

St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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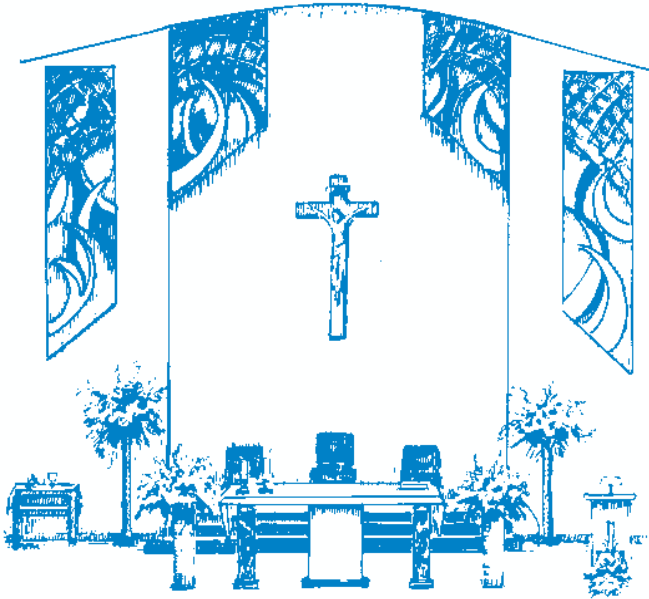
Father Victor J. Ruvalcaba, Administrator Pro Tem

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

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2009**

With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.
— *Isaiah 12:3*



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Weekly Mass Intentions

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 Accion de Gracias de La Familia Areliz
12 noon +Narcisa Garcia de Zanches
(Teresa Estrada & Familia)

7:00 pm Parishioners

Monday, December 14

8:00 am +Alfonsa Caballes (Marietta Maceda)
+Betty Singh (Husband Pat Singh)

Tuesday, December 15

8:00 am Int. of Rita Herrera on her Birthday
(Her Family)

Wednesday, December 16

8:00 am +Policarpio Naquiet (The Salas Family)

Thursday, December 17

9:30 am +Maria Brunese (The Cruz Family)

Friday, December 18

8:00 am Parishioners

Saturday, December 19

8:00 am Parishioners
5:00 pm +Harriet Regenstreif (Lou & Pearl Regenstreif)

Sunday, December 20

7:30 am Parishioners
9:00 am +Tony Sr. & Norma, Fe & Noli Ruiz
(Their Family)

10:30 am Parishioners

12 noon Parishioners

5:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass

7:00pm Parishioners

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

December 19th, & December 20th, 2009

Saturday, 5:00 PM	Frankel Serrao	Frankel Alvarado	Walsh
Sunday, 7:30 AM	A. Duran	E. Duran	Lopez
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Da Costa Penaloza	Kotzman Sison	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

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 Veronica 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

Board Meeting 12-28-09 10:45
Business Meeting 1-4-2010
Potluck 1-18-2010



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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 1ra COLECTA	AVERAGE EXPENSES GASTOS PROMETIDOS	B/M & R FUND 2 ND COLLECTION FONDO DE M/R 2da COLECTA
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December 6, 2009

\$5,793 \$8,360 -\$2,567 \$1,577

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	



Have you remembered St. Bridget of Sweden church in your Christmas Offering? Just a reminder, please make

your donation by December 30, 2009 if you want it to go into the collection for the 2009 tax year.

Thank you for your donations and God Bless you.

Recuerden a la iglesia de Santa Brigida en su donacion de Navidad. Para que su donacion cuente para el Año 2009, tiene que estar en la oficina antes del 30 de Diciembre.

Gracias por sus donaciones.



St. Bridget's Advent Penance Service

You are invited to participate in our parish Advent Penance Service on Monday, December 14 at 7 pm. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Come and experience the healing and strengthening of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento en Santa Brigida

Los invitamos a participar en nuestro Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento en la iglesia, el Lunes 14 de Diciembre a las 7 pm. Esta es una manera maravillosa de prepararnos para la venida del Señor. Vengan y sientan la sanacion y Fortaleza del Sacramento de Reconciliacion.

ALEGRATE SIEMPRE
EN EL SEÑOR



"Together in Mission"

"Unidos en Misión"

2009

Goal/ Meta \$32,877

Outstanding Balance/ Saldo \$10,000

Poinsettias for the Church

We would appreciate your donation of a poinsettia plant to decorate the church during the Christmas Season. Please bring your poinsettia plant to the church between 10 am and 12 noon on Wednesday, December 23, 2009.

Flores de Noche Buena

Su donacion de flores de Noche Buena para decorar nuestra iglesia y dar la bien venida al Niño Jesús. Pueden hacer su donacion de flores el Miercoles 23 de Diciembre de las 10 am a las 12 pm.



Las Posadas es una celebración Navideña es una recreacion cuando Maria y José estaban buscando posada y se les fue negado. Ellos finalmente fueron recibidos en un establo. Esta celebracion se llevara a cabo el Lunes 21 de Diciembre a las 6 pm en el salon parroquial. Empesara con el Rosario y luego la Posada y finalmente habra piñatas para los niños.

Las Posadas is a latin Christmas celebration reenacting when Mary & Joseph went seeking shelter and were turned away by many inn keepers. On Monday, December 21st at 6:00 pm we will be celebrating this event. It will start with the reciting of the Rosary in Spanish, followed by la posada and the evening will end with piñatas for the children.

AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.

May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!

Expectant, let us live in joyful hope

for the revelation of the glory

of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!

To him be glory forever!

Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

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