

# St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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Rectory/Rectoría

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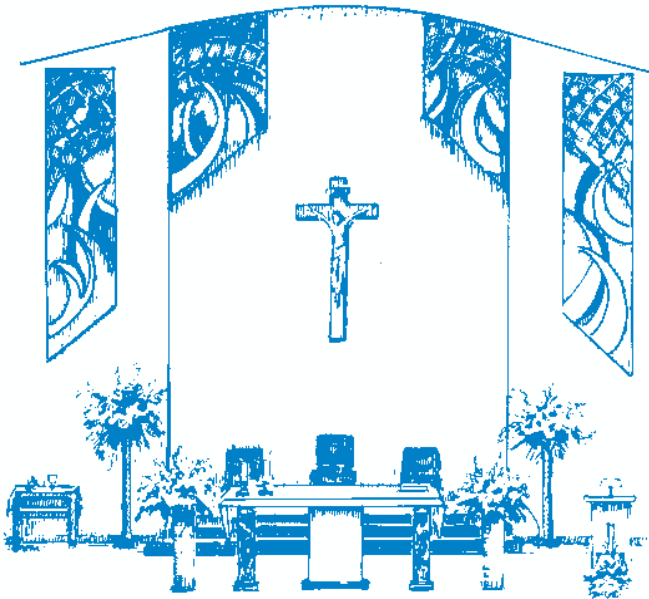
Mr. Ray Rivera, Deacon

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

**Second Sunday of Easter  
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

**April 11, 2010**

Once I was dead, but now I am alive  
forever and ever.  
— Revelation 1:18a



**Seasoned Citizens**

4-19-2010 12:00 Noon Potluck

4-26-2010 10:45 am Board Meeting

5-3-2010 10:00 am Business Meeting

5-19-2010 10:00 am Culinary Arts Institute Pasadena  
\$40.00 Per Person

***Weekly Mass Intentions***

**Sunday, April 11**

7:30 am +Carmen Torres (The Garcia Family)  
+Stefan Loizenbauer (The Freiberg Family)  
9:00 am Int. of Joselyn Arciaga on her Birthday  
+Roger Factora (The Arciaga family)  
10:30 am +Martin & Rigoberto Santiago  
(Rosa Santiago)

12 noon Parishioners  
7:00 pm Parishioners

**Monday, April 12**

8:00 +Miggs Ruggiero (Mary Grahek)

**Tuesday, April 13**

8:00 am +Miggs Ruggiero (Robert & Susan DeNigro)

**Wednesday, April 14**

8:00 am +Miggs Ruggiero (Seasoned Citizens)

**Thursday, April 15**

8:00 am +Miggs Ruggiero (Marietta Maceda)

**Friday, April 16**

8:00 am +Miggs Ruggiero (Marietta Maceda)

**Saturday, April 17**

8:00 am +Sister Jean Virginia Hemmish S.J.M.  
(Dotti Serrao)  
5:00 pm +Miggs Ruggiero (The Todd Family)  
+Esperanza Luciano Salas  
(The Salas family)

**Sunday, April 18**

7:30 am +Dianne Gaffney (Pauline Freiburg)  
+Miggs Ruggiero (Marietta Maceda)  
9:00 am +Grace Cavada, Tony Sr., Norma, Fe & Nick Ruiz  
(Their Family)  
10:30 am Parishioners  
12 noon Parishioners  
7:00pm Int. of Sherry Valte on her Birthday  
(Pam Valte)

**CALLED TO BE WITNESSES**

Thomas probably would be a good man to have in your corner in a modern-day courtroom. Even though he was willing to follow Jesus to death (John 11:16), he's not going to go out into the world now and attempt to give witness to the risen Christ when all he has at his disposal is hearsay evidence from the other apostles. No, he wants immediate evidence, a hands-on experience of Christ risen and present. The risen Christ ultimately provides Thomas with the experience and evidence he needs.

Many of us, when we struggle with our faith or our belief, can identify with Thomas. But even when our faith is in relatively solid shape, we encounter people who are a bit like Thomas, who won't believe unless they are given credible experience of the risen Christ. We, then, are called to be witnesses. Like Christ, we cannot be ashamed to show the woundedness of the Body of Christ, the Church. We must even allow others to probe and examine the wounds. But we must also greet them with "Peace" and know that, in the glorious everlasting life of Christ risen from the dead, our wounds are not our final destiny. Our final joy is life transformed for eternity.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21  
Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30;  
Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

**Eucharistic Ministers Schedule**  
**April 17th, & April 18th, 2010**

Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sloniker Balint	Herrera Balint	Sison
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Centeno	Da Costa	Ashley
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Ruggiero M. Spehar	L. Spehar Miron	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	De Leon	Huhane

**Marriage Encounter**

Let Marriage Encounter help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are April 23-25, and July 30-Aug 1, in Woodland Hills. Please visit our web site at [www.wvme-la-north.org](http://www.wvme-la-north.org) for more information or contact Russ and Jeanine Walker, (805) 648-4244 or [walkerrjbp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:walkerrjbp@sbcglobal.net).

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

REGULAR INCOME 1 <sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION INGRESO REGULAR Ira COLECTA	AVERAGE EXPENSES GASTOS PROMETIDOS	B/M & R FUND 2 <sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION FONDO DE M/R 2da COLECTA
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**April 4, 2010**

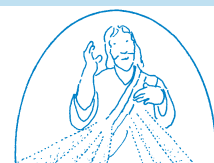
**\$6,435                      \$8,360    -\$1,925    \$1,848**

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

Estela Areliz	Ed Keenan	Dick Dybas	Emma Herrera
Jim Nelson	Judy Rochon	Lainy Butler	Timothy Stanley
Dan Kahn Jr.	Dorothy Keenan	Pat Valenzuela	Carlota Palacio
Florence Diaz	Yolanda Nestor	Dorothea Smith	Pearl Regenstreif
Iris Li	Natividad Quezada	Clarence Wright	Tommy Gutierrez
Tony Ruiz Jr.	David Santibañez	Juan Areliz	Jesus Herrera
Josie Rivera	Justina Gomez	Evelyn Shockley	Lupe Santibañez
Art Pfeifer	Cruz Garcia		
Please pray for	William Mouzis.		

**LLAMADOS A SER TESTIGOS**

Tomás probablemente sería el tipo de hombre que uno quisiera tener de su lado en un tribunal de justicia real. Aunque estuvo dispuesto a seguir a Jesús hasta la muerte (Juan 11:16), no se lanzaría a ir al mundo ahora e intentar dar testimonio de Cristo resucitado cuando sólo cuenta con “relatos de tercera mano” de otros apóstoles. No, él quiere evidencia inmediata, experiencia directa de Cristo resucitado y presente. Al final, Cristo resucitado le provee a Tomás la experiencia y la prueba que él necesita.



**Domingo  
de la Divina  
Misericordia**

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Muchos, cuando luchamos con nuestra fe y o con lo que creemos, nos podemos identificar con Tomás. Pero aunque nuestra fe fuera bastante sólida, encontramos a personas que son un poco como Tomás, que no creerán si no pasan por una experiencia creíble de Cristo resucitado. Entonces, somos llamados a dar testimonio. Como Cristo, no podemos avergonzarnos de mostrar las heridas del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia. Hasta tenemos que permitir a otros que toquen y examinen las heridas. Pero también debemos saludarlas con la “paz” y saber que, en la gloriosa vida eterna de Cristo resucitado de entre los muertos, nuestras heridas no serán nuestro destino final. Nuestra alegría final es una vida transformada por toda la eternidad.

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**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes:	Hch 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Martes:	Hch 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Miércoles:	Hch 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Jueves:	Hch 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Viernes:	Hch 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Sábado:	Hch 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
Domingo:	Hch 5:27-32, 40b-41; Sal 30(29); Apo 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

**School News**

St. Bridget of Sweden School is now accepting applications for Kindergarten through 8th grade, for the school year of 2010-2011. Applications can be picked up at the school office, or can be mailed upon request. You can also go on line at [www.stbridgetofswedenschool.org](http://www.stbridgetofswedenschool.org) for more information please call 818-785-4422.

**Census 2010**

**Please complete and mail back your census form today.**

Your answers are confidential. This means the Census Bureau cannot give out information that identifies you or your household. Your answers will only be used for statistical purposes, and no other purpose.

Your answers are important. Census results are used to decide the number of representatives each state has in the U.S. Congress. The amount of government money your neighborhood receives also depends on these answers. That money is used for services for children and the elderly, roads, and many other local needs.

**Censo 2010**

**Por Favor, complete el cuestionario del censo y devuélvalo por correo hoy.**

Sus respuestas son confidenciales. Esto significa que la Oficina del Censo no puede divulgar información que lo identifique a usted o a su hogar. Sus respuestas sólo serán usadas para propósitos estadísticos, y no para ningún otro fin.

Sus respuestas son importantes. Los resultados del censo se usan para decidir el número de representantes que tiene cada estado en el Congreso de los EE.UU. La cantidad de dinero del gobierno que recibe su vecindario también depende de estas respuestas. Ese dinero se usa para servicios para los niños y los ancianos, carreteras y muchas otras necesidades locales.

***Thank You,***

***The Family of Miggs Ruggiero would like to thank the priest deacon and parishioners of St. Bridget of Sweden Church for the many mass cards and prayers we have received. We know she was loved very much by her St. Bridget of Sweden Family the same way she loved each and every one of you. Thank you once again for all you have done for our Family.***

***Ralph and Ruggiero Family***



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