

# Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

January 10, 2010 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



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

**COMMUNITY *especially*** Helyn Davenport, John O'Toole, 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 9**

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

5:00 PM -In Memory of Joseph Pardieu

**SUNDAY- JANUARY 10**

8:00 AM -For the Intentions of Paul Pastor

10:00 AM -In Memory of Thaddeus Lesisz

12:00 PM -In Memory of Neil & Grace Ritz

5:00 PM -In Memory of Susan Schwary

**MONDAY- JANUARY 11**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Deceased souls of the San Fernando Mission Mortuary

**TUESDAY- JANUARY 12**

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

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Bob Riordan

**THURSDAY- JANUARY 14**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Joseph Ford

**FRIDAY- JANUARY 15**

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Cynthia Kotzman

**SATURDAY- JANUARY 16**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Michelle Oskoui

5:00 PM -In Memory of Octaviza Sanchez

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (1/17)**

First Reading - As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm - Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading - All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel - Celebrating at a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply by changing water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

### **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

Sunday 1/10

9AM-CRE Classes.

10AM-Little Church.

Monday 1/11

Registration packets available for School year 2010/11.

Tuesday 1/12

7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 1/13

7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

Thursday 1/14

9AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 12/31-1/5/2010 Collection.

Collection \$10,375.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,781.00

Total \$12,156.00

Thank you for your contributions.

## PASTORS NOTES

Thank You Brian McGarry

St. Francis of Assisi started two things which quickly became so deeply ingrained in our Catholic lives that we cannot imagine them not being present. One is the erecting of images for Catholics to make the Stations of the Cross wherever they may live and the second is the Christmas manger. I asked Brian McGarry if he would make a manger for St. Francis de Sales Nativity scene. He did and it is beautiful! Thank you Brian for this great Christmas present!

Annual Respect Life Mass

Each January, to mark the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, there is a special Mass to sing God's praises and affirm the sanctity of all human life. This Mass will be on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels at 555 W. Temple St. in Los Angeles.

## 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).





## **CENTERING PRAYER INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP, JANUARY 23, 2010.**

Would you like to learn CENTERING PRAYER? CENTERING PRAYER is drawn from ancient prayer practices of the Christian contemplative heritage. It emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God. An Introductory Workshop will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Holy Spirit Retreat Center, 4316 Lanai Road, Encino. For more information and to register call 818-784-4515.

## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you would like to place your news items in the Bulletin, cut off for each Sunday is the previous Monday at 12 noon. Please e-mail to [sfdsbulletin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sfdsbulletin@sbcglobal.net).

## **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.

## **CATHOLICS IN MEDIA**

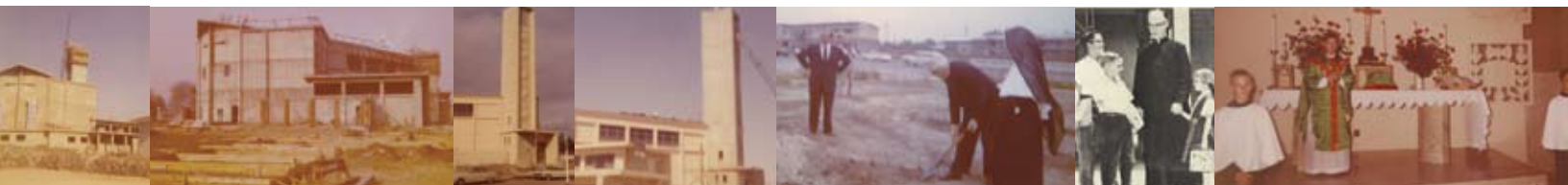
The Annual Eucharist and Awards Brunch will be held on Sunday, February 28, 2010. Please read the bulletin for more details.

## **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.

## **TURNING THE TIDE**

When everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn. -Harriet Beecher Stowe





## 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.

## 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)

## GUARDIAN UNHEEDED

High in the Horizon

An Angel in the sky

Soars and flies on

Past my eye.

I am stricken

By the thought

That I'm chicken

To have sought

To fly like and Angel

When I'm not!

-Vic Borstner



## **SAVE THE DATE**

SFDS Choir is performing a special Dixieland Mass with Dixieland Band on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 5 p.m. Details to follow soon.

## **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.

## **Chaminade College Preparatory High School Entrance Exam**

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

## **7th Annual Los Angeles March for Life**

Come support humanity, dignity and the sanctity of life on Saturday, March 13th. The two mile walk begins at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church at 15520 Ventura Blvd. in Encino. 8:00 am is registration, 9:00 am is the opening ceremony and the walk begins at 10:00 am. This March for Life is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Van Nuys Council 3148. For more information go to [www.lamarchforlife.org](http://www.lamarchforlife.org) or call Nick Bryan at 818-789-3237 or John Costello at 949-285-8918.

## **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.

## **Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague**

All are invited to the 26th Annual 9-hour Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague on Saturday, June 30th at St. Joseph the Worker in Canoga Park. The Novena begins at 7:00 am. St. Joseph the Worker is on Sherman Way at Corbin.

## **BOOK OF ANGELS**

If you would like to honor a loved one who has passed away, please consider memorializing them with a candle in our Book of Angels Scholarship Program. Our annual Catholic Schools Week Mass is Sunday, January 31, 2010 at 10 a.m. A lit candle can be on the altar bearing your loved one's name to be offered up for prayers. Please contact Jeannie at the Parish Center for more details at (818) 785-0105.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR.  
WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLLMENT IN  
GRADES K - 8TH FOR FALL 2010.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN

THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEGINNING MONDAY, JANUARY 11TH

Please inquire in the school office Monday - Friday,  
between 8 am and 2 pm for an admissions packet. You may also go online to  
[saintfrancisdesaleschool.com](http://saintfrancisdesaleschool.com) to download an application. If you have any questions  
please call the admissions office at 818-784-9573.

## **KINDERGARTEN APPLICANTS**

ARCHDIOCESAN POLICY REQUIRES THAT THE AGE FOR KINDERGARTEN  
APPLICANTS BE FIVE YEARS ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1st.

Open House will be Sunday, January 31st,  
Following the 10a.m. Mass.

## **Immaculate Heart High School Entrance Exam**

The entrance exam for regular admission at Immaculate Heart High School will be given on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 8:30 am. Immaculate Heart is located at 5515 Franklin Ave (corner of Franklin and Western) in the Los Feliz area. For further information please call Ms. Kristy Suzuki at 323-461-3651, ext. 240.

## **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

The Faith and Love Community of St. Catherine of Siena invites you to a Life in the Spirit Seminar on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The seminar will be in the parish hall at St. Catherine of Siena at Sherman Way and Lindley in Reseda. For further info please email [secretary@catherineofsiena.org](mailto:secretary@catherineofsiena.org). or contact Clarissa at 818-343-2110.

## **SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367) January 13**

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, “the Latin Trumpet against the Arians,” heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ’s divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus’ challenge to his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Know the “Parent Warning Codes”

Text messaging is an increasingly integral part of the way young people communicate with their friends. But like other forms of communication, it can expose children to outside threats and unwanted contacts, even from sexual predators. That’s why it is important for parents to monitor their child’s use of text messaging. Young people are aware of their parents’ supervision and have developed text codes in response. These parent warning codes are codes that kids use to let whomever they are talking to know that it is not safe to talk. If you see these codes, you should instantly be suspicious. For example, “MOS” means “Mom over shoulder,” and “PIR” means “Parent in room.” A helpful tutorial for parents is located at [www.mahalo.com](http://www.mahalo.com). Type: “How to understand your kids’ text messages” in the search box.

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

## **MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT**

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week’s feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an “epiphany,” or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism. The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke’s account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter from Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was “richly poured out” on us also, through the “bath of rebirth” (Titus 3:5, 6).

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