

# St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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

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Rectory/Rectoría

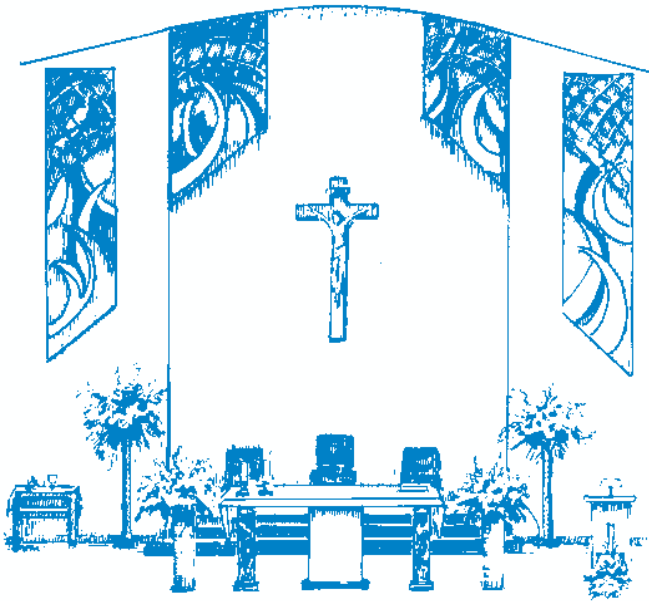
16711 Gault St., Van Nuys, CA 91406..... (818) 782-7180

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

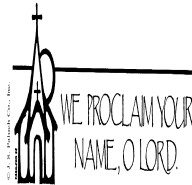
**Ushers** – Bernie Hanley

## 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

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 25, 2009**

The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.  
— Mark 1:15



*Weekly Mass Intentions*

**Sunday, January 25**

7:30 am Int. of Anita Cortez (Rose Johnson)  
9:00 am +Christopher Wong (Ralph & Miggs Ruggiero)  
10:30 am +Marco Antonio Gonzalez (Su Esposa Estela Gonzalez)  
  
12 noon Parishioners  
7:00 pm +Ann Estrada (Seasoned Citizens)

**Monday, January 26**

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

**Tuesday, January 27**

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

**Wednesday, January 28**

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

**Thursday, January 29**

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

**Friday, January 30**

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

**Saturday, January 31**

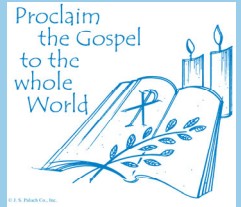
8:00 am Int. of Sharon Johnson (Rose Johnson)  
5:00 pm +Patti Nelson (The Todd Family)

**Sunday, February 1**

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

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

One of the most unusual Catholic churches in the world is in Amsterdam: Our Lord in the Attic, or as the locals say, "Ons Lieve Heer op Solder." What looks like a beautiful, narrow brick mansion alongside a canal is a clever disguise for a very well-preserved seventeenth-century home and a secret church. During the Reformation, the Netherlands was divided into Protestant Holland and the Spanish Netherlands, now known as Belgium, a Catholic stronghold. Protestant reformers seized all the Catholic parishes in Holland and "de-Catholicized" them. New laws forbade the celebration of the Mass in public. St. Nicholas Church was renamed "Old Church" by the new owners, and the dispossessed Catholics got to work "hiding" St. Nicholas Parish in the upper floors of this mansion. Other Catholics did the same thing, but this is the only hidden church that survives today. Sunday Mass is still celebrated here.



It's a beautiful hideaway, with nothing spared in regard to marble, gilding, a pipe organ, and classic Dutch painting. A few steps away, the Old Church, begun in 1250, stands emptied of the statues and carvings of its Catholic days, its windows replaced by plain glass. The new tenants gave up when it came to the ceiling, which is still painted with saints, biblical scenes, and merchant ships. The Dutch reformers were tolerant sorts, and as long as the Catholics kept out of sight, they were out of mind. Catholicism was at last tolerated in Holland after 1853, but in 1924 when the International Eucharistic Congress was held in Amsterdam, processions of Catholics were still forbidden in the streets. Today, Roman Catholics are about nineteen percent of the population, and there's no need for any of them to hide in the attic.

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**Seasoned Citizens**

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

**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

**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.

**Eucharistic Ministers Schedule  
January 31st, & February 1st, 2009**

Saturday, 5:00 PM	Walsh Alvarado	Grahek Sloniker	Miron
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Ashley	Rozenberg	Vollmer
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Arciaga Hanna	Muljadi Sison	Quadra
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	Serrao	Tallis	Fifita

## LAS EXIGENCIAS DE SER DISCÍPULO

Hace tan solo un mes fue Navidad, pero hoy ya encontramos lecturas con el tono penitencia de Cuaresma. Nínive ayuna durante cuarenta días, el salmista nos recuerda que sólo Dios puede indicarles el camino a los pecadores, san Pablo nos muestra que todas las cosas y los acontecimientos de este mundo son transitorios y Jesús nos dice: "Arrepiéntanse" antes de llamar a sus nuevos seguidores. Si bien es fácil malinterpretar estos domingos del "Tiempo Ordinario" pensando que son corrientes, distan mucho de serlo. "Sígueme", dice Jesús, pero si realmente vivimos los mandamientos y las exigencias de ser discípulos por el Bautismo, nos daremos cuenta de nuestra necesidad de conversión, de nuestro arrepentimiento, nuestra necesidad de creer plenamente en el Evangelio para poder vivir la vocación a la que Jesús nos ha llamado. El Evangelio de hoy comienza recordándonos lo que le sucedió a Juan Bautista por vivir plenamente su vocación como heraldo de Cristo y del Evangelio: fue arrestado, encarcelado y martirizado. Si bien pocos de nosotros sufriremos consecuencias tan extremas, todos debemos estar preparados para enfrentar algún tipo de rechazo por hacerle caso al llamado de Jesús, vivir el Reino de Dios que está próximo, arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y creer en la buena nueva de salvación.

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## School News

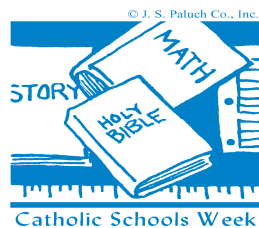
St. Bridget of Sweden School is now accepting applications for Kindergarten through 8th grade, for the 2009-2010 school year. Applications can be picked up at the school office, or can be mailed upon request. You can also go on line at [www.stbridget.org](http://www.stbridget.org). For more information 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 18, 2009**

**\$5,969                      \$8,360    -\$2,391    \$1,254**

### 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.

## 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**