

# St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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

Whitaker Ave. & Gault St.

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Rectory/Rectoría

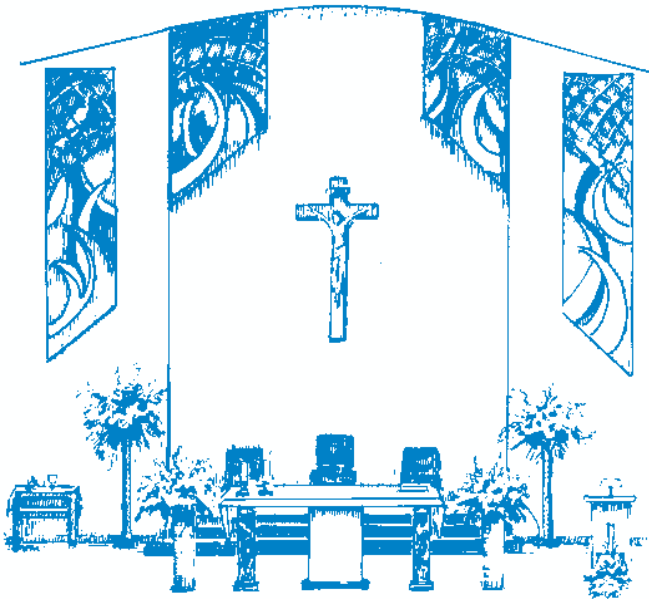
16711 Gault St., Van Nuys, CA 91406..... (818) 782-7180

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

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 18, 2009**

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit  
within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a



*Weekly Mass Intentions*

**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 +Maria Isabel Salazar De Romero  
(Imelda Romero)

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

**Monday, January 19**

8:00 am +Beatriz Guerrero (Anchita Herrera)

**Tuesday, January 20**

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

**Wednesday, January 21**

8:00 am +Ignacio Villaflor & Matea Pimentil  
(Angela Juni)

**Thursday, January 22**

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

**Friday, January 23**

8:00 am Int. of Julie Cortez (Rose Johnson)

**Saturday, January 24**

8:00 am Int. of Tina Khaturturian  
(Rose Johnson)  
Dotti Serrao

**Sunday, January 25**

7:30 am Int. of Anita Cortez (Rose Johnson)

9:00 am +Christopher Wong (Ralph & Miggs Ruggiero)

10:30 am Parishioners

12 noon Parishioners

7:00pm +Ann Estrada (Seasoned Citizens)

**Seasoned Citizens**

- 1-19-09 12 noon Potluck
- 1-26-09 10:30 am Board Meeting
- 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

**HAPPY PEOPLE**

The happiest people don't necessarily have  
the best of everything. They just make the best of  
everything.

—Anonymous

**THE LAMB OF GOD**

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics would not know who in the Bible originally spoke this phrase. Some may be surprised that it appears in only one of the four Gospels, and after it is spoken two times, it never appears again. It is John the Baptist who twice utters this phrase in the Gospel of John. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: We must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. Even though we do not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ (could Andrew have known the destiny of his brother?), that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church—one, holy, catholic, and apostolic—is to bring others to Christ. We do not seek attention, glory, or followers for ourselves, but only for the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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**Crespi Carmelite High School**

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.

**Van Nuys Knights of Columbus**

All Catholic men are invited to join our great fraternity. The next initiation ceremony is March 18, 2009. For more information call John Williams at (818) 780-0526

**Eucharistic Ministers Schedule**

**January 24th, & 25th, 2009**

Saturday, 5:00 PM	Grahek	J. Frankel	Herrera
	Alvarado	J. Frankel	
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Lopez	Hanna	Da Costa
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Folse	Dizon	L. Spehar
	Muljadi	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	Pawlak	O’Sullivan	Langi

## CORDERO DE DIOS

“Este es el Cordero de Dios”. Escuchamos esta frase todos los domingos en la misa pero es muy probable que muchos católicos no sepan quién la pronunció originariamente en la Biblia. A algunos les puede sorprender ver que aparece solamente en uno de los cuatro Evangelios y, después de que se la dice dos veces, no vuelve a aparecer. Juan Bautista es quien dice dos veces esta frase en el Evangelio según san Juan. En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, Juan proclama que Jesús es el Cordero de Dios y entonces dos de los discípulos de Juan siguen a Cristo. Un poco más tarde Andrés, quien escuchó a Juan y siguió a Jesús, lleva a su hermano Simón para que reciba un nuevo nombre: Kefás, es decir Pedro. Si estudiamos a fondo estos versículos de la Biblia vemos la misión de todos los bautizados en el Cuerpo de Cristo: Siempre debemos proclamar nuestra fe en Cristo, para que otros lo sigan. Quizás no sepamos de qué manera la voluntad de Dios obrará en los que llevamos a Cristo (¿Podría Andrés conocer el destino de su hermano?), pero eso no es lo importante. Lo que importa es que nuestra misión constante como Iglesia (una, santa, católica y apostólica) es llevar a otras personas a Cristo. No buscamos recibir atención, gloria ni seguidores, toda la atención, la gloria y los seguidores son para el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo.

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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.

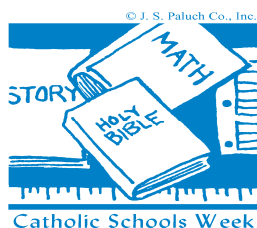
## School Scholarship Breakfast

**Sunday, January 25th, 2009**  
**After 7:30 am & 9:00 am Masses**  
**At the Parish Hall**

**Proceeds from the breakfast go to a St. Bridget of Sweden School Family to help with tuition expenses.**

### Menu:

**Sausage-Eggs-Pancakes-  
 Hash Browns  
 Coffee & Juice**



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

REGULAR INCOME 1 <sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION INGRESO REGULAR 1ra COLECTA	AVERAGE EXPENSES GASTOS PROMETIDOS	B/M & R FUND 2 <sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION FONDO DE M/R 2da COLECTA
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**January 11, 2008**

**\$4,850                      \$8,360    -\$3,510    \$1,191**

### 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 Whittemore	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**

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

¿Recuerdas tu bautismo? Permítanme compartir mi testimonio. No recuerdo los eventos del día en que me bautizaron, pero tengo años recordando que, gracias a Dios y mis padres, estoy bautizado. Trato de vivir mi vida recordando mi bautismo, buscando que mi comportamiento sea digno de una persona bautizada.

Fui bautizado al mes de haber nacido, y confirmado cuando tenía sólo un año (eran otros tiempos). Hice mi primera (y no última) comunión a los siete años. Continuaba asistiendo a las clases de catecismo (doctrina), no obstante, cuando cumplí 17 años, sentí que algo me faltaba. Mis amigos protestantes me invitaban a sus Iglesias, pero yo buscaba a Dios en mi Iglesia católica. Un día, gracias al grupo carismático recibí el bautismo en el Espíritu Santo y desde ese momento mi vida cambió. Ahora sé que el Espíritu lo había recibido en mi bautismo, Confirmación y Primera Comunión, lo único que debía hacer era permitirle actuar en mi vida. Creo que en la vida de muchos cristianos, el Espíritu Santo sigue esperando que le den permiso de actuar. Y tú, ¿qué esperas? Pídele al Espíritu que se mueva en tí y vive tu bautismo.

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