

# Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

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## **REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK AND RECOVERING OF OUR**

**COMMUNITY *especially*** Moe Rush-Bryant, David Story, Brooks Paul, Margaret Tarin Hensley, Olga D'Este, Catherine Street, Faye Schafuss, Ernest Dewsnap, Clarita Hernandez, Alicia Gomez, Susan Dalglish, Melissa Manning Wilmot, Marilyn Bardwil, Robina Dumas, Floyd Romeck, Theresia Hubel, Rocco Carter, Peter Thompson, Calleigh Stone, Micki Kadar, Monica A. Faraldo, Steve Mccahulk, Sam Sosna, Rocco Wren, Kelly Hare, Joey Harper, Sr. Jane Faurot, Dee Gillespie, Emma Ramirez, Cynthia Kotzman, Lucy Fleming McGrath, Sr. Greta Stewart, Teresa Pina-Jiminez, Jennifer Robin and Eileen Breeden.

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY- JANUARY 2**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Sarah Welsh

5:00 PM -In Memory of Sam Monasteri

**SUNDAY- JANUARY 3**

8:00 AM -For the Intentions of the Parish

10:00 AM -In Memory of Jayne Shirilla

12:00 PM -In Memory of Margaret Biesty

5:00 PM -For the Intentions of Dan Lynch

**MONDAY- JANUARY 4**

8:30 AM -In memory of Doris Faucher

**TUESDAY- JANUARY 5**

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6**

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Marilyn Bardwil

**THURSDAY- JANUARY 7**

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Robina Dumas

**FRIDAY- JANUARY 8**

8:30 AM -For the Intentions Eileen Breeden

**SATURDAY- JANUARY 9**

8:30 AM -In Memory of A. J. Pino

5:00 PM -In Memory of Joseph Pardieu

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (1/10)**

First Reading - Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

Psalm - The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Psalm 104.

Second Reading - Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Gospel - A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**"Our mission is to help our Parish Family discover rewarding and fulfilling opportunities to grow spiritually; to form relationships; to serve Our Lord and to help others."**



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 1/4

Parish Center closed.

7:40AM-SFDS School resumes.

Tuesday 1/5

7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 1/6

7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

Thursday 1/7

9AM-Bible Study. Parish Center

## PASTOR'S NOTES

### The SFDS Giving Tree

The Giving Tree this Christmas was a huge success! Three trees were placed in the church: in the vestibule and in each of the side chapels. Tags, each bearing the name and age of a child, were placed on the trees and were quickly taken. A mountain of wrapped gifts bearing Giving Tree tags grew in the waiting room in the Parish Center and expanded to the meeting room. Thank you to those who made the Giving Tree 2009 possible: Keith Ward, Uncle Sal, Tom O'Malley, Jack Lathrus, Mike Hogan, Craig Bere, Lisa Sanders and Wendy Dougan. The wrapped gifts were delivered to the Good Shepherd Home on Venice Blvd. the day before Christmas Eve. Many thanks to this generous band of parishioners whose efforts helped bring joy to children assisted by the Good Shepherd Home. Many thanks to all who selected a Giving Tree gift, wrapped it and delivered it here. Your gift helped make Christmas brighter for the children of Good Shepherd Home.

### Annual Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral

Every January, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles marks the anniversary of Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision with a special Respect Life Mass. With the beautiful music of the Shantigarh Requiem for the Unborn, we sing God's praises and affirm the sanctity of all human life. This year it will be on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels at Temple and Grand at the north side of the Music Center.

## LITTLE MINUTES

Little drops of water,  
little grains of sand,  
make the mighty ocean  
and the pleasant land;  
so the little minutes,  
humble though they be,  
make the mighty ages  
of eternity.

-Julia A. Fletcher Carney





## **CONGRATULATIONS, DR. TONY GALLA!**

Friday, December 11, 2009 was a red-letter day for Mr. Galla, the principal of St. Francis de Sales School. That afternoon he successfully defended his doctoral dissertation in the School of Education at Loyola Marymount University. The focus and title of his dissertation is "Education Technology: Leadership and Implementation. Its research and writing has consumed much of the last 2 1/2 years. The dissertation publishing and final office details will take several more months before Mr. Galla can add the letters Ed.D after his name. Anticipating the completion of these last final steps, congratulations, Dr. Tony Galla!

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Always Keep an Up-to-Date Photo of Your Child**

Picture this: A good photo could save a child's life. One of the most important tools for law enforcement in the case of a missing child is an up-to-date (take a new one every six months), good-quality photograph. The photograph should be a recent head-and-shoulders color photograph of the child in which the face is clearly seen. It should be of school-portrait quality, and the background should be plain or solid so it does not distract from the subject. When possible, the photograph should be in a digitized form and available on a compact disk (CD), as opposed to just a hard copy. This minimizes the time necessary to scan, resize, and make color corrections before disseminating it to law enforcement. The photograph should have space for accurate, narrative description useful to identify the child, such as name, nickname, height, weight, sex, age, eye color, identifying marks, glasses, and braces. For more information, please visit: [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com).

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213- 637-7650.

## **SFDS ADULT CLUB 2009 PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

Luncheon Meetings: - Every 3rd Monday of the month. Call Maurine Backus at 818-784-0605 or Renee O'Malley at (818) 986-6369 for reservations..

Club Membership: Join the SFDS Adult Club and its many year-long activities and projects for only \$15. Call Cora Kinsella for membership at (818) 990-5196.

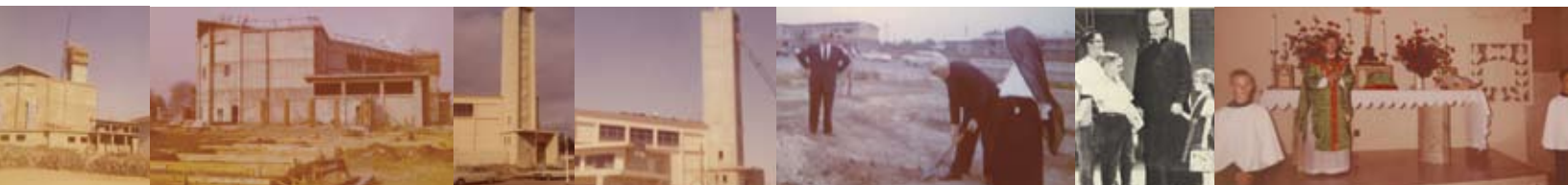
Board Meetings: Last Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Executive Committee Meetings: Last Wednesday of each month in Parish Center at 1:30 pm.

Free Beach Parking at County Beaches for 62+: obtain your parking passes (M-F) by sending a copy of your driver's license and car registration to Department of Beaches and Harbors, 13837 Fiji Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292 or call (310) 305-9503.

## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you would like to place your news items in the Bulletin, you may do so via e-mail. The address is: [sfdsbulletin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sfdsbulletin@sbcglobal.net).





## **BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD...**

All are welcome to join the SFDS Meditation Prayer Group. We meet every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. for one hour in the church. The group follows the teachings of Fr. John Main, a Benedictine Monk, who uses a combination of silence, stillness and prayer. Those who are drawn to silent meditation as a way of experiencing the divine presence in their lives are encouraged to attend. "God is not only out there but also within." To learn more about the group's practice, go online to The World Community of Christian Meditation at [www.wccm.com](http://www.wccm.com).

## **CHAMINADE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL EXAM**

Will be administered on two dates: Saturday, January 23, 2010 and Saturday, January 30, 2010 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. An on-line applications for admission and the application fee should be on file with the school by January 15th. Financial Aid applications are available online. For more information please call the Admission Office at 818-347-8300 or apply online at [www.chaminade.org](http://www.chaminade.org).

## **SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821)**

### **January 4**

Though her liturgical designation is "religious," Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also "wife, mother, educator, foundress." Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William's tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family's disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: "Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!"

-Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

## **SFDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Support the SFDS Scholarship Fund. Simply register your Ralphs, Vons, Macys and Albertsons loyalty cards to SFDS and earn money while you shop. It is as simple as that. Last year we earned over \$2100 for the scholarship fund. If you need more information call Lisa Sanders at the Parish Center or email the scrip office at [mrebbe@stfrancisds.org](mailto:mrebbe@stfrancisds.org). Remember, you must register your cards EVERY year to continue earning money for SFDS.



## **EARNING 4 LEARNING**

at The Westfield Fashion Square in Sherman Oaks

Participating in Earning 4 Learning is easy! Westfield Sherman Oaks Fashion Square is donating to local schools as part of their customer appreciation program. They give SFDS 10 points for every dollar spent for most shops & food court eateries at the mall (5 points per dollar for Macy's and Bloomingdales). The more points we have, the more money SFDS School earns. There is no catch and no cost to you. Just buy the things you normally would at the Sherman Oaks Fashion Square & then show your receipts to the Concierge (located on the first floor by Pottery Barn.) Receipts are logged, stamped and returned to you. All of your regular and holiday shopping, as well as your food court purchases qualify! The program runs from November 1st to May 31st. From November to December, please collect your receipts as the turn in dates do not start until January 1st. (However, November and December receipts apply once registered in January.) For more information, you can log onto [http://www.shoppingpartnership.com/points/westfield\\_fashion\\_square.htm](http://www.shoppingpartnership.com/points/westfield_fashion_square.htm)

## **ST. JOHN EUDES CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP**

Will meet this Friday, January 8, 2010 at 8:00 pm in Room C of Grill Hall. For more info please call Dale at 818-831-7606. St. John Eudes is at the corner of Mason and Lassen in Chatsworth.

## **IS THIS MOVIE SUITABLE FOR MY CHILDREN?**

Reviews and ratings of an extensive list of movies, both current and archived is available at [www.usccb.org/movies/](http://www.usccb.org/movies/). This service is provided by the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Office of Film and Broadcasting.

## **LEO BAECK TEMPLE CONFERENCE**

Please join us at Leo Baeck Temple's 2nd Annual Conference on Homelessness. The topic will be "Homelessness and Affordable Housing: The Next Steps." On Sunday January 10, 2010 from 9:30 A.M. -12:30 P.M. at Leo Baeck Temple, 1300 North Sepulveda Blvd. LA. 90049. The Keynote Speaker will be Police Chief Charlie Beck No Conference Fee

Hear from experts in various aspects of helping the low income population of Los Angeles find affordable housing.

Join with members of Leo Baeck Temple and other religious organizations for an informative discussion on how we can help solve this most important problem in our city.

Meet and hear Leo Baeck's own Imagine LA success story. Maria Oliva and her son Danny who have beaten the odds and are living in their own apartment will be here to share their inspiring story with you.

R.S.V.P to :Matt Smith, Assistant to Rabbi Timoner at Leo Baeck Temple -by phone at 310-476-2861 or by E-mail to [Matt@leobaecktemple.org](mailto:Matt@leobaecktemple.org) January 7, 2010 if you plan to attend.

## **RISE UP IN SPLENDOR**

This great feast of the Epiphany of the Lord opens with these words: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you" (Isaiah 60:1). That reading goes on to describe a world covered with darkness. Even in that world, the prophet announces that the glory of the Lord will shine on Jerusalem. Many would agree that our world is covered with darkness-the darkness that war, terrorism, and famine bring. Today we announce that even in today's world, the Lord can scatter that darkness, if only we would welcome Epiphany's light. As we remember the visit of the magi to the manger, let us pray that one day our weary world will rise up in splendor-the splendor of peace and justice. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

## **LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES**

Attention all public school female students and their parents! Have you ever wondered what a Catholic High School experience is like? Please join us for an informal gathering as we explain the benefits of an All Girl Catholic High School on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 in the Louisville High School Library at 7:30 p.m. Please contact us with questions at (818) 346-8812.

## **PERPETUAL CANDLES**

Honor the memory of a loved one by having a Perpetual Candle lit in his/her name. The Perpetual Candles are located at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and remain lit for the entire year. A plaque is placed above the candle with the name of the individual being memorialized. Orders are now being taken for the 2010 year. Please contact Jeannie Bas at 818-784-0105 if you wish to place an order or renew your candle.

## **BISHOP ALEMANY H. S. 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 30, 2010 or Saturday, February 6, 2010. We are also offering a Placement Test Workshop on Saturday, January 23, 2010. The Placement Test Workshop and tests will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The campus will be open at 8:00 am. Seating begins at 8:30 am. If you wish further information please e-mail [admissions@alemany.org](mailto:admissions@alemany.org) or call the Community Outreach Office at 818-837-5222 or 818-837-5224.

## **KNIGHTS NEWS**

The Knights of Columbus Van Nuys Council #3148 invites all boys and girls ages 10 to 14 to participate in their annual Basketball Free Throw competition. The competition will be held Saturday, January 16th at Delano Park located at 15099 Delano St in Van Nuys. Registration will begin at 9:00am and the competition will begin at 9:30am. Winners will have an opportunity to advance to district, regional and state levels. Please bring proof of age to register. For questions contact Mike Hogan at (818) 906-8029. SFDS Knights will has its monthly clothing and non-perishable food collection for the poor and homeless in our community every First Sunday of the month. Please bring your items to the Church and drop off before or after Masses in the bins provided. Loaves and Fishes is in real need for the increased number of people requiring assistance.

### **Third Edition of the Roman Missal from the Committee on Divine Worship**

The Roman Missal, the text for the celebration of the Mass, was first promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as the definitive text of the Mass reflecting the reforms of Vatican Council II. A second edition of the Roman Missal followed in 1975.

Pope John Paul II issued a third edition of the Roman Missal during the Jubilee Year 2000. The English translation of this third edition of the Roman Missal is nearing completion. The bishops of the U.S. will vote on the final sections of the text this November. Among other things, the third edition of the Roman Missal contains prayers for the observances of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Votive Mass and Masses and Prayer for Various Needs and Intentions and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of the Mass. The English translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal will also include updated translations of existing prayers, including some of the well-known responses and acclamations of the people.

A very helpful website, [www.usccb.org/romanmissal.com](http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal.com), on the English translation of the third edition may be found at Side by side comparisons of the current translation and the new translation may be found at this website.

### **GOOD DISPOSITION**

A good disposition is a virtue in itself, and it is lasting; the burden of the years cannot depress it, and love that is founded on it endures to the end.

-Ovid

### **BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION**

This is a great way to raise money for the school and is absolutely free! Just look for the pink labels on your favorite foods, shopping items, and office products. Clip & save them. When you have a bunch, bring them to the School or Scrip office and we will do the rest! Hundreds of dollars have been earned through the years, helping SFDS to buy much needed curriculum materials for the school.

Recycle Used Cell Phones and Printer Cartridges

Did you know SFDS earns money on every used printer cartridge and cell phone? Please bring to the School or Scrip office and we'll turn them in for cash back to the school.

