

# St. Bridget of Sweden Church

CHURCH: 7100 Whitaker Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406

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Rectory/Rectoría

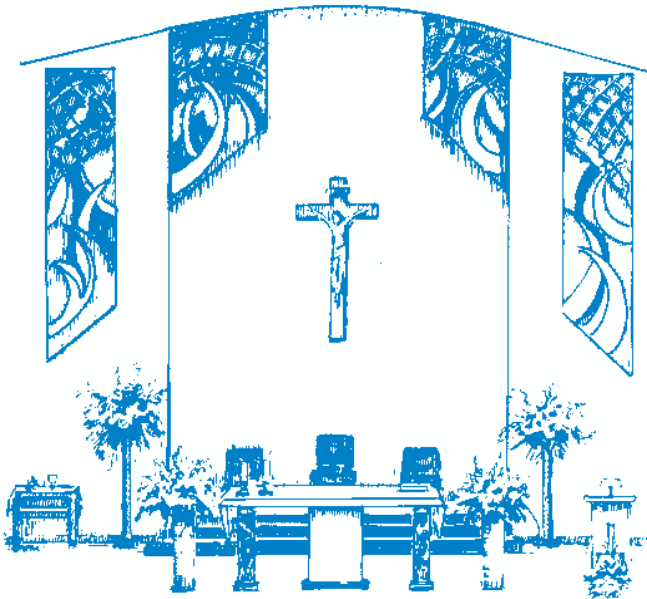
16711 Gault St., Van Nuys, CA 91406..... (818) 782-7180

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”** – Nancy Bejune 996-4409

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** – Bernie Hanley

## NEW PARISHIONERS

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

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 1, 2009**  
 Come, let us bow down in worship;  
 let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
 — *Psalm 95:6*

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 1

7:30 am Int. of Fr. Joseph Dass (Rose Johnson)  
 9:00 am +Susan Kalck (Susan O'Sullivan)  
 10:30 am +Antonio Torres (Familia Menchaca)  
 12 noon Int. of Deacon Ramon Rivera on his Anniversary  
 of Ordination (Priests & Parishioners)  
 7:00 pm +Eleuteria Fresco (Veronica Fresco)

### Monday, February 2

8:00 am Int. of Fr. Joe Baca (Rose Johnson)

### Tuesday, February 3

8:00 am Int. of Fr. Vincent Hughes  
 (Rose Johnson)

### Wednesday, February 4

8:00 am Int. of Fr. Juliet Samson (Rose Johnson)

### Thursday, February 5

8:00 am +Primo Caballes (Marietta Maceda)

### Friday, February 6

8:00 am Int. of Russ Johnson (Rose Johnson)

### Saturday, February 7

8:00 am +Fr. Patrick McGoldrick  
 (Priests & Parishioners)

5:00 pm Parishioners

### Sunday, February 8

7:30 am Int. of Kristine Johnson (Rose Johnson)  
 9:00 am Int. of Mary Jane Elliott (Bryce Elliott)  
 10:30 am +Josefa Jurado (Her Daughter Aurelia)  
 12 noon Int. of Joseph Lee on his Birthday  
 (His Mother Rosie Lee)  
 7:00pm +Adolfo L. Salas (The Salas Family)

## Seasoned Citizens

2-2-09 10:30 am Business Meeting  
 2-16-09 12 noon Catered Potluck  
 2-18-09 San Manuel Casino  
 (Bus leaves at 10:00 am)

Call Laura Spehar for  
 Information 881-7221



## Van Nuys Knights of Columbus

All Catholic men are invited to join our great fraternity. The next initiation ceremony is March 31, 2009. For more information call John Williams at (818) 780-0526

## TRUE PROPHETS



Jesus taught them as one having authority

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God. There are, no doubt, both false and true prophets around us today. The whole history of our church is filled with both. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of church authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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## Clases de Catecismo Para Adultos

La Oficina de Educación Religiosa de esta Iglesia tendra clases para adultos de Primera Comunión y Confirmación. El primer dia de clases sera el Jueves 5 de Febrero a las 7 pm. Para mas informacion comunicarse con Gloria al telefono 782-7180, de las 9:00 am a las 4:00 pm.

## Eucharistic Ministers Schedule February 7th, & February 8th, 2009

Saturday, 5:00 PM	Walsh	Herrera	J. Frankel
	J. Frankel	Watsabaugh	
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Ashley	Emond	Ferrer
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Folse	L. Spehar	M. Spehar
	Dizon	Ruggiero	
Sunday, 10:30 AM	S. Garcia	P. Rodriguez	
	J. Flores	M. Rodriguez	
Sunday, 12:00 Noon	E. Medina	M. Hernandez	
	M. Hernandez		
Sunday, 7:00 PM	Pawlak	Langi	Sitani

### Communicating the Sanctity of Human Life

Are you a good listener? Do you want to reach out and support a young woman facing a crisis pregnancy but feel you do not know how to express the right words? Have you considered how you can help protect unborn babies or talk to girls in need of loving support and lay counseling? We will be conducting a training class to equip you to communicate the sanctity of life, and if you desire, to volunteer with us. Please call for more information and to see if this might be the start of a direction in which God is calling you. Please call (818) 895-2500 for more information.

Pregnancy Counseling Center

### PROFETAS VERDADEROS

Hoy en Deuteronomio oímos que las palabras de Dios llenarán la boca de un profeta verdadero, pero un profeta falso pondrá, por así decirlo, palabras meramente humanas en boca de Dios. En el Evangelio según san Marcos, vemos a Jesús enseñando y curando como un profeta verdadero con la autoridad de la voz de Dios, el Santo de Dios. Sin duda, hoy existen profetas falsos y verdaderos a nuestro alrededor. La historia de nuestra Iglesia está llena de ambos tipos de profetas. Algunos profetas falsos fueron extremadamente populares y eran muy versados en la Sagrada Escritura, incluso ocupaban puestos de autoridad eclesial. Pero en el Evangelio de hoy descubrimos que la fama de Jesús se extendió porque enseñaba con autoridad; no era una autoridad porque fuera popular o famoso. En otra parte, descubrimos con él, cuando es tentado y enfrenta a Satanás en el desierto, que cualquiera puede citar la Sagrada Escritura para sus propósitos, incluso si estos van en contra de los de Dios. Hoy oímos que su autoridad no era como la de los escribas, que eran la autoridad oficial religiosa en su época. Nuestra tarea es hacer todo lo posible por saber identificar a los verdaderos profetas que están entre nosotros y también a ser verdaderos profetas. El salmista nos dice cómo hacerlo: no debemos endurecer nuestros corazones cuando escuchamos a Dios. Si realmente escuchamos a Dios, Dios pondrá sus palabras en nuestra boca.

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### 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](http://www.stbridget.org). For more information please call 818/785-4422. Financial Aid is also available.

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

<u>REGULAR INCOME</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>B/M &amp; R FUND</u>
<u>1<sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION</u>
<u>INGRESO REGULAR</u>	<u>GASTOS</u>	<u>FONDO DE M/R</u>
<u>Ira COLECTA</u>	<u>PROMETIDOS</u>	<u>2da COLECTA</u>

**January 25, 2009**

**\$5,340                      \$8,360    -\$3,020    \$1,222**

### 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	
Guadalupe Santibañez		Concepcion Martinez	

### Bishop Alemany High School

#### Placement Exam

Bishop Alemany High School extends a warm invitation to all incoming 9th and 10th grade students to register for our Placement Test on Saturday, January 31, 2009 or February 21, 2009. The placement Test will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Campus will be open at 8:00 a.m. Seating begins at 8:30 a.m. If you need further information please email [admissions@alemany.org](mailto:admissions@alemany.org) or call the community Outreach Office at 818/837-5222 or 818/837-5224.

### Calling all Members of St. Bridget's Ministries

**The Parish Council presents  
a mini-conference to be held  
Saturday, February 7, 2009**

**St. Bridget's Parish Hall  
9:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Your chance to voice your opinions and  
needs regarding your ministry  
and enjoy lunch on us!**

### Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women

**Nazareth House, 3333 Manning Avenue,  
Los Angeles, CA 90064**

**Sunday, February 8, 2009**

**9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Call Sr. Philomena Murphy: 310-839-2361 or  
Sr. Fintan: 310-216-8170**