

# St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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

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Rectory/Rectoría

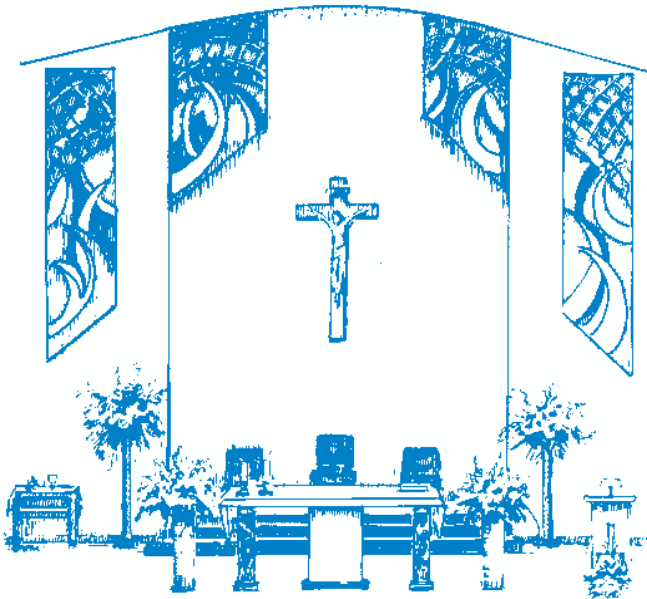
16711 Gault St., Van Nuys, CA 91406..... (818) 782-7180

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

**The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 4, 2009**

All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.  
— Psalm 72:11



**Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, January 4**

- 7:30 am Int. & Thanksgiving of Dorothy Keenan  
(Priests & Parishioners)
- 9:00 am Int. of Father Joseph Dass  
(Parishioners)
- 10:30 am Int. & Thanksgiving of Juanita Pichardo  
(Priests & Parishioners)
- 12 noon Int. & Thanksgiving of Josie Rivera
- 7:00 pm +Patty Nelson  
(Priests & Parishioners)

**Monday, January 5**

- 8:00 am +Beatrice Clark  
(Husband Bud Clark)

**Tuesday, January 6**

- 8:00 am Parishioners

**Wednesday, January 7**

- 8:00 am Parishioners

**Thursday, January 8**

- 9:00 am Parishioners

**Friday, January 9**

- 8:00 am +Juan Sunun  
(Pedrina Sunun)

**Saturday, January 10**

- 8:00 am Parishioners
- 5:00 pm Parishioners

**Sunday, January 11**

- 7:30 am +Beatrice Clark  
(Husband Bud Clark)
- 9:00 am Int. Mary Jane Elliott  
(Bryce Elliott)
- 10:30 am Parishioners
- 12 noon Parishioners
- 7:00pm Parishioners



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**Seasoned Citizens**

- 1-5-09 10:30 am Business Meeting
- 1-19-09 12:00 pm Potluck
- 2-18-09 San Manuel Casino (\$15.00)

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 Tuesday, December 30th at 6:30 pm. For more information call John Williams at (818) 780-0526.

**GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE**

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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**Eucharistic Ministers Schedule  
January 10th, & 11th, 2009**

Saturday, 5:00 PM	Grahek	J. Frankel	J. Frankel
	Alvarado	Sloniker	
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Vollmer	Rozenberg	Lopez
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Dizon	Ruggiero	L. Spehar
	Folse	M. Spehar	
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	Langi	Sitani	Pawlak

## LA PROMESA DE DIOS A TODOS

Hoy Isaías le recuerda al pueblo de Dios que recuperará su tierra, que se alegrará al ver que las personas regresan del cautiverio del exilio y que será una luz para todos los pueblos. En otras palabras, por medio del pueblo de Israel, el Salvador llegará a todos los pueblos que buscan a Dios con un corazón sincero. Esto traerá la alegría y el resplandor de la gloria de Dios a todo el mundo y a todos los pueblos. Gracias a la fidelidad del pueblo de Dios y, gracias a la fidelidad de Dios con ellos, todos serán sus hijos y se alegrarán con el cumplimiento de su promesa a Israel.

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## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El Evangelio de san Juan comienza con una extraña revelación. Nos declara que al principio, Jesús no sólo estaba con Dios, sino que Jesús es Dios (Juan 1:1). Dependiendo de nuestra traducción de las Sagradas Escrituras, Jesús es nombrado ya sea “Palabra” o “Verbo” en el primer pasaje de Juan.

Según una canción de Ricardo Arjona “Jesús es verbo, no sustantivo”. Y tiene razón. Hay que recordar que Juan no escribió en español, ni siquiera en inglés. El evangelista escribió en griego y aplicó el concepto filosófico del logos a Jesús. El logos, de la filosofía griega se manifiesta en Jesús de Nazaret. Para los griegos esta noticia era asombrosa, porque logos quiere decir palabra activa, es decir, el verbo que actúa y por el cual todo es creado. Juan declara que Jesús es este Verbo, él es el Dios que lo hizo todo y en el cual todos tenemos vida si actuamos como él.

El evangelio de Juan nos desafía a vivir el verbo que es Cristo, no sólo diciendo que somos cristianos, sino actuando como Jesús, cual Verbo Divino.

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

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:13-17, 23-25  
 Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mc 6:34-44  
 Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mc 6:45-52  
 Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lc 4:14-22a  
 Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lc 5:12-16  
 Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30  
 Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 55:1-11; Sal 29 (28) o Is 12:2-6; Hch 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mc 1:7-11



## 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
November 2008 \$28,215	\$41,800	-\$13,585
December 7, 2008 \$7,471	\$8,360	-\$889
December 14, 2008 \$5,094	\$8,360	-\$3,266
December 21, 2008 \$6,051	\$8,360	-\$2,309

## 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
Juana Gonzalez	Dorothy Keenan	Antonio Torres	Carlota Palacio
Elba Lopez	Ramon Garcia	August Labriola	Chris Rossi
Florence Diaz	Yolanda Nestor	Dorothea Smith	Betts Pulkrabek
Sherry Santor	Dan Kahn	Clarence Wright	Jim Nelson
Tony Ruiz Jr.	Jose Muñoz	Carlos Muñoz	Rosita Herrera
Ed Keenan	Maria Valenzuela	Juan Areliz	Francisco Albarra
Belem Herrera	Phyllis McNamara	Rita Herrera	Evelyn Shockley
Mary Ellis	Evelyn Whitemore	Ma. Del Carmen Barrera	
Pat Valenzuela	Isabella Mills	Joe Avelino	Sandy Baxter
Justina Gomez	Rosalie Graveline	Josie Rivera	David Santibañez
Guadalupe Santibañez		Concepcion Martinez	
Sra. Menchaca	Teresa Carranza	Amy Anton	Dan Kahn Jr.

## Have You Remembered St. Bridget of Sweden Catholic Church In Your Will or Trust?

For further information, please contact the rectory or H. Richard Closson, Director, Trust and Estate Programs (213) 637-7472 or [HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org)  
[www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc](http://www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc)

Our correct legal title is:  
 The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles,  
 A Corporation Sole for the benefit of:  
 St. Bridget of Sweden Catholic Church

## Office of Family Life Separated Divorced and Widowed Ministry Presents

**Monsignor Jim Gehl**

“Journey to a New Life”

Saturday, January 17, 2009

Registration from 8:45 am to 9:30 am

Tour, Workshop and Mass from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Catedral of Our Lady of the Angels

555 West Temple Street

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Cost: \$25 - RSVP by January 12, 2009

For information call: Julie Auzenne (213) 637-7249

Or Email: [jmonell1@altrionet.com](mailto:jmonell1@altrionet.com)