

# St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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Rectory/Rectoría

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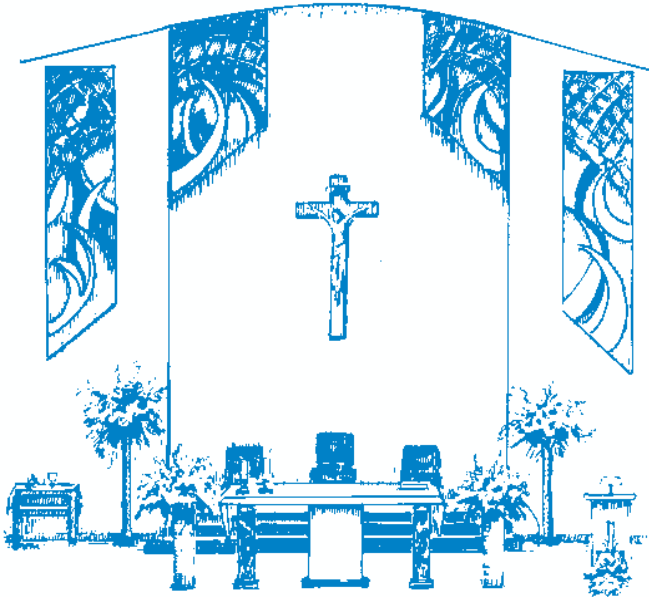
Father Victor J. Ruvalcaba, Administrator Pro Tem

Mr. Ray Rivera, Deacon

Parish Office Secretaries: Gloria Romero and

Dorothy Keenan

Parish Council: Tom Riley (818) 715-0965



## EDUCATION

### ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN SCHOOL

7120 Whitaker Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406

(818) 785-4422 Vacation: 785-2564

Principal: Robert Pawlak

President: Dede Waller

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 786-1815

Elementary (Gr. 1-8): Wed. 3:30-4:45 pm

Confirmation 1 & 2: Wed. 7-8:30 pm

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Contact 782-7180

## SERVICES

### NORTH VALLEY CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER:

Sr. Una Connolly, M.A. 365-8588, 361-2819

FOOD PANTRY COORD., Liz De Nicholas 780-8294

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Tues., 10 am-4 pm.

## PRAYER GROUPS/GRUPOS DE ORACION

**SPANISH BIBLE STUDY:** Monday, 7:30 pm – Rosario & Jess Rodriguez, 989-5231; FAX 366-7640

**SPANISH PRAYER GROUP:** Friday, 7:00 pm – Porfirio, Maria Rodriguez 994-6438

**LEGION OF MARY English:** Saturday, 9:00 am

Luce Santiago 730-7080 or Silia Fifita 782-8956

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP English:** 2nd. Sat. of Month Katherine Tassinari 781-6738

## DEVOTIONS

**ROSARY:** Weekdays after 8:00 am Mass

**NOVENA** to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
Wednesdays after 8 am Mass.

## Masses/Misas

5:00 pm – Saturday Vigil Mass - English

## Sunday/Domingo

7:30 am – English

9:00 am – English

10:30 am – Español

12:00 pm – Español

7:00 pm – English

**WEEKDAYS** 8:00 am – English

## SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTOS

### CONFESSIONS/CONFESIÓN:

Saturday/Sábado 8:30 am, and 4:00 pm or by appointment.

**BAPTISMS:** Call the Rectory.

**MARRIAGES:** Call the rectory at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY:** Please call the Rectory

**BODAS, BAUTIZOS,** en Español. Por favor llame al Diacono Ramon Rivera 782-7180

**QUINCEAÑERAS:** Por favor llame a la Rectoría con Gloria Romero

## MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

**Altar Servers** – Susan O'Sullivan, 994-9881

**Altar Society** – Elaine Quadra,

**Detention** – John Williams, 780-0526

**Encuentro Matrimonial**-Maricela & Fausto Urena, 635-9015

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Mary Grahek 344-4221

**Fall Festival** – R. Newton 344-2713, R. Contreras, 343-9598

**Filipino/American Community,** Joe Ariaga, 705-4741

**Lectors** – Dorothy Serrao, 780-5202

**Liturgy Committee** – Susan O'Sullivan 994-9881

**Music Director/English Choir** – Marcos Mendoza, 896-1505

**"Seasoned Citizens"** – John Williams, 780-0526

1st & 3rd Monday

**Spanish Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon Ray Rivera 782-7180

**Spanish Altar Servers** – Deacon Ray Rivera 782-7180

**Spanish Community**-Deacon Ray & Josie Rivera, 782-7180

**Spanish Ushers** – Porfirio Rodriguez, 994-6438

**Spanish Lectors** – Marcelo/Jesse Rueda, 896-0490, 10:30 am mass; Rosario/Jess Rodriguez 989-5231/

360-0667, 12 noon mass

**Spanish Choir** – Carlos Cruz, 678-9116; Debbie Dominguez, 908-2534

**Tongan Community** – Silia Fifita 782-8956

**Ushers** – John Williams, 780-0526

**Youth Ministry**– Abel Herrera, 366-0180

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2010

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love.

— 1 Corinthians 13:13



## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Sunday, January 31

7:30 am Int. of Wilbur Littlefield (Priests & Parishioners)  
9:00 am +Adolfo L. Salas (The Salas family)  
10:30 am Int. of Deacon Ray on his Anniversary of Ordination  
12 noon Int. of Deacon Ray on his Anniversary of Ordination  
7:00 pm +Esperanza L. Salas (Marietta Maceda)

### Monday, February 1

8:00 Parishioners

### Tuesday, February 2

8:00 am Parishioners

### Wednesday, February 3

8:00 am Parishioners  
7:00 pm Spanish Mass

### Thursday, February 4

8:00 am Parishioners

### Friday, February 5

8:00 am +Primo Caballes (Marietta Maceda)

### Saturday, February 6

8:00 am +Esperanza L. Salas (Marietta Maceda)  
5:00 pm Parishioners

### Sunday, February 7

7:30 am Int. of Wilbur Littlefield (Priests & Parishioners)  
Int. of Marcelina Pereira (Orlando Lopez)  
9:00 am +Tony Sr. - Norma - Fe & Nick Ruiz  
+Grace Cavada (Their Family)  
10:30 am +Martin & Rigoberto Santiago  
(Rosa Santiago)  
12 noon Parishioners  
7:00pm +Fr. Patrick McGoldrick  
(Priests & Parishioners)

## Parish Retreat

Saturday, February 13 and  
Sunday, February 14

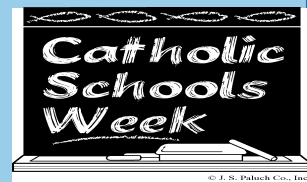
All Parishioners are invited to attend the Parish Retreat at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino. The retreat leader is Brother Kelly Cullen, Franciscan Friar. Overnight accommodations are available and recommended. Payment and registration information will be available starting January 23rd. Lunch and Dinner will be served Saturday and Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday.

Brother Cullen will visit us on the weekend of January 23 and 24 to preview the retreat and to learn more about us. Contact Geoff McCarron at:

[geoffreymcc@gmail.com](mailto:geoffreymcc@gmail.com) or call Bernadette Tallis at 818.785.4422.

## St. Bridget of Sweden School Open House

will be on  
Thursday, February 4,  
2010  
at 6:30 pm



## School News

St. Bridget of Sweden School is now accepting applications for Kindergarten through 8th grade, for the school year of 2010-2011. Applications can be picked up at the school office, or can be mailed upon request. You can also go on line at [www.stbridgetofswedenschool.org](http://www.stbridgetofswedenschool.org) for more information please call 818-785-4422. Financial Aid is also available.

## Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

### February 6th, & February 7th, 2010

Saturday, 5:00 PM	Frankel Alvarado	Frankel Serrao	Dybas
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Ashley	Emond	Vollmer
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Muljadi Ferrer	Arciaga Scarcello	Meda
Sunday, 10:30 AM	S. Garcia J. Flores	P. Rodriguez M. Rodriguez	
Sunday, 12:00 Noon	M. Hernandez M. Hernandez	E. Medina	
Sunday, 7:00 PM	De Leon	Tallis	Fifita

## Knights of Columbus 7th Annual March for Life

Saturday, March 13, 2010

8am—11:30 am

For information call Marty Spehar 818-881-7221

The Knights of Columbus, Van Nuys Council invites you to join us in a celebration of life. We are sponsoring the 7th Annual Los Angeles March for Life, which will be held on March 13, 2010. The March for Life is a two-mile walk that begins at St. Cyril of Jerusalem in Encino. Proceeds from the march provide needed funding for many important pro-life groups. The Pregnancy Counseling Center in Mission Hills is one such group that helps women in crisis pregnancies by offering them real choices. For more information, visit: <http://www.lamarchforlife.org> or call Nick Bryan, March for Life Chairman at 818-789-3237.

**FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL  
DE EL CONCILIO FINANCIERO PARROQUIAL**

REGULAR INCOME 1 <sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION INGRESO REGULAR 1ra COLECTA	AVERAGE EXPENSES GASTOS PROMETIDOS	B/M & R FUND 2 <sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION FONDO DE M/R 2da COLECTA
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**January 24, 2010**

**\$5,344                      \$8,360    -\$3,016    \$935**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK/ RECE POR LOS ENFERMOS**

Estela Areliz	Ed Keenan	Dick Dybas	Emma Herrera
Jim Nelson	Judy Rochon	Lainy Butler	Timothy Stanley
Sandy Baxter	Dorothy Keenan	Pat Valenzuela	Carlota Palacio
Florence Diaz	Yolanda Nestor	Dorothea Smith	Dan Kahn Jr.
Sherry Santor	Natividad Quezada	Clarence Wright	Tommy Gutierrez
Tony Ruiz Jr.	David Santibañez	Juan Areliz	Jesus Herrera
Josie Rivera	Justina Gomez	Evelyn Shockley	Rosalie Graveline
Peter Wolf	Pearl Regenstreif	Lupe Santibañez	

**Clases de Catecismo Para Adultos**

El programa de Educacion Religiosa de esta parroquia tendra clases de Primera Comuni3n y Confirmaci3n para adultos. Las clases empiezan el 4 de Marzo a las 6:30 pm. Para informacion puede llamar a la oficina de la iglesia (818) 782-7180.

**Magnificat**

Invita a su desayuno de FE, nuestro invitado sera el Padre Paul Gries Graber, es originario de Wisconsin, creci3n en San Diego, CA. Actualmente sirve como p3rroco en la Iglesia de Santa Catalina de Siena en Reseda. El Padre Paul viene a compartir su llamado al sacerdocio, su ministerio de sanaci3n y su entusiasmo por la oraci3n contemplativa. Para informaci3n y boletos llame a Silvia Bethancourt (818) 999-2120.

**Desayuno**

**S3bado Febrero 13, 2010**

**9:00 am—12:00 pm**

**Airtel Plaza Hotel**

**7277 Valjean Ave. Van Nuys, CA**

**Legion de Maria**

La Legion de Maria del Valle de San Fernando les hace una cordial invitacion a todas las personas que gusten formar un grupo de La Legion De Maria en esta Parroquia. Nos reuniremos el dia martes 23 de Febrero a las 7 pm. La primera junta sera reunion de orientacion. Por favor no falten, La Virgen los espera.

**Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women**

Nazareth House

3333 Manning Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064

Sunday, February 7, 2010

from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

For information call Sr. Fintan: 310-216-8170 or

Sr. Philomena Murphy: 310-839-2361

**STRENGTH AGAINST OPPOSITION**

In appointing Jeremiah to stand up to the people and announce the truth, God at the same time promised him the strength to do the job. "They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you" (Jeremiah 1:19).

Jesus also faced opposition, right from the start. In his home town of Nazareth the people couldn't accept the idea that someone from among their own could be God's messenger. "[F]illed with fury," they expelled Jesus from town and would have hurled him over the edge of the hill. "But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away" (Luke 4:28, 30).

Although the true prophet has strength from God, Saint Paul says there's something even more important than suffering death for the sake of God's word. "[I]f I hand my body over so that I may boast, but have not love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3).

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**FORTALEZA ANTE LA OPOSICI3N**

Al apuntar a Jerem3as para que se enfrente a la gente y anuncie la verdad, Dios le prometi3n al mismo tiempo que tendr3a la fortaleza para cumplir su cometido. "Te har3n la guerra, pero no podr3n contigo, porque yo estoy a tu lado para salvarte" (Jerem3as 1:19).

Jes3s tambi3n se enfrent3n a la oposici3n, desde el principio. En su pueblo natal de Nazaret la gente no pod3a aceptar la idea de que alguno de los suyos pudiera ser el mensajero de Dios: "Se llenaron de ira", expulsaron a Jes3s del pueblo y por poco lo desbarrancan, despeñ3ndolo. "Pero 3l, pasando por en medio de ellos, se alej3n de all3" (Lucas 4: 28, 30).

Aunque el verdadero profeta es fortalecido por Dios, san Pablo dice que hay algo m3s importante que sufrir la muerte por la palabra de Dios pues "aunque me dejara quemar vivo, si no tengo amor, de nada me sirve" (1 Corintios 13:3).

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**Seasoned Citizens**

*2-1-2010 Business Meeting 11:00 a.m.*

*2-15-2010 Catered Potluck 12:00 Noon*

*Reminder Club Membership Fee is due*



*Mass / English*

*Wednesday, February 3, 2010*

*8:00 am Blessing of Throats*

*Misa / Espa3ol*

*Mi3rcoles, 3 de Febrero, 2010*

*A las 7:00 p.m.*

*Bendici3n de las gargantas*