

St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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Rectory/Rectoría

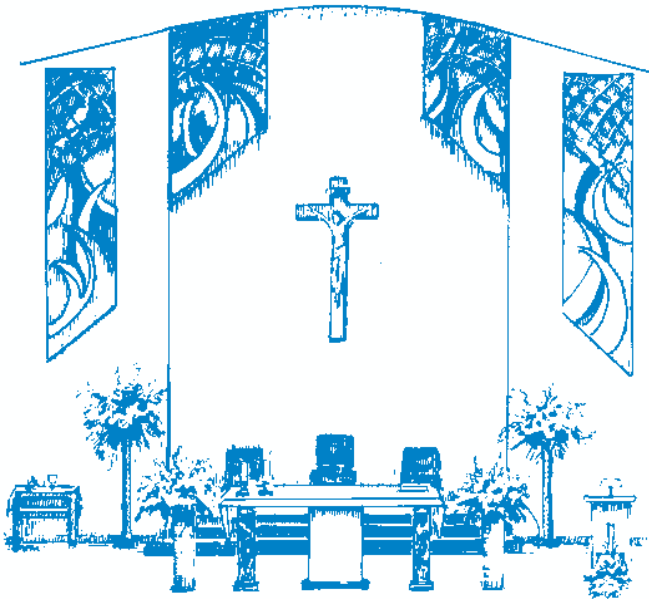
16711 Gault St., Van Nuys, CA 91406..... (818) 782-7180

Father Joseph Dass, Administrator Pro Tem

Mr. Ray Rivera, Deacon

Parish Office Secretaries: Gloria Romero and
Dorothy Keenan

Parish Council: Tony Rodriguez (818) 782-7180



EDUCATION

ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN SCHOOL
7120 Whitaker Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406
(818) 785-4422 Vacation: 785-2564

Principal: Robert Pawlak

President: Roselyn F. Arciaga

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 782-7180

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

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 – Gloria Romero, 782-7180

Detention – John Williams, 780-0526

Eucharistic Ministers – Mary Grahek 344-4221

Fall Festival – R. Newton 344-2713, R. Contreras 343-9598

Spanish Community – Deacon Ray & Josie Rivera, 782-7180

Lectors – Dorothy Serrao, 780-5202

Liturgy Committee – Susan O’Sullivan 994-9881

Music Directo/English Choir – Marcos Mendoza, 886-0764

“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 Ushers – Arturo Romero 782-7180

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

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to **your** new parish! Please stop by the rectory to
register or fill out form at church doors. Welcome Committee:
English & Spanish Frank Ayala 994-7630

Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2009
 You alone, O LORD,
 bring security to my dwelling.
 — Psalm 4:9



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a “rule” that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses.



Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. On this past Easter Sunday, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolding more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the founding groups, the so-called “Kentucky Dominicans,” began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters have spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery: experiencing Christ’s dying and rising in an inspiring way.

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 26

7:30 am +Ann Agee (Priests & Parishioners)
 9:00 am Tony Sr., Norma, Fe, & Noli Ruiz (Their Family)
 10:30 am Parishioners
 12 noon Int. of Sandra Trujillo (De Su Familia)
 7:00 pm Int. of Margie Sherrard (Priests & Parishioners)

Monday, April 27

8:00 am +Mary Ellis (Seasoned Citizens)

Tuesday, April 28

8:00 am +Ann Agee (Ralph & Miggs Ruggiero)

Wednesday, April 29

8:00 am Parishioners

Thursday, April 30

8:00 am +Jack & Dorothy Pixley (Linda Hardman)
 +Joseph Tan (His Family)

Friday, May 1

8:00 am Parishioners

Saturday, May 2

8:00 am Parishioners
 5:00 pm +Lynne Graves (Jim & Nancy Todd)

Sunday, May 3

7:30 am Parishioners
 9:00 am +Eugenia & Bob Allen (Estela Allen)
 10:30 am +Manuel Medina (De Su Esposa y Hijos)
 12 noon Parishioners
 7:00pm Parishioners

NATURE’S LESSONS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

UNDERSTANDING

One understands the cosmos, but never the ego.

—G. K. Chesterton

Seasoned Citizens

4-27-09 Board Meeting 11:00 AM
 5-4-09 Business Meeting 11:00 AM
 5-13-09 Huntington Library 9:30 AM
 5-18-09 Catered Potluck \$10.00
 For information Call Laura Spehar
 (818) 881-7221

Van Nuys Knights of Columbus

All Catholic men are invited to join our great fraternity. The next initiation ceremony is June 30, 2009. For more information call John Williams at (818) 780-0526

**Eucharistic Ministers Schedule
 May 2nd, & May 3rd, 2009**

Saturday, 5:00 PM	Herrera A. Balint	Alvarado Miron	E. Balint
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Ashley	Emond	Lopez
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Arciaga Folse	Grahek De Leon	Dizon
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

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los cristianos somos testigos de Cristo resucitado! Testimoniamos todo lo relacionado con Jesús de Nazaret quien murió en una cruz, fue sepultado y resucitó al tercer día. Debemos ser personas que cantan y gritan ¡Resucitó, Aleluya! Tan importante es la resurrección de Cristo que, mientras tenemos cuarenta días de Cuaresma hay cincuenta días de Pascua en el calendario cristiano. Durante esta época, domingo tras domingo mediante la proclamación del Evangelio se nos transmiten escenas de Cristo, quien cada ocho días se aparecía a sus discípulos confirmando cada Domingo que en verdad había resucitado, instruyéndolos para que pudieran ser verdaderos testigos de su resurrección.



Y ¿tú? ¿Cuán buen testigo eres? Un buen testigo da testimonio de lo que ha visto, escuchado y experimentado. Para ser testigo de Cristo hay que verlo, escucharlo y experimentarlo. La Iglesia nos da la oportunidad de verlo, escucharlo y experimentarlo diariamente, en especial durante el domingo. Esto es posible sólo si durante la semana vives con el corazón abierto. Abierto para ver, escuchar y experimentar a Jesús en tu hogar, en tu trabajo, entre tus parientes y amistades.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

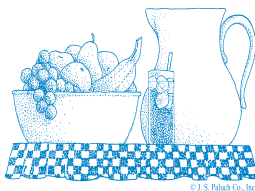
School News

St. Bridget of Sweden School is now accepting applications for Kindergarten through 8th grade, for the 2009-2010 school year. Applications can be picked up at the school office, or can be mailed upon request. You can also go on line at www.stbridget.org. For more information please call 818/785-4422.

Nikki Folse Scholarship Breakfast

The Nikki Folse Scholarship Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2009 after the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM Masses in the Parish Hall.

St. Bridget of Sweden School sponsors the breakfast, and proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.



FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL DE EL CONCILIO FINANCIERO PARROQUIAL

REGULAR INCOME	AVERAGE	B/M & R FUND
1 ST COLLECTION	EXPENSES	2 ND COLLECTION
INGRESO REGULAR	GASTOS	FONDO DE M/R
Ira COLECTA	PROMETIDOS	2da COLECTA

April 19, 2009

\$6,156 \$8,360 -\$2,204 \$1,411

PRAY FOR OUR SICK/ RECE POR LOS ENFERMOS

Estela Areliz	Hector C. Lopez	Irene Wright	Dick Dybas
Dorothy Healy	Judy Rochon	James Tierney	Timothy Stanley
Amy Anton	Dorothy Keenan	Teresa Carranza	Carlota Palacio
Florence Diaz	Yolanda Nestor	Dorothea Smith	Dan Kahn Jr.
Sherry Santor	Dan Kahn	Clarence Wright	Jim Nelson
Tony Ruiz Jr.	Belem Herrera	Juan Areliz	Sra. Menchaca
Ed Keenan	Phyllis McNamara	Rita Herrera	Evelyn Shockley
Mary Ellis	Evelyn Whittemore	Sandy Baxter	Pat Valenzuela
Isabella Mills	Joe Avelino	Justina Gomez	Josie Rivera
Rosalie Graveline		David Santibañez	Sylvia Salazar
Guadalupe Santibañez	Concepcion Martinez		Men Nguyen
Peter Wolf	Margie Sherrard	Sandra Trujillo	

CREER EN JESUCRISTO

Durante todo el tiempo Pascual, las tres lecturas del domingo son tomadas del Nuevo Testamento, la parte cristiana de la Sagrada Escritura. Juntas exploran qué significa creer que Jesús es el Cristo, Aquél que cumplió las profecías de la Sagrada Escritura judía.

Las selecciones de hoy aluden a nuestra debilidad humana, sin embargo hacen hincapié en el perdón y la paz que son posibles para quienes tienen fe en “Jesucristo, el Justo” (1 Juan 2:2). En los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Pedro nos dice a todos “arrepíentanse y conviértanse, para que se borren sus pecados” (Hechos 3:19). La primera carta del apóstol San Juan dice que Jesucristo es “víctima de expiación por nuestros pecados” (1 Juan 2:2). Por último, en el Evangelio, Jesús saluda a los discípulos diciéndoles: “Paz” y los insta a predicar “la necesidad de volverse a Dios y el perdón de los pecados” (Lucas 24:47).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Hch 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Martes:	Hch 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
Miércoles:	Hch 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
Jueves:	Hch 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Viernes:	Hch 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 o, para el memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 o Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
Sábado:	Hch 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Domingo:	Hch 4:8-12; Sal 118 (117); 1 Jn 3:1-2;

