

# St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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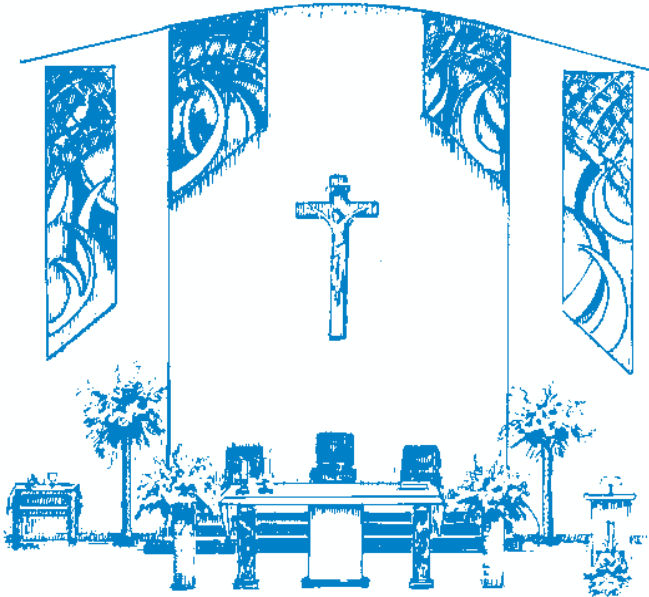
Mr. Ray Rivera, Deacon

Parish Office Secretaries: Gloria Romero and

Dorothy Keenan

Parish Council:

Tom Riley (818) 782-7180



## 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: 782-7180

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

Lucy 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** – Gloria Romero, 782-7180

**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** – Arturo Romero 782-7180

**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

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

**October 4, 2009**

Let the children come to me;  
do not prevent them, for the kingdom of  
God belongs to such as these.

— Mark 10:14



Happy are you  
who walk in  
the Lord's ways

*Weekly Mass Intentions*

**Sunday, October 4**

7:30 am +Aileen & Kenneth Silva (Greg Silva & Family)  
9:00 am +Aina Mc Gahon (Mary Yount)  
+Tony Sr., Norma, Fe & Noli Ruiz (Their Family)  
10:30 am +Paula Frausto & Maria Del Refugio Delgado (La Familia Frausto)

12 noon Parishioners  
7:00 pm Parishioners

**Monday, October 5**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Tuesday, October 6**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Wednesday, October 7**

8:00 am +Adolfo L. Salas (The Salas Family)

**Thursday, October 8**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Friday, October 9**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Saturday, October 10**

8:00 am Parishioners  
5:00 pm +Daniel Regenstreif (Lou & Pearl Regenstreif)  
+The Romero's (Jim & Nancy Todd)

**Sunday, October 11**

7:30 am + Kenneth Silva (Greg Silva & Family)  
9:00 am Int. of Mary Jane Elliott (Bryce Elliott)  
+Pio & Sotero Galinato (Mary Galinato)  
10:30 am Parishioners  
12 noon Int. de Juan Corona en su cumpleaños (Du Sus Papas)  
7:00pm Parishioners



**RAFFLE WINNERS**

**Parish Early Bird Drawing**  
**\$200 Mary Yount**

**Grand Prize Drawing**

**\$2000 Gloria Navarro**

**\$1000 Janice McKinley**

**\$500 Windsor Moqueis**

**\$250 Katherine Tassinari**

**A Lifeline for Marriage**

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the November program beginning with a weekend on November 6-8, 2009 call 661-257-7980 or email: [retrouvaille4life@hotmail.com](mailto:retrouvaille4life@hotmail.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

**St. Joseph the Worker invites you to a Bazaar**

On Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall, 19803 Sherman Way, Winnetka. We will have all kinds of beautiful items for your holiday shopping. We've brought in vendors with a wide array of gifts and decorations, and the Gift Shop will be selling lunch and having a bake sale. So mark the dates on your calendar, shop early and enjoy the day.

**Eucharistic Ministers Schedule**  
**October 10th, & 11th, 2009**

Saturday, 5:00 PM	A. Balint Sloniker	E. Balint Grahek	Serrao
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Ashley	Lopez	Ferrer
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Scarcello Da Costa	Dizon Folse	Hanna
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	Pawlak	Sitani	Langi

**Seasoned Citizens**

10-5-09 Business Meeting 11:00 am  
10-13 thru 10-15 Avi Casino Laughlin \$65.00  
12-10-09 Laurence Welk Theater & Luncheon \$99  
For information Call  
Laura Spehar at 881-7221

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

<b>REGULAR INCOME 1<sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION</b>	<b>AVERAGE EXPENSES</b>	<b>B/M &amp; R FUND 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION</b>
<b>INGRESO REGULAR 1ra COLECTA</b>	<b>GASTOS PROMETIDOS</b>	<b>FONDO DE M/R 2da COLECTA</b>

**September 27, 2009**

**\$4,087                      \$8,360    -\$4,273    \$1,076**

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

Estela Areliz	Hector C. Lopez	Cruz Garcia	Dick Dybas
Dorothy Healy	Judy Rochon	Margie Sherrard	Timothy Stanley
Amy Anton	Dorothy Keenan	Teresa Carranza	Carlota Palacio
Florence Diaz	Yolanda Nestor	Dorothea Smith	Dan Kahn Jr.
Sherry Santor	Dan Kahn	Clarence Wright	Jim Nelson
Tony Ruiz Jr.	Belem Herrera	Juan Areliz	Jesus Herrera
Ed Keenan	Phyllis McNamara	Adolfo Navarro	Evelyn Shockley
Peter Wolf	Raquel Garcia	Sandy Baxter	Pat Valenzuela
Isabella Mills	Pearl Regenstreif	Justina Gomez	Josie Rivera
Rosalie Graveline	Emma Herrera	David Santibañez	Lainy Butler
Guadalupe Santibañez	Natividad Quezada		

***"Together in Mission" 2009***  
***Goal: \$32,877***  
***Amount Paid as of June 2009***  
***\$11,934***  
***Amount Needed***  
***\$20,943***

**San Fernando Valley Life Chain**

**Will be held on Sunday, Oct 4, 2009 at Devonshire & Sepulveda Blvd, in Mission Hills, from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Life chain is a visual statement that abortion kills children and that the church defends Human Life from the moment of conception. Please join us at this Pro-Life event, where we will stand in a legal, peaceful protest against abortion. Signs will be provided.**

**Cadena de Vida del Valle de San Fernando**

**Domingo, 4 de Octubre de 2009, 2:30 a 4:00 p.m. En la interseccion de Sepulveda y Devonshire en Mission Hills. Participe con nosotros orando legalmente contra el aborto. Se les dara las pancartas.**

**Little Church is back**

**If you have 3-6 year old children, we welcome them to join us starting Sunday, October 4, 2009. We will be meeting in the kindergarten classroom on Sunday mornings during the 9:00 am Mass. We talk about the readings of the week and enjoy Catholic-themed arts and crafts and a snack. Cost is \$35.00 per family for the school year. School parents and high school students needing service hours, this is a fun and easy way to get them! Call Nicole Son at 818-232-3055.**

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

El matrimonio es una vocación y estilo de vida sagrado, instituido por Dios, mismo que no debe tomarse a la ligera. Así como no se concede el sacramento del orden a un varón que no se ha preparado debidamente, una persona que no se ha preparado debidamente, no debe ser admitida al sacramento del matrimonio. Así como a las religiosas y los religiosos no profesan una consagración de vida sin antes haberse asegurado de su motivación, la pareja comprometida debe ver y evaluar muy bien lo que está haciendo y asegurarse de que no haya algún impedimento para el matrimonio. Han de reconocer concientemente cuál es la motivación por la cual quieren unir su vida.

Para que un matrimonio sea válido, según las leyes de la Iglesia, los contrayentes deben tener una edad apropiada, saber lo que hacen y que no haya impedimento alguno, por ejemplo, la presión de la familia, embarazo prematuro o el deseo de salir de la casa familiar. Los dos deben consentir una vida de esposos por el resto de su vida y ser siempre fieles el uno al otro. Este compromiso debe hacerse públicamente, ante un miembro del clero y dos testigos. Cumplidos todos estos requisitos, los dos se hacen una sola carne, como dice Jesús.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

One of our great treasures is the way the Church has frequently flourished under unfavorable conditions, like the grape ivy on the mantel that refuses to die no matter how infrequently you water it or open the drapes. Like the apartheid laws in South Africa in the last century, the penal laws of Ireland were aimed at depriving the majority population of basic human rights. The Protestant parliament of Ireland enacted laws limiting the practice of Catholicism. The goal was to force conversion from "popery" to the Church of Ireland, and additional laws took aim at Jews, non-Anglicans, and Quakers.

There were laws against intermarriage, laws against Catholics being lawyers (there was a one-hundred-pound fine), a law granting lifelong income to priests who became Protestant, and a ban on weapons. In fact, until 1793, a Catholic man had to recruit and pay a Protestant man to serve in the local militia in his place! As if family life is not complicated enough in any age, the sons of a deceased father could divide his land equally, unless one became Protestant. In that case all would go to him! When allowed, new Catholic churches had to be built of wood, not stone, be off a main road or city square, have no steeple or bell, and be called a "chapel." Catholic "Emancipation" was largely secured by 1829, but even up to the founding of the Irish State in the 1920s, some effects of the laws endured. No wonder that poor Irish immigrants to the United States frequently built gloriously beautiful churches as their first act on free soil!

—Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.