

# St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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

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Rectory/Rectoría

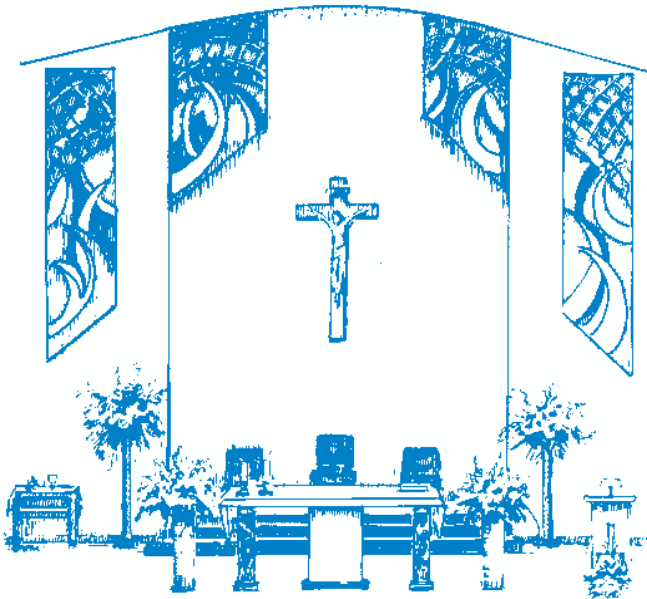
16711 Gault St., Van Nuys, CA 91406..... (818) 782-7180

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 Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2009

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

— Isaiah 55:1

He will baptize  
with the  
Holy Spirit



## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Sunday, January 11

7:30 am +Beatrice Clark (Husband Bud Clark)

9:00 am Int. of Mary Jane Elliott  
(Bryce Elliott)

10:30 am +Castula Sunun & Maria Gonzala Sunun  
(Pedrina Sunun)

12 noon +Castula Sunun & Maria Gonzala Sunun  
(Pedrina Sunun)

7:00 pm Parishioners

### Monday, January 12

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

### Tuesday, January 13

8:00 am +Angelique Romero (Her Family)

### Wednesday, January 14

8:00 am +Connie Yap (Angela Juni)

### Thursday, January 15

8:00 am +Emmanuel Castillo (Marietta Maceda)

### Friday, January 16

8:00 am Parishioners

### Saturday, January 17

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

5:00 pm +Father Noel Ryan (Dotti Serrao)

### Sunday, January 18

7:30 am +Patti Nelson (Priests & Parishioners)

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

10:30 am Parishioners

12 noon Parishioners

7:00pm Int. of Rosalie Graveline  
(Priests & Parishioners)

## THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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## Crespi Carmelite High School

Will hold an Alumni Kairos Reunion on Friday, January 16, 2009. The Alumni Kairos Reunion Mass is at 5:30 pm in the new School Chapel in the Fine Arts Building. There will be a reception in the Alumni House. For more information please contact campus ministry director, Joe Schnelldorfer regarding this event at 818-345-1672 ext. 311.

Entrance exam dates for Crespi Carmelite High School are January 31st and February 7th. For more information or to schedule a date for an entrance exam, please contact the admissions office at 818-345-1672 ext. 535.

## Seasoned Citizens

1-19-09 12:00 pm Potluck

2-18-09 San Manuel Casino (\$15.00)

Call Laura Spehar for  
Information 881-7221

## Clergy Night

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Van Nuys Council

Tuesday evening, January 27, 2009

St. John Baptist de la Salle, Seton Hall,

Time: 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm

Honorees: Fr. Richard Zanotti, CS

Sister Teresa Lynch, Principal, St. Genevieve School

Deacon Sam & Mrs. Sally Frias

\$17.00 Per Person

Tickets must be purchased in advance no later than January 12, 2009. Call Bob at 818-891-3239 or John at 818-366-0949 or 818-780-0526 for tickets.

## Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

January 17th, & 18th, 2009

Saturday, 5:00 PM	A. Balint Miron	E. Balint Walsh	Serrao
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Ashley	Emond	Ferrer
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Muljadi Arciaga	Kotzman Sison	Penaloza
Sunday, 10:30 AM	S. Garcia J. Flores	P. Rodriguez M. Rodriguez	
Sunday, 12:00 Noon	E. Medina M. Hernandez	M. Hernandez	
Sunday, 7:00 PM	Huhane	Watsabaugh	Quadra

## LAS AGUAS BAUTISMALES

Cuando se planta un césped nuevo, debe regarse constantemente. Los jardineros dicen que esto "teje" el césped al suelo. Lo mismo sucede cuando se injerta una rama a un árbol: el cataplasma que los une debe estar húmedo en todo momento. El agua es lo que mantiene unidas a las células de nuestro cuerpo. Con razón las religiones de todas las épocas y culturas han usado tanto este símbolo. Cuando Jesús se sumerge en el Jordán para ser bautizado, se "teje" a todo aquello que lo precedía. Al sumergirse en el Jordán, se hizo uno con el pueblo de Israel que había cruzado el río para llegar a su Tierra Prometida. Junto a Juan Bautista, Cristo se tejió a la tradición profética que presagiaba la venida del Reino de Dios. Jesús se había convertido plenamente en humano en las aguas del vientre de María y al participar del rito del Bautismo del arrepentimiento, se sintió identificado con nuestra frágil y pecaminosa humanidad. Por las aguas del Bautismo Cristo continúa injertando nuevos miembros a su Cuerpo, la Iglesia; gracias a nuestro destino de vida eterna, por estas aguas somos limpiados del pecado y recibimos la promesa de la gracia. Para nosotros, como para Jesús, las aguas bautismales también inauguran nuestra misión de proclamar la Buena Nueva.

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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.

## Come Let Us Adore Him!

All lovers of the Holy Child are invited to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in honor of the **Holy Infant Jesus—The Santo Niño at the Historic Faith Center of the San Pedro Region (SS. Peter and Paul Church) at 515 West Opp Street in Wilmington on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 10:00 am.** V. Rev. Hugh C. Barbour, Prior of St. Michael's Abbey (Norbertine Fathers) will be the main celebrant. Complimentary lunch will be offered after the Procession and Mass. For inquiries and more information, please call the parish office at 310-834-5215 ext. 23 or e-mail us at [sppc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sppc@sbcglobal.net)



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

<u>REGULAR INCOME</u> <u>1<sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION</u> <u>INGRESO REGULAR</u> <u>Ira COLECTA</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u> <u>EXPENSES</u> <u>GASTOS</u> <u>PROMETIDOS</u>	<u>B/M &amp; R FUND</u> <u>2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION</u> <u>FONDO DE M/R</u> <u>2da COLECTA</u>
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
December 28, 2008 \$5,400	\$8,360	-\$2,960
		\$835

## 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 Albarran
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

Cathedral 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)