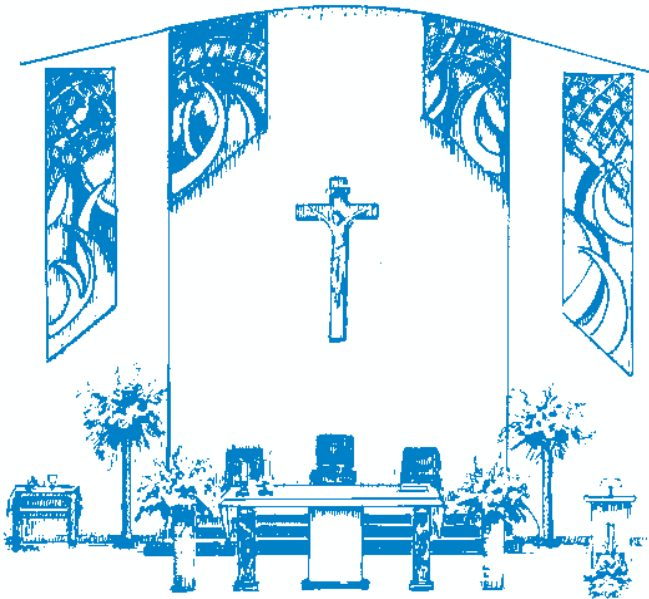


St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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Rectory/Rectoría

16711 Gault St., Van Nuys, CA 91406.....(818) 782-7180

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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

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

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

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.

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**

**First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2009**

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the
land.
— *Jeremiah 33:1*



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 29

7:30 am Parishioners
9:00 am +Carmel O'Farrell (Mary Yount)
10:30 am Parishioners
12 noon Parishioners
7:00 pm +Florencia Grey (Ruel Grey)

Monday, November 30

8:00 am Parishioners

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 am Parishioners

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 am +Emanuel Castillo (Marietta Maceda)

Thursday, December 3

9:30 am Parishioners

Friday, December 4

8:00 am Parishioners

Saturday, December 5

8:00 am +Arli John Nobleza, Francisco, Elisa,
Elfrain Habaradas (Elsie Nobleza)
5:00 pm +Michael Grosiak (Dotti Serrao)

Sunday, December 6

7:30 am Int. of Wilbur Littlefield (Priests & Parishioners)
9:00 am +Librada Buenaventura (Marietta Maceda)
10:30 am Parishioners
12 noon Parishioners
7:00pm Parishioners



Food Pantry News

Thank You

May our lives be a reflection of the thanks which we feel in our hearts for your response to our plea for help in making sure that our less fortunate families be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner with all of the trimmings.

May God bless you all.
The Food Pantry Staff

We turn to you once more dear brothers and sisters for help in making Christmas a memorable event for every child of our less fortunate families. If you can please donate a gift for a child age 1—16. There is a large box in the rear of the church for this collection. Please do not wrap the gifts, our staff will wrap and tag these gifts. With your help all our children will have something to unwrap on Christmas Day.

Suggestions for gifts:

Gift Certificates	Books	Play Dishes
Videos & Video Games	Dolls	Trucks
Jewelry for Teens	Balls	Board Games

Thank you

Seasoned Citizens

11-30-09 Board Meeting — 10:45 a.m.
12-6-09 Christmas Luncheon — Noon \$26.00
For reservation call Corinne Henrich at 818-701-0305
12-10-09 Laurence Welk Theater & Luncheon
Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule
December 5th, & December 6th, 2009

■ Saturday, 5:00 PM	Frankel Alvarado	Frankel Sison	Walsh
■ Sunday, 7:30 AM	A. Duran	E. Duran	Ashley
■ Sunday, 9:00 AM	De Leon Meda	Arciaga Dizon	Muljadi
■ 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	Serrao	Tallis	Fifita

School News

Mark your calendars for these upcoming special events.

January 23, 2010 Poker Tournament
January 24, 2010 Howard Lee Scholarship Breakfast
February 13, 2010 Tea Social
February 21, 2010 Michael Daughtery Scholarship Breakfast
March 13, 2010 Irish Celebration
March 21, 2010 Frankie Augone Scholarship Breakfast
April 18, 2010 Nikki Folse Scholarship Breakfast
April 24, 2010 Monte Carlo Night

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

REGULAR INCOME 1 ST COLLECTION INGRESO REGULAR Ira COLECTA	AVERAGE EXPENSES GASTOS PROMETIDOS	B/M & R FUND 2 nd COLLECTION FONDO DE M/R 2da COLECTA
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November 15, 2009

\$6,684 \$8,360 -\$1,676 \$1,172

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
Ed Keenan	Josie Rivera	Justina Gomez	Evelyn Shockley
Peter Wolf	Pearl Regenstein	Lupe Santibañez	Rosalie Graveline

Historical Rosaries, passport to virtual shrines,

Dec. 8-11, Chatsworth

Bishop Gerald Wilkerson of the San Fernando Pastoral Region has announced in an Oct. 7th letter a virtual "Family Rosary Pilgrimage: Around the World with Mary," to be held 8 a.m.—6 p.m. Dec. 8—11 at Rancho San Antonio School, Chatsworth. He is urging Catholic schools and parishes to attend this approximately two-hour experience that is sponsored by Holy Cross Family Ministries, organizer of The Rosary Bowl in 2007. Get your passport stamped at eight virtual Marian "shrines" and gain a deeper understanding of Mary's timely messages and the Rosary, Call 1-800-299-7729, Ext. 2023 or email FamilyRosaryPilgrimage@hcfm.org.

School Student Non-Discrimination Policy

The School mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

"Together in Mission"

"Unidos en Misión"

2009

Goal/ Meta \$32,877

Outstanding Balance/ Saldo \$11,000

GREATNESS

The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.

—Anonymous

GRANDEZA

La medida de la verdadera grandeza no yace en la cantidad de sirvientes que tienes, sino en el número de personas a las que sirves.

—Anónimo

Restorative Justice — Criminal Justice Worker

For nearly half of Suzanne Neuhaus' 21 years working for the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, she was a field parole officer. For eight years, she's worked in victim services, which is the 44-year-old woman's current assignment at the Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility in Chino. During much of her criminal justice career, she has tried to bring a sense of restorative justice to both victim and perpetrator.

"Restorative justice is a lens through which to look at crime and violence, and who is impacted by it," she explains. "It tries to create opportunities for healing for everyone impacted by crime and violence in a balanced way — and in a way that brings human beings back into right relationship with one another."

Reaching "right relationship" after a crime is no easy feat for either victim or perpetrator, according to Neuhaus, and is certainly not the focus of our current system of justice, which is based on punishment and retribution. But she has witnessed firsthand the healing results of restorative justice when it does take place.

"In victim-offender mediated programs, you see changes in attitudes, values and beliefs which have cultivated the criminal activity," she reports. "And you see tremendous satisfaction in both parties. I've seen it, even in crimes of severe violence like homicide. Restorative justice works."

To learn more about restorative justice from a Catholic perspective, please visit RestoreJustice.com.