptism? We all know and celebrate our birthdays, but our baptism day should also be a cause for celebration. I often encourage godparents at baptisms to ignore the baby's birthday and to acknowledge the baptism day instead.

For those of you who are curious about statistics.....we had 139 Baptisms, 131 First Communions, 70 Confirmations, 21 Weddings and 56 Funerals in our parish in 2009.

-Fr. McNamara

**The Baptism of the Lord  
January 10, 2010**

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.  
— Titus 3:5



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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



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**Life & Dignity Sunday Set for  
January 23/24, 2010**

At the request of Bishop Gerald Wilkerson, all parishes in the San Fernando Region will be focusing attention on our civic responsibilities by inviting interested parishioners to register for a newly created Catholic Legislative Network. It has been described as a "Voice for Life and Dignity in California". Next weekend there will be a one-page explanation of the Network and Life & Dignity Sunday in our parish bulletin. Please read it and then carefully and prayerfully consider registering for the Catholic Legislative Network on January 23/24.

**ALTAR CARE - January 15, 2010**

Michele Croson, Norma Crowe,  
Bernice Galbreath, Cathy Moore and  
Helen Robinson

The Magnificat Intercessory Prayer Group will meet in the Veranda Room at 10:00 am on Thursday, January 14th



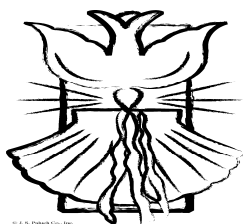
IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 16/17 Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry.
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.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Group will resume their meetings starting on Wednesday, Jan. 13 in the Parish Library, after the 8:30 am Mass. The Book of Genesis will be reviewed first before moving on to the Book of Exodus. Everyone is welcome! Please bring your bible and enthusiasm. Coffee will be served. Please contact Virginia McCarron at 818-703-8656 or eggrod0422@ymail.com for further info.

Religious Education

Classes on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon resume this week on Jan. 12th & 13th.



Can You Help? Teacher Needed

Our First Grade children, who attend Religious Education classes on Tuesday, need a teacher. We have wonderful help and support, but need someone to share their faith so that the boys and girls can continue learning about God. We meet from 4:00-5:30 pm. Please call Eileen 818-340-1440



FOCUS ON THE ROLE OF THE LAITY

Vatican II opened the door for potentially a much increased participation of the laity in the affairs of the Church. On the other hand the official policy of the Church hierarchy still excludes the laity from any major decision or authority making in Church affairs. So where are we? Fr. Ladislav Orsy in his recent book Receiving the Council has devoted a chapter to a discourse about the role of the Laity as we enter the next millennium. The library has a good selection of books related to this subject. To see what is available go to the website www.stbernardine.org click on library, access database, enter laity and search on subject or keyword. Several of these books will be on the 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 Masses, as well as 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

All Are Welcome
All Catholic women are members of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. Please plan to attend and support our parish at a luncheon to be held on Monday, Jan 25th, St. Bernardine will be hosting in the Parish Center. The day starts at 9:30 am and ends at 1:30 pm. The cost is \$12.00 and includes morning coffee, speaker, mass and lunch. Reservations and payment must be returned to St. Bernardine by Jan 17th. Make checks payable to St. Bernardine with ACCW in the memo area. For questions and/or more information, please call Helen Fitzpatrick 818-346-2837

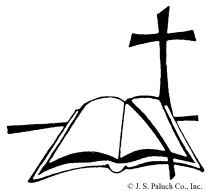


Confirmation

**Sunday, Jan 10th:** Year One Candidate Session and Mass, **3:00-6:30 pm**, Parish Center

**Sunday, Jan 17th:** Year Two Candidates and Sponsor Session, **3:00-8:00 pm**, Parish Center (includes **5:30 pm Mass** and Dinner)

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



**One Life, One Light  
Requiem for the Unborn &  
Ceremony of Light**

This beautiful liturgy, created by our own parish community, has grown into the official Archdiocesan Respect Life Commemoration. Members of our parish family are still involved in its planning and presentation. Join with Cardinal Roger Mahony, Auxiliary Bishops, Priests and Faithful of the Archdiocese in this special *Eucharistic Celebration of Life* **January 23rd - 6:00 pm, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Los Angeles** (A discounted parking rate of \$5 per car will be in effect for the event) Come as a family; come as a parish community; all encouraged to attend.



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

Suet-Hing Wong, mother of Michelle Chan; Shirley Jones, sister of Mary Joyce Cellner; Helen Ligot; Tom Cornea; Joyce

Massie;

Raynelle Kaszynski; Josephine Ramsey; Ruth Pound; Michael Mahony; Gail Shaw; Kathy Bell; Alvaro Valdez; Yvonne Henriks; Janina Kozlowski; Lori Reed

**Please pray for the happy repose of the souls:**

Ferdinanda & Josef Minibauer, sister & brother-in-law of Trudy Wiedoedt; Carol Sullivan; Catherine Hanford; Bill Ford, father of John;



**Mass Intentions  
For The Week** 

January 10 thru January 16, 2010

**SUNDAY**

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 am Al Ferraro+

10:00 am Greg Janea+

12:00 noon Beatriz Zuloaga+

5:30 pm Bruce Czernek+

**MONDAY**

6:30 am Olga Segarra+

8:30 am Al Ferraro+

**TUESDAY**

6:30 am Rosita Rodriguez+

8:30 am Al Ferraro+

**WEDNESDAY**

6:30 am Julia Flynn+

8:30 am Bruce Czernek+

**THURSDAY**

6:30 am Julia Flynn+

8:30 am Bruce Czernek+

**FRIDAY**

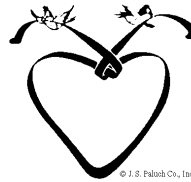
6:30 am Diane Scammon+

8:30 am Rosita Rodriguez+

**SATURDAY**

8:30 am Rose Chammas+

5:00 pm Al Ferraro+



**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. If you have never been in to see our shop, please do so. You may be wonderfully surprised and ask yourself why you haven't been in before.

"All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action."

Stop by, send someone who needs their spirits lifted a card of a small gift.

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).

**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     | MichelleReams/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 |



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

Applications are now available at the school website at [www.school.stbernardine.org](http://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.

**Pre-Kindergarten Information Night**

*"Kindergarten Program and Admission Process"*

**Tuesday, January 12th 7:00 pm**

Parish Center

All Pre-Kindergarten parents are invited to a presentation by our principal, Mrs. Peggy Hill, and our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Michele Brain.

**Mark Your Calendars**

Saturday, *March 20th* -

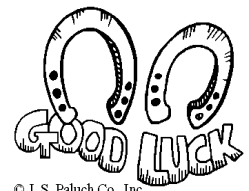
Save the Date!!!

The Wild Bunch

Saloon & Casino Spring Event

**6:30 pm**

Cactus Mac's Parish Hall



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Please Join the Leonis Adobe and Huell Howser at the Sagebrush Cantina on **Monday, January 11th at 7 pm**

to Celebrate the Premier Airing of "Visiting...with Huell Howser"

The Leonis Adobe Museum will be featured on Huell Howser's KCET television program entitled, "Visiting...with Huell Howser"



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**Crisis Pregnancy Hotline**

(800)973-7334

**Abortion Recovery Help**

(877)467-3463 &

[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

**Holy Family Adoption Services**

(805)374-2785

**St. Bernardine Adult Faith Enrichment**  
in conjunction with  
**St. Bernardine Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**  
*The Sacraments (Continued)*

*Wednesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall*

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|---------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Jan. 13 | <b>Baptism and Confirmation</b>                         | Father Dan Fox  |
| Jan. 20 | <b>The Eucharist</b>                                    | Father Dan Fox  |
| Jan. 27 | <b>Reconciliation (Confession) and Healing the Sick</b> | Father McNamara |
| Feb. 3  | <b>Holy Orders and Matrimony</b>                        | Guest Presenter |

These are topics presented every year to those wishing to become Catholic through the RCIA process. Come join our RCIA candidates and team as the Sacraments are explored. See how the roots of the Sacraments in Scripture and the early Church have evolved into the post-Vatican II Sacraments that we celebrate today. These presentations will provide fresh insights into understanding and appreciating the Sacraments in your parish environment.

Each is a separate presentation. Come to as many as you are able. Refreshments will be served.

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The Faith and Love Community of  
**St. Catherine of Siena** Invites you to a  
***Life in the Spirit Seminar***  
**Saturday, January 23rd**  
**8:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
St. Catherine's Parish Hall  
18115 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335

**Louisville H.S. Information Night for  
Public School Families**

Please join us for an informal gathering as we explain the benefits of an All Girl Catholic High School on **Wed, Jan. 13th** in the Louisville High School Library at **7:30 pm**.

**Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop**  
**Jan. 23rd**

Would you like to learn CENTERING PRAYER? CENTERING PRAYER is drawn from ancient prayer practices of the Christian contemplative heritage. It emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God. An Introductory Workshop will be held on **Saturday, Jan. 23rd**, from **9:30 am - 3:30 pm** at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center, 4316 Lanai Rd., Encino. For more information and to register call **818-784-4515**

**A “BEGINNING EXPERIENCE”**  
**January 15-17, 2010**

A “Beginning Experience” workshop will be held at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center, in Encino, for those who’ve experienced the loss of a spouse through death or divorce/separation. This weekend program helps a person move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning with renewed hope. The Beginning Experience ministry is endorsed by the Los Angeles Archdiocese’s Office of Family Life. Go to:  
**www.beginningexperience.org** or call  
**Brenda Mikhail 818-352-5265** or  
**brendamikhail@msn.com** for more information or registration.

**2010 HOLY YEAR, HOLY CHILD**  
SS. Peter & Paul Church  
515 W. Opp St., Wilmington  
**Saturday, January 16 @ 10:am**  
**310-834-5215 ext. 23**

**Wonderful Opportunity for All that are  
Involved in Marriage Ministry**

An eight hour Foccus Training to become a facilitator will be held **Wednesday, January 13th** at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Los Angeles, in both **English and Spanish**. Foccus is a Premarital Assessment Instrument that is strongly recommended as part of the Premarital Assessment process. The cost for this training will be *\$150 per person*; spouse may attend at no extra charge. Please contact **Ian Hagan** to register at: **ihagan@la-archdiocese.org** or **213-637-7213**