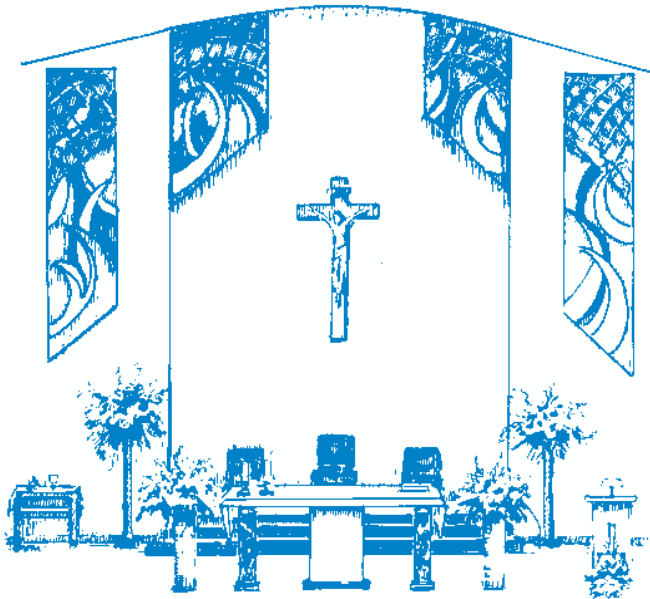


# St. Bridget of Sweden Church

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: Tom Riley (818) 782-7180

## 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

## 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.

## 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**

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2009

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit.

— John 15:16

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Sunday, May 17

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

7:00 pm Parishioners

### Monday, May 18

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

### Tuesday, May 19

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

### Wednesday, May 20

8:00 am Ruth Rivera (Her Family)

### Thursday, May 21

8:00 am +Juan Areliz (De La Familia Areliz)

### Friday, May 22

8:00 am +Primo Caballes (Marietta Maceda)  
+Juan Areliz (De La Familia Areliz)

### Saturday, May 23

8:00 am +Maria Teresa Gonzalez Hernandez  
(The Gonzalez Family)  
5:00 pm +David & Elaine Newlands  
(Lou & Pearl Regenstreif)

### Sunday, May 24

7:30 am +Robert Shockley (Evelyn Shockley)  
9:00 am +Jesus Gutierrez (The Gutierrez Family)  
10:30 am +Juan Areliz (La Familia Areliz)  
12 noon Parishioners  
7:00pm +Gumersindo Lasam (The Arciaga Family)

## Seasoned Citizens

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

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome, and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

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



## Crespi Carmelite High School

Is now accepting registration for summer school. The summer program also offers enrichment courses; College Camp, History of Pop Culture, Science Camp, Taiko Experience, and Driver's Education. First semester (A) is from Monday, June 29 — Wednesday, July 15. Second semester (B) is from Thursday, July 16-Friday, July 31. For more information please visit the Crespi Carmelite website at [www.crespi.org](http://www.crespi.org) or call 818-345-1672.

## Eucharistic Ministers Schedule May 23rd, & May 24th, 2009

Saturday, 5:00 PM	J. Frankel Alvarado	J. Frankel Walsh	Herrera
Sunday, 7:30 AM	Emond	Vollmer	Da Costa
Sunday, 9:00 AM	L. Spehar De Leon	M. Spehar Dizon	Folse
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	O,Sullivan	Pawlak	Langi

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Gracias a los grupos, asociaciones y movimientos tenemos muchos movimientos evangélicos dentro de la Iglesia católica. Movimientos como Cursillos de Cristiandad, Talleres de Oración, S.I.N.E., la Renovación Carismática, Espiritualidad de la Cruz, Jornadas de Vida Cristiana, que dependen de himnos religiosos o de un canto lema para ir formando una conciencia cristiana en sus miembros o seguidores. Esta formación se basa en una relación íntima y emocional entre Jesús y sus seguidores.



Un himno carismático dice así: “Yo tengo un amigo que me ama”, y otro de ellos dice: “Él es mi amigo Jesús, él es Dios, él es rey, es amor y verdad”. Estos dos himnos de autor desconocido, enfatizan lo bello que es tener una relación íntima con el Señor, mejor dicho, con nuestro amigo Jesús. Jesús mismo enfatiza este tipo de relación cuando dice: “No los llamo ya siervos... a ustedes los he llamado amigos” (Juan 15:15).

Toda amistad se basa en una mutua atracción, simpatía y reciprocidad. Jesús dice que somos sus amigos 1) cuando hacemos lo que nos manda y 2) porque nos enseña lo que recibe de su Padre. La amistad con Jesús, es más que una emoción, se basa en el compromiso y la perseverancia.

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

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a  
 Martes: Hch 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11  
 Miércoles: Hch 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15  
 Jueves: Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46); Ef 1:17-23 o 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mc 16:15-20 (para la Ascensión); o Hch 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20  
 Viernes: Hch 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23  
 Sábado: Hch 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28  
 Domingo: Hch 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Sal 103 (102); 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; o (para la Ascensión) Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46); Ef 1:17-23 o Ef 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mc 16:15-20

## MARY OUR MOTHER

Whoever does not wish to have Mary Immaculate as their Mother will not have Christ as their Brother.

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

## MARÍA NUESTRA MADRE

Si alguien no quiere tener a María Inmaculada como Madre no podrá tener a Cristo como Hermano.

—San Maximiliano Kolbe

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

REGULAR INCOME 1 <sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION INGRESO REGULAR Ira COLECTA	AVERAGE EXPENSES GASTOS PROMETIDOS	B/M & R FUND 2 <sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION FONDO DE M/R 2da COLECTA
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May 10, 2009

\$6,881                      \$8,360    -\$1,479    \$1,289

### 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	Emma Herrera	David Santibañez	Sylvia Salazar
Guadalupe Santibañez	Concepcion Martinez		Men Nguyen
Margie Sherrard	Lainy Butler	Sandra Trujillo	Cruz Garcia



*Congratulations to the students of St. Bridget of Sweden Parish who have shared for the first time the Gift of the Eucharist on May 9, 2009.*

*Felicidades a todos los estudiantes de nuestra parroquia. El 9 de Mayo ellos han compartido por primera vez, el Regalo de la Eucaristia.*

<i>Keara Nicole Albert</i>	<i>Angel Aldama</i>
<i>Nickolas Davis Batres</i>	<i>Betsy Benavides</i>
<i>Prisila Benavides</i>	<i>Ernesto Campos</i>
<i>Josh Castro</i>	<i>Anahi Cazares</i>
<i>Alondra Cortez</i>	<i>Daniel Cortez</i>
<i>Marisol De Santiago</i>	<i>Gilberto Gutierrez</i>
<i>Alexis Gonzalez</i>	<i>Anthony A. Gutierrez</i>
<i>Andrew Gutierrez</i>	<i>Matthew Gutierrez</i>
<i>Jared Lopez</i>	<i>Alyssa Jazmine Mena</i>
<i>Nathan Marquez</i>	<i>Johnathan Negrellos</i>
<i>Noel Ortega</i>	<i>Jorge Rene Osorio</i>
<i>Miriam Lizbeth Vela</i>	<i>Elaine Romero</i>
<i>Melissa A. Hernandez</i>	<i>Anthony Cazares</i>
<i>Fernando Murillo</i>	<i>Alexis Cazares</i>
<i>Angela Ruiz</i>	<i>Fabian Ruiz</i>
<i>Laura Ruiz-Banuelos</i>	<i>Alejandro Murillo</i>

*Felicity A. Villarreal*

