

St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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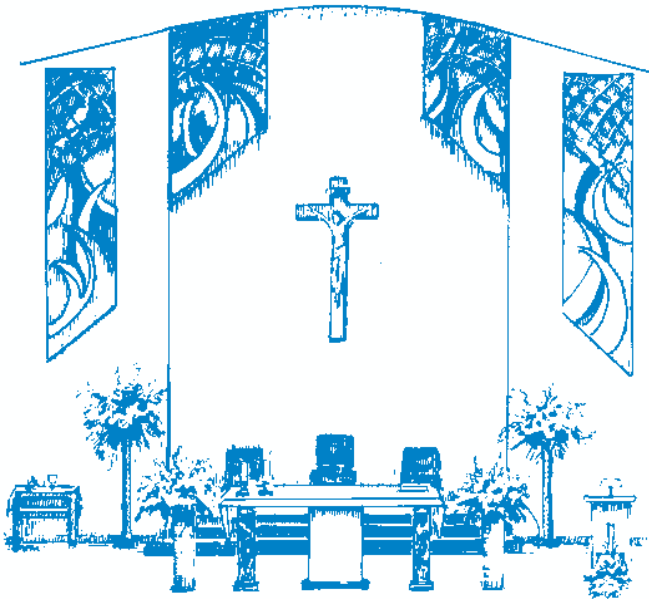
16711 Gault St., Van Nuys, CA 91406..... (818) 782-7180

Father Joseph Dass, Administrator Pro Tem

Mr. Ray Rivera, Deacon

Parish Office Secretaries: Gloria Romero and
Dorothy Keenan

Parish Council: Tom Riley (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” – John Williams, 780-0526

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 doors. Welcome Committee:
English & Spanish Frank Ayala 994-7630

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2009**

Let us love not in word or
speech
but in deed and truth.
— 1 John 3:18



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 10

7:30 am +Beatriz B. Guerrero (Anchita Herrera)
9:00 am Int. of Mary Jane Elliott
(Bryce Elliott)
10:30 am +Francisco & Daniel Aguilar
(Maria Alcaraz y Familia)
12 noon Mother's Day Novena
7:00 pm +Jose L. Salas Jr. (The Salas Family)

Monday, May 11

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 12

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 13

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 14

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Friday, May 15

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 16

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena
5:00 pm +Nancy Ganier Barkauskas
(Her Mother Lumania Ganier)

Sunday, May 17

7:30 am Mother's Day Novena
9:00 am +Tony Sr., Norma, Fe & Noli Ruiz
(Their Family)
10:30 am +Juan Areliz (De La Familia Areliz)
12 noon +Fernando & Estela Garcia
(De Su Familia)
7:00pm Parishioners

LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In Ireland and the United Kingdom, Mother's Day is over. "Mothering Sunday" was on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Long ago, people were freed from work to travel on this day to the parish where they were baptized, their "Mother Church." Often, people were reunited with their mothers on this day. Employers would release their workers and servants for this visit. The American celebration, while based on this custom, really has to do with an anti-war movement of mothers in Civil War times. They crusaded for better sanitary conditions for their sons. When President Wilson instituted the first Mother's Day in 1912, it was a day to fly the flag in honor of mothers whose children had died in battle. Knowing the tradition is a good balance to our celebration today: we can enfold in prayer the mothers who have suffered the loss of their children in war.

—Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Seasoned Citizens

5-13-09 Huntington Library Bus Leaves 11:00 AM
5-18-09 Mother's Day Potluck \$10.00 contact
Mary Grahek (818) 344-4221
6-1-09 Board Meeting 10:45 AM
6-8-09 Business Meeting 11:00 AM
10-13 thru 10-15 Avi Casino Laughlin \$65.00
12-10-09 Laurence Welk Theater and Luncheon
\$99.00 Contact Laura Spehar
(818) 881-7221

Van Nuys Knights of Columbus

All Catholic men are invited to join our great fraternity. The next initiation ceremony is June 30, 2009. For more information call John Williams at (818) 780-0526

**Eucharistic Ministers Schedule
May 16th, & May 17th, 2009**

Saturday, 5:00 PM	Serrao Miron	A. Balint Sloniker	E. Balint
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Ferrer	Lopez	Ashley
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Hanna O. Foladre	Muljadi T. Foladre	Ruggiero
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	Watsabaugh	Huhane	Pawlak

SARMIENTOS VIVOS

El Evangelio y la segunda lectura para este Quinto Domingo de Pascua hacen hincapié en la necesidad de que permanezcamos en Cristo y él permanecerá en nosotros. Esta vida compartida está representada en la imagen de la vid que tiene muchos sarmientos. Nos convertimos en sarmientos vivos de la vid, en miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo por el Bautismo, la Eucaristía y la Confirmación, por los sacramentos que nos hacen compartir la vida de Dios. La primera carta del apóstol san Juan describe el fruto de esta vid como el amor activo al prójimo: "Y este es su mandamiento: que creamos . . . y que nos amemos unos a otros" (1 Juan 3:23).

En la primera lectura de los Hechos contamos con un ejemplo de una persona que participa de la vida de Cristo en la persona de san Pablo. El audaz testimonio de Pablo, incluso a riesgo de perder su propia vida, es prueba para todos de que el Espíritu del Señor resucitado verdaderamente lo llena de vida y da fruto en él.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Durante la Última Cena, Jesús dijo a sus apóstoles: "Yo soy la vid, ustedes son los sarmientos" (Juan 15:5). Jesús añade que los sarmientos (ramas) que permanecen en Él, dan mucho fruto. Según la agricultura, la vid es una parra, es decir, una planta perenne de ramas frondosas.

Una parte importante de la vid son las hojas. Es obvio que una vid tiene hojas, pero Jesús no las menciona, prefiere enfocarse en los sarmientos. Las partes de la vid son las raíces, tronco, sarmientos, hojas, flores y fruto. Según esta división Jesús sería el tronco, pero él dice ser la vid completa. Esta es una imagen de la unidad que Jesús quiere entre sus seguidores. Recordemos que Jesús celebra la Última Cena con sus discípulos. La comunidad de discípulos unidos a Jesús formamos la vid. Los sarmientos o ramas conducen agua y minerales a las hojas, flores y frutos, y son útiles en tanto estén unidos a la vid. Lo mismo vale de los cristianos, discípulos de Jesús. Son ellos y ellas los que hacen presente y le dan vida a Jesús en el mundo de hoy.

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

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
 Martes: Hch 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
 Miércoles: Hch 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
 Jueves: Hch 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
 Viernes: Hch 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
 Sábado: Hch 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
 Domingo: Hch 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Sal 98 (97);
 1 Jn 4:7-10 o 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 o
 Jn 17:11b-19

FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL DE EL CONCILIO FINANCIERO PARROQUIAL

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May 3, 2009

\$5,748 \$8,360 -\$2,612 \$1,468

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
Peter Wolf	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
Margie Sherrard		Sandra Trujillo	Cruz Garcia



First Communion

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Congratulations to the students of St. Bridget of Sweden School who have shared for the first time the Gift of the Eucharist on May 2, 2009.

*Kenneth Clark
 Jed Durante
 Miriam Hasfura
 Ian Manlapit
 Devlen Smith
 Mason Waller*

*Matthew Diaz
 Ryan Frias
 Robert Herrera
 Fiona Purnomo
 Nina Spaccarelli
 Savannah Wilson*

Happy Mother's Day



DEEP DEBT

My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her.

—George Washington

Feliz Dia De Las Madres



DEUDA ETERNA

Mi madre fue la mujer más bella que jamás conocí. Todo lo que soy, se lo debo a mi madre. Atribuyo todos mis éxitos en esta vida a la enseñanza moral, intelectual y física que recibí de ella.

—George Washington