

St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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Rectory/Rectoría

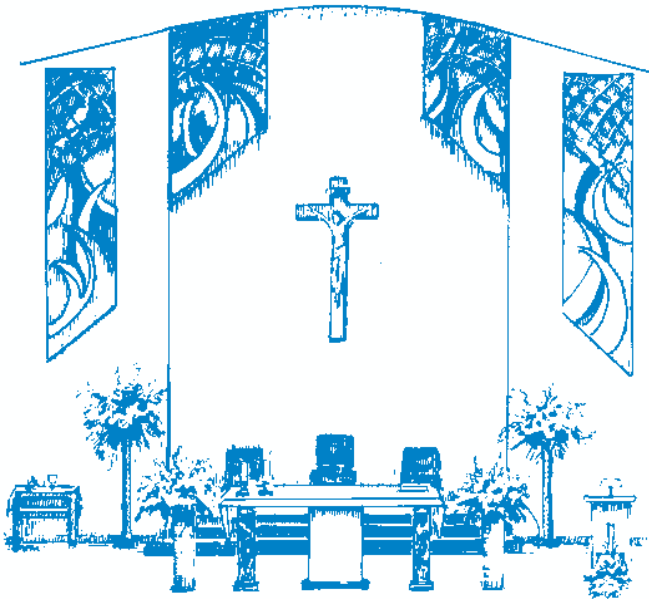
16711 Gault St., Van Nuys, CA 91406..... (818) 782-7180

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 – John Williams, 780-0526

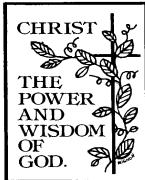
NEW PARISHIONERS

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 of Lent

March 15, 2009

I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods besides
me.
— Exodus 20:2a, 3



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 15

7:30 am +Josefina Mendez (Luis Mendez)
9:00 am +Dick Smith (Dorothy & Ed Keenan)
10:30 am +Maria Jurado (Aurelia Barba)
12 noon Int. of Josie Rivera on her Birthday
(Her Family)
7:00 pm Int. and Thanksgiving of Helen Ciesler

Monday, March 16

8:00 am Int. of Aurelia Barba on her Birthday
(Her Family)

Tuesday, March 17

8:00 am +Alma S. Intal (The Salas Family)

Wednesday, March 18

8:00 am +Filomena & Jose Villafior
(Angela Juni)

Thursday, March 19

8:00 am +Earl & Dorothy Hopkins
(Mary Grahek)

Friday, March 20

8:00 am +Eleuteria Fresco (Veronica Fresco)

Saturday, March 21

8:00 am Int. of Men Nguyen (Vickey Pham & Family)
5:00 pm +Lynne Graves (Josephine Allen)

Sunday, March 22

7:30 am +Robert Shockley (Evelyn Shockley)
9:00 am Int. of Rose Factora on her Birthday
(Factora & Arciaga Family)
10:30 am Parishioners
12 noon +Victoriano Sanchez (The Sanchez Family)
7:00pm +Corazon Gregorio Lizardo
(Yvette Lirio)

Seasoned Citizens

3-16-09 Potluck 12 Noon (Hall)
3-30-09 Board Meeting 10:30 AM
(Parish Center)
4-21-09 Descanso Gardens \$10.00 (Carpool)
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

KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments (not the movie, the book). The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

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Lenten Penance Service

You are invited to participate in our Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. We will gather in church as a faith community, seeking God's forgiveness and reconciliation. Come and experience the healing and strengthening of the Sacrament of reconciliation.

Servicio de Penitencia de Cuaresma

Estan envidados a participar en el servicio de Penitencia el dia 25 de Marzo, a las 7 p.m. Nos vamos a reunir en la Iglesia como una comunidad de Fe, buscando el perdon y reconciliación.

Eucharistic Ministers Schedule March 21st, & March 22nd, 2009

Saturday, 5:00 PM	A. Balint Miron	E. Balint Watsabaugh	Serrao
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Ashely	Rozenberg	Centeno
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Arciaga De Leon	Dizon Muljadi	Sison
Sunday, 10:30 AM	S. Garcia J. Flores	P. Rodriguez M. Rodriguez	
Sunday, 12:00 Noon	M. Hernandez	E. Medina M. Hernandez	
Sunday, 7:00 PM	Pawlak Langi	O'Sullivan	

Michael Daughtery Scholarship Breakfast

The Michael Daughtery Scholarship Breakfast will be held on March 22, 2009, after the 7:30 am and 9:00 am Masses in the Parish Hall. St. Bridget of Sweden School sponsors the breakfast, and proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund. Come and enjoy a delightful Breakfast with fellow Parishioners.



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SANTIFICA EL SÁBADO

No hay mejor forma de profundizar nuestras devociones de Cuaresma que repasar los Diez Mandamientos (no la película, el libro). Los primeros tres, los cuales se refieren a una buena relación con Dios, son más extensos. Quizás el que más nos cueste a nosotros, que siempre estamos tan ocupados, es santificar las fiestas refiriéndose al día del Señor.

Si tomáramos este mandamiento literalmente, no cambiaríamos a los bebés, los platos quedarían en la mesa y quizás ni siquiera serviríamos las comidas. Los enfermos no serían atendidos y no se haría nada que estuviera relacionado con el trabajo físico. ¿Se considera trabajo al trabajo mental? ¿Y qué hay de cambiarle el pañal al bebé (¡pobrecito!)?

Debemos depender de Dios para discernir de qué manera debemos respetar y santificar el día del Señor en nuestras vidas. La clave de este mandamiento es que Dios nos ha dado un gran regalo: un día entero por semana en el cual somos libres para descansar, rendirle culto a Dios, cantar, celebrar, amar y alegrarnos. Como proclama el Salmo 19: "Los mandatos del Señor son rectos / y alegran el corazón" (19:8). Nuestro descanso del domingo es un gran regalo que debemos recibir de Dios con alegría, no poniendo peros.

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Celebrating the 151st year of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes

Echoes of Lourdes— Celebrating the 151st year of the Lourdes apparitions Presentation on Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette.

Relics of Saint Bernadette, Therese, Faustina and Padre Pio will be on display for public veneration on this day only.

St. Jane Francis de Chantal Church
13001 Victory Boulevard
North Hollywood, CA 91606

Saturday, March 28th at 6:30 PM
For Information call (323) 573-3175

FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL DE EL CONCILIO FINANCIERO PARROQUIAL

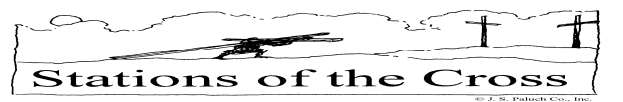
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March 8, 2009

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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	Sylvia Salazar
Guadalupe Santibañez	Concepcion Martinez		Men Nguyen



Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Each Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be held at 6 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish. We will have a Lenten meal of soup in the parish hall. Make lent a holy time of prayer and fellowship. Come join us for soup!



Viacrusis

Todos los viernes de Cuaresma Habra Viacrusis a las 6:00 pm en Ingles, y 7:00 pm en Español.

Habra Sopa en el Salon Parroquial a las 6:30 pm
 Venga al salon parroquial y disfrute de una merienda de Cuaresma antes del Viacrusis en Español

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. For more information please call 818/785-4422. Financial Aid is also available.