

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2012

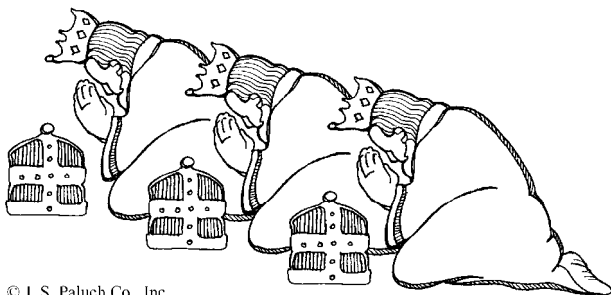
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him
— Psalm 72:11

Dear Parishioners:

Wise men came from the east, following a star, until it stopped over the place where the child was. This familiar part of the Christmas story is called the Epiphany. Have you ever had an epiphany? It's a word from the Greek language meaning 'manifestation' or 'showing'. You have an epiphany, when you have one of those moments, when you get it! Some awareness hits you between the eyes. You finally see something that perhaps you should have seen before but didn't. Often it is an insight into our faith or a new understanding of our Lord.

In some countries today's feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th. However our bishops transfer it to the nearest Sunday and Matthew tells us the story today. In fact Matthew is the only Gospel with the Magi story; and since his Gospel is addressed to a Jewish audience, the shocking epiphany for them would have been that the Messiah, the Christ has come to all peoples – not just the Jewish people. That might be a shocking epiphany to us too. If we think of the enemies of our country, dishonest public officials, despicable neighbors, criminals in our city, manipulative co workers etc. etc. – if we think of them and realize Jesus came for them too, it should give us pause. And that is the truth of today's feast. Notice how our crèche scenes depict the Magi as racially different. Jesus came for all. Tradition, not the bible, gives names to the three – Gaspar, Melchior and Baltazar. Following the example of the Magi, may we be wise, follow the right star and bring gifts to Our Lord.

*God bless you all,
Father McNamara*



The *Magnificat* Intercessory Prayer Group will meet in the Veranda Room at 10:00 am on Thursday, January 12th

Religious Education
Religious Education classes are on Christmas break. We will resume in the New Year on **January 10/11, 2012**, from 4-5:30 pm.

Celebrate the Feast of Infant Jesus of Prague
Saturday, January 14, 9:00 am
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels
555 W. Temple St., Los Angeles
For more info-818-887-5413 or 421-6534



IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 14/15** Food gathering for Guadalupe Center and Loaves and Fishes Pantry
- 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.

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 are 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!
 Learn more about our exceptional **Kindergarten program** - Students applying for Kindergarten must be **5 years old by Sept 1, 2012**
 Pre-Kindergarten Information Night **Tuesday, Jan. 10th, 7pm** in the Parish Hall



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Save the Dates.....
Thursdays, January 19 & 26
Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark
 Presented by Parker Sandoval

Thursday, February 2
Book of Esther
 Presented by Rabbi Arthur Rosenberg

Thursday, February 9
Good Luck, Mrs. Brown
 Presented by Rita Keeley Brown

Thursdays, March 8 & 15
The Crusades
The Inquisitions
 Presented by Fr. Leon Hutton

Thursday, March 29
Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark
 Presented by Parker Sandoval



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Grief Support Group

The death of a loved one can be a very difficult experience. A support group with others who have also had deaths can be very helpful in this grief journey.

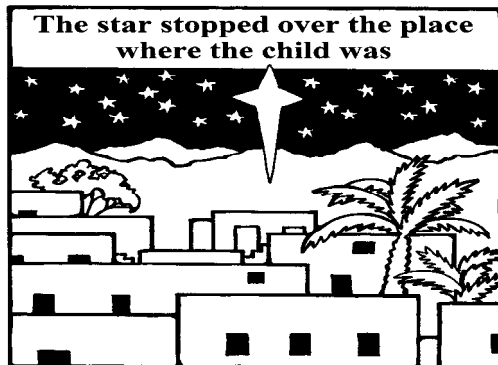
An adult, Faith-based Grief Support Group will be held at St. Bernardine's on nine Monday evenings, **beginning on Jan 23, 2012**, skipping Presidents' Day, Feb 20, and ending on March 26, 2012. The meetings are from **7-9 pm** Pre-registration is required. Attendance at all nine meetings is highly recommended for your benefit. **To register**, please call the Parish Center from Monday through Friday at **(818) 888-8200**.

Registration closes Monday, January 9, 2012.



Sunday, Jan 8: Year One Candidate Session and Mass, **3:00-6:30 p.m.**

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



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Youth Day

Registration is underway for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' Annual Youth Day which will be held on **Thursday, March 22**. Each year, over 14,000 Catholic youth and their chaperones attend this energy filled day of music, speakers, liturgies and more at the Anaheim Convention Center. Please contact the Parish Office of **Youth Ministry** at **(818) 710-1662** or **stbcym@gmail.com** to register your youth for this event. This event is for high school youth and their chaperones only. **Registration forms and fees of \$50 (includes transportation) must be submitted by Friday, January 13.**

Mass Intentions For The Week

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January 8, 2012 thru January 14, 2011

SUNDAY

7:00 am Pro Populo

8:30 Stella Zabrocki+

10:00 am Adriano Bartolome+

12:00 noon Carmen Angelini+

5:00 pm Joyce Chiange+

MONDAY

6:30 am Erlinda Bautista+

8:30 am Yvonne Henriks+

TUESDAY

6:30 am Ralph Sheern+

8:30 am Erlinda Bautista+

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Adriano Bartolome+

8:30 am Terry Haney+

THURSDAY

6:30 am Terry Haney+

8:30 am Adriano Bautista+

FRIDAY

6:30 am Anthony Than

8:30 am Robert Bulman+

SATURDAY

8:30 am Pat Goodan+

5:00 pm Alfonso Romero Valle+



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

Burt Belisle; Ernie Margolis;

Anna-Marie Pudwill, wife of Ed;

Jennifer Simmers, daughter of Coleen & John

Simmers; Edith Godo; Isabella Borowski;

Debra Martinez; James Zukowski;

Marlin Tisdale; Sheila Rindge;

Rebecca Rose Rees; Betty Broussard;

Shirley Krug; Margaret Daly;

Dorothy Brosamle; Carole Harper

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

Richard Adams



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	MichelleReams/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



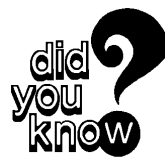
Book lovers! A new discussion group concentrating on fiction begins in the St. Bernardine's Library, **January 23, at 10 a.m.**

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

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*



**Safety Tips for Parents
Traveling With Children**

Traveling with children can be a challenge, especially with the added worry of safety thrown into the mix. Here are some suggestions parents can use to help ensure their children's safety while traveling: 1. Prior to leaving on your trip, remind children about your family safety procedures for dealing with strangers and what to do if they get lost. 2. Keep a recent photo of children handy, also a photocopy of passports kept in a safe place or with a relative that can fax it to you in case of loss. 3. If you label children's clothing, make sure the label is inside so strangers are not able to learn child's name.

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



- 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

ALTAR CARE - January 13, 2012

Will & Ann Gartland, Fran Van Buskirk,
Sue Vigo and Jan Wheatman

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**

Shantigarh
REQUIEM FOR THE UNBORN

Don't read about it the next day
Be there. Mourn the loss.
Rejoice in our hope.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 6:00 PM
CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
555 W. Temple St., Downtown Los Angeles
(A discounted parking rate of \$5 per car will be in effect; carpooling encouraged; traveling via Metro, use Civic Center Stop)

Come as a family; come as a parish community; all encouraged to attend.

This is My Beloved Son



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CENTERING PRAYER INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 21
9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Holy Spirit Retreat Center,
4316 Lanai Rd., Encino
818-784-4515 for more info

Pregnancy Counseling Center - Baby Bottle Drive January 21/22

Beginning **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**.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Your love as husband and 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 **January 20-22** (Ventura) **February 17-19** (Norwalk) or **April 20-22** (Woodland Hills). Call **Jeanine and Russ Walker** to register: **805-648-4244** www.wwme.org

High School Calendars

Chaminade College Prep H.S. Entrance Exam
Jan 21st & Jan 28th, 8:00 am-12:00 pm
818-347-8300 or www.chaminade.org

Crespi Carmelite H.S.
Entrance Exams 9 am - 12 pm,
Saturdays, Jan 21 & 28, 2012
818-654-1329 or rkodama@crespi.org or www.crespi.org

Louisville H.S.
Louisville H.S. Entrance Exam
Applications **Deadline, Wednesday, Jan 25th**
Saturday, Jan 28, 2012
8:45 am - 12:30 pm
818-346-8812 or www.louisvillehs.org