

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2012

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.
— *Mark 1:15*

Dear Parishioners:

On this date, in 1973, the Supreme Court issued *Roe v. Wade*, the ruling that legalized abortion. I was a young priest at the time, just a few years in this country. My challenge at the time was adapting to being a priest and the new culture that was absorbing me. So the importance and impact of that decision, at the time, mostly passed me by.

Today however I am very conscious of belonging to a Church that is highlighting the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

There is a homeless woman in Woodland Hills who lives in her car with her two dogs. She told me this story. A stranger volunteered to get food for her dogs. When she asked the stranger "what about me?" she received the answer "I only help animals". As you can imagine, she was devastated and felt she was worth less than an animal.

We, Catholics, believe that human life is sacred and that respect for that ultimate creation of God demands our positive response. There are many areas that bring up moral issues for us, because we see human life as sacred. Whenever others see themselves as in control of life/death decisions, it needs to be a red flag for us. We see the Lord as the creator and author of life and only He has the right to make life/death decisions.

The sacredness of human life is the foundation of our behavior towards one another. That is why we must treat all others as we would treat Christ. Today, more than any other day, may we see Christ in others and others see Christ in us.



*Blessings to you all,
Father McNamara*

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*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



ALTAR CARE - January 27, 2012

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



IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 4/5** 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 18/19** Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry

CAREGIVERS MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 26th, 7:30-9:00 pm** in the Veranda Room. It will be an open discussion on your personal experience and sharing of your caregiver role leading up to the holidays and during the Christmas and New Year Celebrations. If interested in attending please call **Charlotte Fuchs, 818-884-3935**

St. Bernardine's Annual Men's Retreat

All men of St. Bernardine are invited to attend. The retreat starts with dinner at **6pm, Feb 3rd**, and ends at noon, Sunday. Serra Retreat Center is located in Malibu Canyon overlooking the Pacific. Take some personal time to thank God for all your blessings. To make your reservation or for more info, call the **Retreat Center 310-456-6631** or **Jim Birkhead 818-348-4616**

Pregnancy Counseling Center - Baby Bottle Drive January 21/22

Beginning **Saturday/Sunday, January 21/22**, the Respect Life Ministry and the Pregnancy Counseling Center (PCC) will hold a Baby Bottle Drive. Funds raised for this licensed medical clinic will benefit women, babies, and families in crisis pregnancies.

*If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call **Norma at 818.895.2500.**



SCHOOL NEWS

AN OUTSTANDING PARISH WITH AN OUTSTANDING SCHOOL!

Provide the finest Catholic education for your child

St. Bernardine of Siena School Open Enrollment for the **2012-2013** school year. Applications continue to be available in the school office and on the school website www.school.stbernardine.org beginning **Jan 3, 2012**. The **deadline** for applications is **Jan 31, 2013**

APPLICATION SUNDAY

Sunday, January 29, 2012, 10am-Noon

All Families interested in learning more about our parish school are invited to join us for Application Sunday. The school will open for tours and information. We look forward to seeing you!



Baby Blanket Drive

Enid Turner, parishioner, is making a request for baby blankets, which she is collecting to be donated to UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital and Northridge Hospital's new Pediatric Trauma Center. If you have any new or gently used baby blankets, please bring them to church on **Saturday/Sunday, January 21/22** and deposit them in the labeled box at the back of the church. If you wash them, please be sure to use dye and scent free soap. The children and I thank you and wish you the best for 2012. Please contact **Enid Turner at 818.772.3811** if you have any questions.

Confirmation
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Sunday, Jan 22: Year Two Candidate Session and Mass, **3:00-6:30 p.m.**
Sunday, Jan 29: Year One Candidate and Sponsor Session and Mass, **3:00-6:30 p.m.**



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ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE as a MINISTER at the ALTAR?

We are looking for additional ministers to join the Eucharistic Ministry. If you wish to become a part of this important ministry at Sunday mass, please come to our **Training Meeting on Saturday, January 21st at 9:00 am** in the church. If you have questions, please call **Bob Nicholas at 818-346-8244.**



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

Patricia Miller, grandmother of Emily & Hannah Rose, mother-in-law of Sally; Chuck Wynn, husband of Noreen; Jim Basso; Baby Madison Drouin; Marge Denchak; Lucy McClean; Burt Belisle; Ernie Margolis; Jennifer Simmers; Anna-Marie Pudwill; Isabella Borowski; Debra Martinez; James Zukowski; Marlin Tisdale; Sheila Rindge; Shirley Krug; Rebecca Rose Rees; Betty Broussard



Please pray for the happy repose of all souls:

Stella Vigeant, mother of Andre Burns; Ricardo Anzola, cousin of Clara Aragon

Mass Intentions For The Week 
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January 22 2012 thru January 28, 2011 SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo
8:30 am Dr. Ching Chin & Chin Yuan Jung Chiang+
10:00 am Yong Shen & Su Liang Shen+
12:00 noon Trish Milewski+
5:00 pm Dr. Mutong Chiang & Joyce Chiang+

MONDAY

6:30 am Judy Chiang Family
8:30 am Georgia Adams

TUESDAY

6:30 am Jerry Dodge+
8:30 am Corazon Go

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Bob Mack+
8:30 am Catherine Fox

THURSDAY

6:30 am Terry Haney+
8:30 am Tony Famini+

FRIDAY

6:30 am Terry Haney+
8:30 am Bob McNair+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Jerry Dodge+
5:00 pm Jesus "Sal" Castro



Book lovers! A new discussion group concentrating on fiction begins in the St. Bernardine's Library, **January 23, at 10 a.m.**

We will discuss "The Help" for our kick-off. Bring your opinions, ideas, and, favorite novels for consideration. Come and enjoy the presence of other lovers of literature!

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**

ST. BERNARDINE'S PARISH LEADERS

Parish Council	Cathy Borowski	348-5650
Altar Care	Lucy Kerecman	998-6701
Altar Servers	Dcn Jesse & Eloisa Pasos	805-777-7105
Baptism Classes	Dcn. Jerry Cellner	888-8200
Christian Service	Lesley Hawes-Hearn	590-3649
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	Tom McCarron	703-8656
Funeral Buffet	Shirley Grochalski	347-6228
Gift Shop	Jean Sampson	888-7073
Justice & Peace	Lesley Hawes-Hearn	590-3649
Lectors	Jack Maranto	887-6310
Library	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Magnificat	Pat Dunlap	346-5460
Mary & Martha's (Reach Out)	Ella Haney	888-1423
Marriage Encounter	Ed/Anna Marie Pudwill	348-1632
Mommy & Me	Megan French	205-6062
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.	Caroline Jacks	456-9636
Pre-School	Charlene Barks	716-4730
RCIA	Dcn. Steve & Sharron Ellms	340-2087
Religious Education	Eileen Fewless	340-1440
Respect Life	Alise Sue	310-283-2804
Retreats (Men's)	Jim Birkhead	348-4616
Safeguard the Children	Ray Barks	888-0833
Silverado Music Ministry	Jo & Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
School	Carol Ward	340-2130
Scouting (Boy Scouts)	Gary Bishop	998-7917
(Cub Scouts)	Brian Mrachek	887-2362
(Girl Scouts)	Kim Palkovic	992-0737
Senior Luncheon	Karen Brown	591-1520
Social Activities	Janet Barnett	929-1692
Tithing	Frank Loffa	880-8101
Ushers	Donna Forrester	712-9922
Webmaster (St. B's)	Odile Swift	613-0595
Welcoming Committee	Dharma Trafecanty	515-2039
Women on the Journey	Jean Sampson	888-7073
Youth Ministry	Andrew Gafvert	710-1662

THANK YOU from CONCERN AMERICA

On December 11th, handcrafted products from Concern America were displayed by volunteers from St. Bernardine parish. As community of the faithful, you were very generous, purchasing handcrafts valued at **\$2,260**. We are very grateful to Fr. McNamara for his hospitality and support, to all of the volunteers and to everyone who purchased handicrafts. Through your generosity, you have helped to spread hope for a better future to hundreds of economically disadvantaged people in many developing countries of our world. For info about Concern America's programs visit **concernamerica.org**.

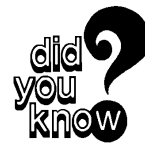
To place an order, please call our office at **800-CONCERN (800-266-2376)**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Your love as husband and wife is a gift to one another as well as a gift from God. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to receive the tools needed to make the most of this precious gift. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next WWME weekend

February 17-19 April 20-22.

Call **Jeanine and Russ Walker** to register: **805-648-4244** www.wwme.org



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Teaching Kids to be Safe Around Unfamiliar Animals

We've all had the experience of someone else's dog approaching us. Uncertainty about the dog's intent can be frightening, especially to young children. The ASPCA website provides parents with advice on teaching their children to read a dog's body language and to identify signs that it wants to be left alone. The website also helps parents teach their children how to protect themselves from an overexcited pet by demonstrating the basics of dog bite prevention, such as rolling into a ball, protecting hands and face and calling for help, rather than running or screaming if chased by a dog. For more information check out Dog Bite Prevention and Safety at www.aspca.org

For particular help, you may call **Assistance Ministry** at **(213) 637-7650**.



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Abortion Recovery Help

(877)467-3463 &

www.rachelsvineyard.org

Angels Way Maternity Home

818-346-2229

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline

(800)973-7334

Holy Family Adoption Services

(805)374-2785

Childrens Assistance Ministry

213-637-7650

Gifts for the Spirit

Your Parish Gift Shop

Your parish gift shop, is continuing our **HALF PRICE SALE** on Christmas cards and Christmas items through the end of January. Come in for great bargains. You will be happy next year that you have purchased ahead of time.

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 - Friday** (check in the Parish Center office first) from **9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

Magnificat

MAGNIFICAT— A Ministry to Catholic Women Prayer Meal, **Saturday, February 4th @ 10am** Odyssey Restaurant, 15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills, CA Mail "Magnificat" check for \$26 **by Jan 23rd** to: 20227 Via Medici, Porter Ranch, CA 9132. **After 1/23-\$30.** Questions? **Becky Rach 818-998-0865** or **Pat Dunlap 818-348-5460.** On-line reservations www.magnificatsfv.com

Fr. Bob Garon, the spiritual advisor for Magnificat ministry will celebrate Mass in the Chapel at **10am** on **Thursday, Jan 26.** Everyone welcome!

OASIS - Needs Volunteers

Would you like to help seniors in need 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, 21600 Hart St, 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 Training Session, along with complimentary continental breakfast and lunch, will be held on **Saturdays-February 4 & 11, 8:45am - 1:00 pm.** Please join us and make a difference! Please contact our OASIS Volunteer program office at **818-340-5100** or **818-340-2050** to RSVP or more for info oasis@ccharities.org



St. Bernardine of Siena Adult Faith Enrichment *presents*



Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark with **Parker Sandoval**

What does Mark tell us about following Jesus, both in the 'then' of the Gospel and the 'now' of our own lives?

Thursday, January 26, 2012 - Mark (excluding the Passion)

Thursday, March 29, 2012 - The Passion Narrative in Mark

7:30 p.m. - Parish Hall - ~ Please bring your Bible ~

PARKER SANDOVAL is a Seminarian at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He earned his B.A. in Theology at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. In August, 2011, Parker gave us a very well-received, dynamic three-part presentation on Understanding the New Translation of the Roman Missal.