

St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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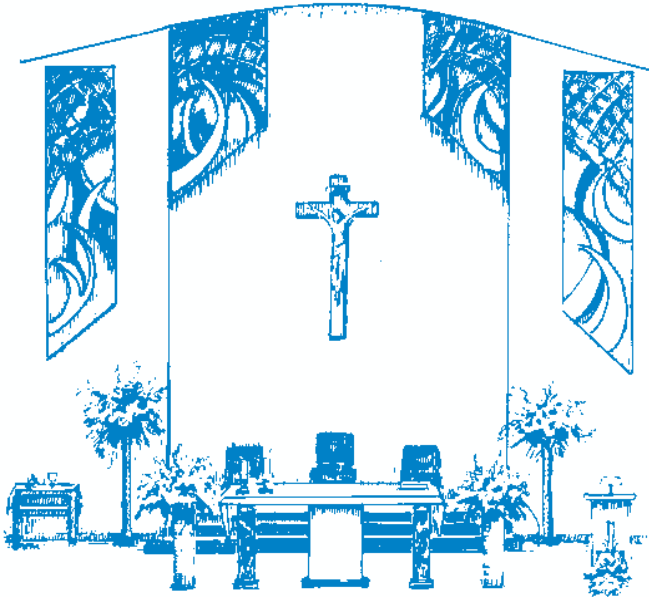
Father Victor J. Ruvalcaba, Administrator Pro Tem

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

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

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2009**

God has commanded
that every lofty mountain
be made low.
— Baruch 5:7



Weekly Mass Intentions

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
7:00 pm Parishioners

Monday, December 7

8:00 am Parishioners

Tuesday, December 8

8:00 am +Laurence Walsh (Daughter, Judy Walsh)
Deceased Members of the Pacheco Family
(Estela Allen)

5:30 pm Parishioners

7:00 pm Parishioners

Wednesday, December 9

8:00 am +Araceli Maceda (Marietta Maceda)

Thursday, December 10

9:30 am +Manloreto L. Salas (The Salas Family)

Friday, December 11

8:00 am Parishioners

Saturday, December 12

5:00 am Mañanitas

8:00 am Int. & Thanksgiving of the Allen Family
Int. of Ignacio Reyes

5:00 pm +Dominic Loc Pham (Vicky Pham & Family)

6:30 pm Misa de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Sunday, December 13

7:30 am Int. of Kevin Johnson (Rose Johnson)

9:00 am Int. of Mary Jane Elliott (Bryce Elliott)

10:30 am Int. y Acción de Gracias de la Familia Areliz

12 noon Parishioners

7:00pm Parishioners

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

December 12th, & December 13th, 2009

Saturday, 5:00 PM	Balint Herrera	Balint Sloniker	Miron
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Centeno	Emond	Vollmer
Sunday, 9:00 AM	L. Spehar Dizon	M. Spehar Scarcello	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	Langi	Sitani	Pilares

Food Pantry News

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

Great job Mr. John Butcher assistant Troop Master of Boy Scout Troop # 431, and Mr. Joseph Maggio leader of Cub Scout Pack # 564 and their assistants Jenny Maggio and Veronice Reyes. Thank you to all the parents of these wonderful young men who scouted the area with their bags for the 175 bags of food they collected for our Food Pantry. Thank you Mr. Butcher and Mr. Maggio for being faithful to the teaching and example of Christ, who cited the importance of serving the poor.

Thank you all very much and God Bless you.
The Food Pantry Staff

Seasoned Citizens

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.

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 29, 2009

\$5,341 \$8,360 -\$3,019 \$1,142

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	

**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.

**Immaculate
Conception**



Holy Day of Obligation

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. The schedule of masses for that day is as follows:

8:00 am English

5:30 pm English

7:00 pm Spanish

Dia De Obligacion

El día de la Inmaculada Concepción, Martes, 8 de Diciembre, es día de obligacion. Las misas seran a las:

8:00 am Ingles

5:30 pm Ingles

7:00 pm Español

"Together in Mission"

"Unidos en Misión"

2009

Goal/ Meta \$32,877

Outstanding Balance/ Saldo \$11,000



**La Celebracion de Nuestra
Señora de Guadalupe**

Diciembre 12, 2009

Mañanitas/Misa

a las 5:00 am y Misa a las 6:30 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Celebration

December 12, 2009

Mañanitas/Mass at 5:00 am

Mass at 6:30 pm.

WRAPPED IN SPLENDOR

Today's readings begin with the announcement by the prophet Baruch: "Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever" (5:1). This Advent scripture reading summons us to be wrapped in splendor. During this time of year when we purchase wrapping paper and wrap our Christmas gifts, the Church asks us to look at what has been "wrapped" around us. Are peace and justice, the hallmarks of God's splendor, the wrapping that others see when they see us? Saint Paul reminds us that this "wrapping" should show that our love for one another increases with the passing of each day. As we await the coming of the One who was wrapped in swaddling clothes at his birth, we pray that we will be wrapped in the splendor of God.

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ENVUELTOS EN ESPLENDOR

Las lecturas de hoy comienzan con el anuncio del profeta Baruc: "Jerusalén, despójate de tus vestidos de luto y aflicción, y vístete para siempre con el esplendor de la gloria que Dios te da" (5:1). Esta lectura bíblica nos invita a cubrirnos de esplendor. Durante este tiempo del año en que compramos papel de regalo con el que envolvemos nuestros regalitos navideños, la Iglesia nos pide que observemos aquello que "nos ha envuelto". ¿Son la paz y la justicia, marcas del esplendor de Dios, la envoltura que otros observan en nosotros al mirarnos? San Pablo nos recuerda que esta "envoltura" debería mostrar que el amor que nos tenemos aumenta día tras día. Al esperar la venida de Aquél que fue envuelto en pañales al nacer, pedimos ser envueltos en el esplendor del Dios.

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