

St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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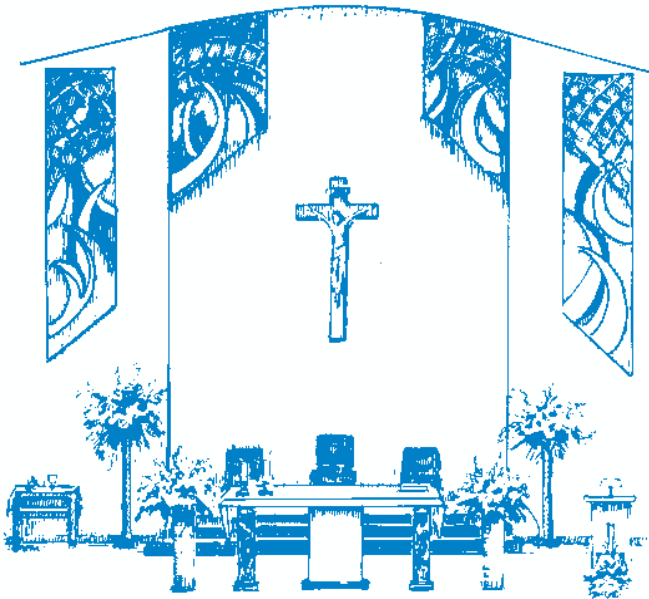
Mr. Ray Rivera, Deacon

Parish Office Secretaries: Gloria Romero and

Dorothy Keenan

Parish Council:

Tom Riley (818) 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

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 – 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

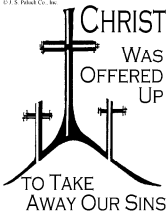
Youth Ministry– Abel Herrera, 366-0180

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

November 8, 2009

The LORD keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.

— Psalm 146:7



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 8

7:30 am All Souls Novena
9:00 am Int. of Mary Jane Elliott (Bryce Elliott)
10:30 am Parishioners
12 noon Parishioners
7:00 pm +Evelyn Whittemore (Sue Ten Eyck)

Monday, November 9

8:00 am All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 10

8:00 am All Souls Novena
Int. of Jose Luis & Telma
(Pedrina Sunun)

Wednesday, November 11

8:00 am +Primy Yap (Angela Juni)
Int. of the Romero Family
(Laura Spehar)

Thursday, November 12

8:00 am +Paulo Rodriguez & All Souls
(Tony & Becky Vamenta)

Friday, November 13

8:00 am All Souls (Tony & Becky Vamenta)

Saturday, November 14

8:00 am All Souls (Tony & Becky Vamenta)
5:00 pm +Theresa Salley (Dorothy Serrao)

Sunday, November 15

7:30 am Int. of Kevin Johnson (Rose Johnson)
9:00 am +Tony Sr., Norma, Fe & Noli Ruiz
(Their Family)
10:30 am Parishioners
12 noon Parishioners
7:00pm All Souls (Tony & Becky Vamenta)

Food Pantry News

This Thanksgiving Day, may we show gratitude to God by being generous toward others. As we shop for our Thanksgiving feast may we be mindful of others who are not able to do the same. Bring your donations to the Food Pantry on Tuesdays or leave them in the back of the church on Sundays. Our ushers will get them to the Food Pantry. Suggested items are;



Chicken Broth Jello Butter
Canned Vegetables Yams Margarine
Cranberry Sauce Canned Fruits Potato Buds

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you.
The Food Pantry Staff

Seasoned Citizens

- 11-16-09 Thanksgiving Potluck — Noon
- 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.

Laura Meyers Scholarship Breakfast



Sunday, November 22, 2009
After 7:30 am & 9:00 am Masses
At the Parish Hall

Proceeds from the Breakfast go to a St. Bridget of Sweden School Family to help with tuition expenses.

Menu:

- Eggs-Sausages
- Pancakes-Hash Browns
- Coffee/Tea & Juice
- Adults & Children 14 + \$6.00
- Seniors & Children 7-14 \$5.00
- Children 3-6 \$3.00
- Children Two & Under Free

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

November 14th, & November 15th, 2009

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| Saturday, 5:00 PM | Balint Miron | Balint Herrera | Walsh |
| Sunday, 7:30 AM | E. Duran | A. Duran | Lopez |
| Sunday, 9:00 AM | L. Spehar Scarcello | M. Spehar Hanna | Folse |
| 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 | Watsabaugh | Pawlak | Huhane |

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

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

\$6,249 \$8,360 -\$2,111 \$1,653

PRAY FOR OUR SICK/ RECE POR LOS ENFERMOS

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| Estela Areliz | Cruz Garcia | Dick Dybas | Emma Herrera |
| 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 | Natividad Quezada | Clarence Wright | Jim Nelson |
| Tony Ruiz Jr. | Belem Herrera | Juan Areliz | Jesus Herrera |
| Ed Keenan | Phyllis McNamara | Justina Gomez | Evelyn Shockley |
| Peter Wolf | Raquel Garcia | Sandy Baxter | Pat Valenzuela |
| Isabella Mills | Pearl Regenstreif | Lainy Butler | Josie Rivera |
| Rosalie Graveline | David Santibañez | Guadalupe Santibañez | |

Misa por los Enfermos

Viernes 20 de Noviembre del 2009

A las 7:00 p. m.

Se les dara una Bendicion Especial a todos los que tienen una enfermedad grave, como Cancer, Leucemia, Sida, Tumores etc. Tambien a las personas de 70 años y mayores. (Esta misa no es misa de sanacion).

**Junta de Lideres de los ministerios
Hispanos**

El Lunes 16 de Noviembre, habra una junta para todos los lideres de grupos hispanos.

Fecha: Noviembre 16, 2009

Hora: 7:00 p.m.

Lugar: Parish Center

"Together in Mission" 2009

Goal: \$32,877

Amount Paid as of June 2009

\$11,934 Amount Needed

\$20,943



Veterans Day

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November 11, 2009

Dia de los veteranos

Restorative Justice — Victim

The tragedy of violent crime has struck twice in her close-knit Latino family. Youngest brother Gustavo, 22, was killed when a fight broke out during his birthday celebration April 22, 1990. An older brother Roberto, 35, was killed Nov. 19, 2000, in a drive-by shooting.

"It destroys the whole family," says Rita Chairez. "It's still very painful to even think about. The pain never really goes away."

Her mother, Maria — practicing restorative justice before it even had a name — has helped, though.

"I remember her saying, 'I don't know if I can go on' when Roberto was killed," Rita recalls. "But her faith was like: 'I believe in God, and I believe that if I forgive the people who killed my sons, they're going to rest in peace.'"

Today, the 49-year-old daughter struggles with her own efforts at forgiveness, especially when she hears about another senseless act of violence on the local news. Yet she believes in the faith-based process.

"I think that's the only way you can restore a relationship by working it out and having people be accountable for what they've done," Rita says. "It has to be a whole circle, with the perpetrator, the justice system and the victim in the middle. I believe that when you have everybody involved, that's when restorative justice happens."

To learn more about restorative justice from a Catholic perspective, please visit [Restore Justice.com](http://RestoreJustice.com).

"Understanding and Coping with Loss, Grief and Bereavement"

During this month of November, we are very aware of those who have died. On Saturday, November 14, at 10:00am, at St. Joseph the Worker Church, in Winnetka, you are invited to a workshop in our Conference Center. Paul Brogan, MFT from Mount St. Mary's College, will present a workshop on "Understanding and Coping with Loss, Grief and Bereavement". This workshop will examine how children, adolescents and adults cope with loss caused by divorce, unemployment, illness and death. Participants will receive a free research booklet which offers practical advice on ways to help people of all ages cope. Please RSVP to the Parish Center (818) 341-6634.