

# Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

January 17, 2010 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



***In your prayers, please remember the repose of the souls of*** Robina Dumas  
Zoltan Horosney, and Smiljana Knight

***Remember to pray for the sick and recovering of our community especially***

Catherine Lizzo, Helyn Davenport, John O'Toole, 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, 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 16**

8:30 AM In Memory of Michelle Oskoui

5:00 PM In Memory of Octaviza Sanchez

**SUNDAY- JANUARY 17**

8:00 AM For the Intentions of Joan Pastor

10:00 AM For the Intentions of Ruth & Juan Trinidad

12:00 PM In Memory of Rae Enoch

5:00 PM For the Intentions of Harriet Sayatovic

**MONDAY- JANUARY 18**

8:30 AM For the Intentions of Alan Boudreau

**TUESDAY- JANUARY 19**

8:30 AM For the Intentions of Dennis Kotzman

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20**

8:30 AM For the Intentions of Emma Harry

**THURSDAY- JANUARY 21**

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

**FRIDAY- JANUARY 22**

8:30 AM In Memory of Joseph Ford

**SATURDAY- JANUARY 23**

8:30 AM In Memory of Eloisa Aguilar

5:00 PM In Memory of James Listonwalsh

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (1/24)**

First Reading - Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm - Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading - As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30).

Gospel - While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

## **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 1/18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
 No School for SFDS Students.  
 1PM-Adult Club luncheon. Auditorium.

Tuesday 1/19  
 7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 1/20  
 7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

Thursday 1/21  
 9AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 1/6-1/12 Collection.

Collection	\$12,496.00
Parish Pay	\$ 1,781.00
Total	\$14,277.00

Thank you for your contributions.

## 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.

## 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.





## **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, cut off for each Sunday is the previous Monday at 12 noon. Please e-mail to [sfdsbulletin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sfdsbulletin@sbcglobal.net).

## **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.

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

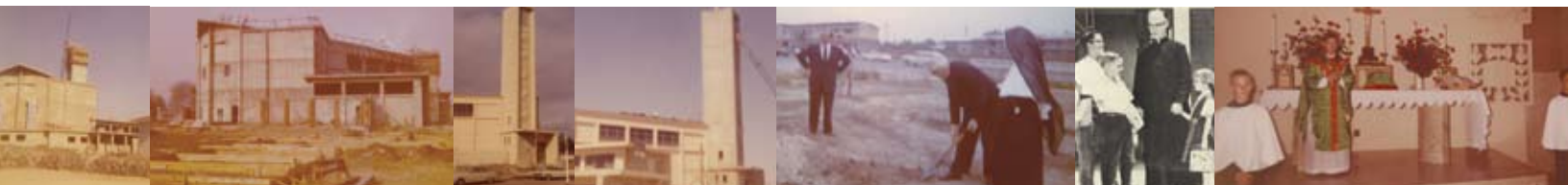
All are welcome to join the SFDS Meditation Prayer Group. We meet every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. for one hour in the church. The group follows the teachings of Fr. John Main, a Benedictine Monk, who uses a combination of silence, stillness and prayer. Those who are drawn to silent meditation as a way of 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).

## **KNIGHTS NEWS**

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)

## **REALLY EASY FUNDRAISING**

What if St Francis de Sales earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can! GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up! GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause. And if you download the GoodSearch - St Francis de Sales toolbar, our cause will earn money every time you shop and search online - even if you forget to go to GoodShop or GoodSearch first! Add the St Francis de Sales toolbar at <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/>

## **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.

## **SFDS PARISH REGISTRATION FORM**

New parishioners, and/or parishioners wishing to update your registration information, may fill out this form and place it directly in the collection basket, hand it to an Usher, or mail it to the Parish Center. You can also register online at our website: [saintfrancisdesaleschurch.com](http://saintfrancisdesaleschurch.com).



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

The group will meet on Friday, January 22nd at 8 p.m. in Room C of Grill Hall, 9901 Mason Ave., Chatsworth. Guest speaker, Barbara Brighton, MFCT, will discuss "Finding Meaning in This Chapter of Your Life-Overcoming Feelings and Emptiness." For more information about the speaker, please call Dale at (818) 831-7606.

**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 AGNES (died 304) January 21**

Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: "This is a virgin's birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr's heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!" Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: "to make holy," to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world-or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers' hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church's only Eucharistic Prayer. -Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

## **February Fingerprint Schedule**

Tuesday, February 2nd at St. Ignatius of Loyola at 322 N. Avenue 61 in Los Angeles.

For appointment call 323-256-3041.

Friday, February 5th at St. Euphrasia in Granada Hills.

For appointment call 818-363-5515.

Saturday, February 6th at Holy Trinity in Atwater.

For appointment call 323-664-4723.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Please join us on Sunday, January 31st, at the 10 a.m. "Angels" Mass when we will begin Catholic School's Week. Right after Mass, the school hosts an "Open House" for all the families interested in applying for our school next year. Join the teachers and staff for refreshments.

## **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.

## **SURPRISES**

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life-not necessarily our own-will be surprised for the better.

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