

Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

February 14th, 2010 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



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

Braden Freeth McGroarty, Guadalupe Bonnin, Catherine Lizzo, John O'Toole, David Story, Brooks Paul, Margaret Tarin Hensley, Olga D'Este, Catherine Street, Faye Schafuss, Ernest Dewsnap, Clarita Hernandez, Alicia Gomez, Susan Dagleish, Melissa Manning Wilmot, Marilyn Bardwil, Floyd Romeck, Theresia Hubel, Rocco Carter, Peter Thompson, Calleigh Stone, Monica A. Faraldo, Steve Mccahulk, Sam Sosna, Rocco Wren, Kelly Hare, Joey Harper, Jane Faurot, Dee Gillespie, Emma Ramirez, Cynthia Kotzman, Lucy Fleming McGrath, Sr. Greta Stewart, Teresa Pina-Jiminez, Jennifer Robin, and Eileen Breeden.

Pray for our Armed Forces

Michael Lucas — US Navy
Mike McCarthy — US Navy
Monica A. Faraldo — US Army

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bud Yorkshire

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13

8:30 am In Memory of Columbia Ramsey

5:00 pm In Memory of Pdraig Tierney

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14

8:00 am For the Intentions of Richard Kwak

10:00 am In Memory of Bob Hunter

12:00 pm In Memory of Bud Yorkshire

5:00 pm For the Intentions of Dick Milanesa

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15

8:30 am For the Intentions of Denise Harvey

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16

8:30 am For the Intentions of Eduardo S. Rivera

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30 am In Memory A. J. Pino

12:05 pm For the Intentions of Peter Thompson

7:30 pm In Memory of Gloria Ostrom

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18

8:30 am In Memory of John Loughlin

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19

8:30 am In Memory of Ann Maloney

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20

8:30 am In Memory of Carmen Duval

5:00 pm In Memory of Bob De Chellis

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (2/21)

First Reading - The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm - Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading - All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel - Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

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 2/15 President’s Day

Parish Center closed.

SFDS School closed.

1:00 pm SFDS Adult Club Luncheon. School Auditorium.

Tuesday 2/16

7:00 pm RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 2/17 Ash Wednesday

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASSSES AT 8:30am, 12:05pm & 7:30pm.

Thursday 2/18

9:00 am Bible Study. Parish Center.

Friday 2/19

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday 2/21

8:45 am High School Confirmation Class. Parish Center.

9:00 am CRE Classes.

10:00 am Little Church.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 2/4-2/10 Collection.

Collection \$12,298.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,781.00

Total \$14,079.00

Thank you for your contributions.

PASTOR’S NOTES

Catholic Super quiz

On Thursday morning of Catholic Schools Week, St. Francis de Sales School held its first Catholic Super Quiz. Grades K-8 were divided into 35 teams, each team having one student from each grade, K-8. The questions were prepared by the religion teachers for each grade. Ms. Jerri Ford then compiled the questions and she and I posed the questions at the Super Quiz, first to the kindergarteners, next to 1st graders, then to 2nd graders and so on. The 8th graders were the team captains and held up the answer cards. Ms. Jerri and I hoped we would go two rounds. Instead we went five rounds and ended with five bonus questions. Out of 35 teams, 12 teams had perfect scores.





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. All Seniors 85 and over are Honorary Lifelong Members with no dues.

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.

Are you 21 or over and not received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

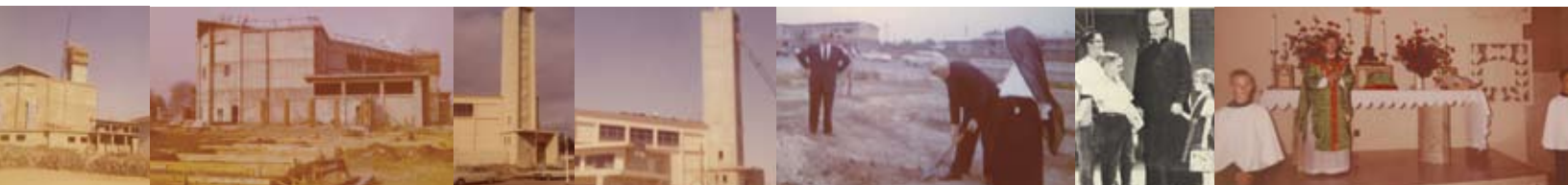
If not, now is the opportunity. We will have a seven session preparation for Confirmation beginning Monday, February 22nd and continuing for the following six Monday evenings. The sessions will be in the Parish Center from 7-9 pm. Please call the Parish Center at 818-784-0105 to register for this Adult Confirmation Preparation.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Ash Wednesday is February 17th. During the 40 days of Lent the San Fernando Valley will unite with 160 other cities from coast to coast for a pro-life mobilization - the 40 Days of Life. These 40 Days of Life will focus on: prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, peaceful vigil and community outreach.

CATHOLICS IN MEDIA

Please join Special Guest Host and SFDS parishioner, Samantha Eggar, at the Seventeenth Annual Catholics In Media (CIMA) Mass & Awards Luncheon on Sunday, February 28, 2010 at the Beverly Hills Hotel. CIMA will be honoring the film The Hurt Locker and the television series Glee, along with the Board of Directors Awardee, Sr. Rose Pacatte, FSP. Mass will celebrated by Cardinal Roger Mahony at 10 AM, followed by Brunch and the Awards ceremony. For additional information and ticket purchase, visit the web site; www.catholicsinmedia.org or phone (818)907-2734.





SOUP & CINEMA AND MORE

If you are thinking of making some sort of communal “retreat” this Lent, consider using movies instead of books! Fr. Tony Scannell, O.F.M., Spiritual Director of Catholics In Media Associates (CIMA), will be offering five nights of “Soup and Cinema”, with the theme “From Darkness to Light.” Lent itself moves from the darkness of winter to the gradual lengthening of days in spring and we are challenged to move from the shadows within ourselves to the Light of Christ at Easter. The following films could help us to do that:

The Dark Knight - Monday, February 22

Doubt - Monday, March 1

Slumdog Millionaire - Monday, March 8

Up - Monday, March 15

Gran Torino - Monday, March 22.

Please join Fr. Tony in the SFDS auditorium on these evenings for soup at 6:00pm and an abridged screening of the film at 7:00pm, followed by a brief discussion of the film, linking it to our Lenten mission. There is no admission charge.

By popular demand, Sr. Gretchen Hailer, RSHM, will be returning to present a Saturday morning women’s retreat on March 13. The topic for the day will be “Prayerways: A How-to Workshop.” We will explore and practice a number of prayer forms that could help us to deepen our Lenten journey, as well as our relationship with God.

March 26: You are invited to join Fr. Ken Deasy for a unique presentation of the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm. Fr. Ken has incorporated various forms of media; art, film and music to help us pray with Jesus as He journeys to the cross. Everyone from Junior High age and older is invited to attend and a Lenten Soup Supper will follow in the auditorium.

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. Remember, you must register your cards EVERY year to continue earning money for SFDS.





KNIGHTS NEWS

LOAVES & FISHES- an Archdiocesan supported program for the poor in our community: The SFDS Knights coordinates with the School and Church a monthly canned food and clothing drive on the 1st weekend of the month (leave your donation at the back of the church). Loaves & Fishes serves all the people of the SFDS & surrounding communities in need of food & clothing. Save your non-perishable food and clothing for the Loaves & Fishes Program. Current community needs have greatly increased the need for food and clothing for our poor. Thanks to all the SFDS Families who bring food and clothing to the collection. It keeps the doors at Loaves & Fishes where all SFDS Families are referred for assistance. Contact Keith Ward for more details at (818) 257-9330).

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/>

LENT 2010

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the opening to the Season of Lent, our annual retreat. Together we abstain from meat on Ash Wednesdays and the Fridays of Lent and together we fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. While Catholics of all ages are encouraged not to eat meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent, those who are 14 years and older are obligated not to eat meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. And, while all Catholics are encouraged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 and older and through their 59th year are obligated to fast these two days. Fasting is understood as one full meal and two smaller meals, the combination of the two being less than one full meal.

Mass on Ash Wednesday will be at 8:30 am, 12:05 pm and 7:30 pm. Ashes will be blessed and placed on foreheads after the homily at each Mass.

We will pray the Stations of the Cross the Friday evenings of Lent at 7:00 in the church.



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/. This service is provided by the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Office of Film and Broadcasting.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the February session beginning with a weekend on February 19-21, please call: 661-257-7980 or e-mail retrouvaille4life@hotmail.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

TOGETHER IN MISSION

Together in Mission provides substantial financial support to 35 parishes and 61 schools in our Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The theme for 2010 Together in Mission is "I Give Thanks to You, Lord" (Ps. 138:1). Since 1993 Together in Mission has provided needed funds to disadvantaged parishes and schools. Each of the 291 parishes in our archdiocese has the appeal this weekend to assist Together in Mission. This year we are stressing the importance of participation. It is my hope that there will be a pledge form from all active households in our parish. Each of us is called to share his/her gifts in support of the Church. Together in Mission is the most effective way to support parish and school ministries outside of our parish. Sometimes it is difficult to envision how your pledge to Together in Mission can help so many people. But, it does. The flyers and pamphlet for Together in Mission tell how your gift helps.

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.

VOCATION DAY AT SACRED HEART NOVITIATE

You are invited to a time of discussion, questions and answers, prayer and dinner on Sunday, February 28th from 2-7:00 pm at the Sacred Heart Novitiate in Chatsworth. RSVP by February 25th at sdshnov7@juno.com or call 818-831-9710. Also, www.sacredheartsisters.com.



LA CATHOLIC LAWYERS ASSOCIATION LENTEN RETREAT

All Catholic Lawyers and Judges are invited to a one day Lenten Retreat presented by the LA Catholic Lawyers Association, from 9:00am-4:00pm, on Saturday, March 13, at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center at 3134 Waverly Dr., LA. The retreat day will be presented by Wilkie Au, Professor of Theological Studies and Author. For more information and reservations please go to <http://sites.google.com/site/losangelescatholiclawyers>, or call Annie (310) 445-4165.

OUR LADY OF PEACE SPRING GALA 2010

Honoring” Fr. John Keese and Mrs. Mary Beynon on Saturday, April 24, from 7-11:00pm. This is an Adult Only Event at the Knollwood Country Club - Granada Hills. All Proceeds To Benefit OLP Catholic School and it’s Students. You can help in three ways:

1. Purchase tickets for the dinner & auction or make a contribution.
2. Donate items for the silent auction.
3. Create an ad for the Gala Program to congratulate the honorees.

For more information please call 818-894-4059.

SAVE THE DATES

February 15th: 1:00pm: Adult Club Luncheon & Bingo - School Auditorium - call Maurine (818-784-0605) for lunch reservations by 2/8/10.

February 18-20th & 25th -27th: Regional Boys Basketball Tournament sponsored by Knights of Columbus & hosted by SFDS School at SFDS Gym.

February 18th-20th: Regional Girls Basketball Tournament sponsored by Knights of Columbus & hosted by St. Cyril’s School at their Gym.

February 20th & 21st: after each Mass: Knights Membership Drive & March for Life enrollment & sponsorship.

April 3rd: Annual Knights Easter Egg Hunt Contest for all children from 1 year of age thru 8th Grade at SFDS.

EAST SAN FERNANDO DISTRICT of the ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL of CATHOLIC WOMEN

The ACCW District Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 16, at St. Ferdinand Church in San Fernando, starting at 9:30 am for coffee, 10 am the Meeting and speaker - Fr. Cusack on “Sanctity of Life”, 11am Mass, 12 pm catered Luncheon - \$10.00. For reservations call Diane McKenna at 323-646-8407 and for more information call Marie Urrutia at 818-244-0547.



Roll-Out Registration for Knights of Columbus Registration for March 13th March for Life

The Pro-Life Ministry of the Knights of Columbus, Van Nuys Council 3148, invites you to participate in the annual Los Angeles March for Life. The funds raised by the March for Life are given to the Pregnancy Counseling Center in Mission Hills. The March for Life on Saturday, March 13 goes from 8:00 am to 11:30 am beginning and ending at St. Cyril of Jerusalem at Ventura Blvd. and Haskell.

The Knights of Columbus of St. Francis de Sales Parish will hold its Roll-Out Registration seeking new members on Sunday, February 22nd.

DID YOU KNOW?

ABUSE PREVENTION TRAINING NEARS 2 MILLION

Did you know that every person working with children and youth in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is mandated to attend VIRTUS training? The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has trained more than 100,000 adults in the VIRTUS program. Nationwide, more than 1.7 million clergy, educators, employees and volunteers have been trained in how to create safe environments and prevent child sexual abuse. For more information on how you can help keep children safe, please contact the parish office or call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office: 213 637 7227.

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

THE PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTER

The PCC is seeking women who are 6-28 weeks pregnant for FREE obstetrical ultrasounds to complete our training. The ultrasounds will be performed under the supervision of licensed medical sonographers. The address is 10211 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345, on February 26 and 27th (Friday and Saturday) or March 10 and 11th (Wednesday and Thursday.) Morning and afternoon appointments available. CONTACT: 818-895-2500 and state you'd like to be a pregnant model during our training.

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.



Be a Voice for Life and Dignity in California

Join the Catholic Legislative Network. It is no secret that California faces enormous moral challenges in creating the common good which justly serves all Californians. The Catholic Legislative Network is an organizational vehicle that will enable members to become well informed and to act on important issues in our state. Through a brief, weekly e-newsletter called Public Policy Insights, network members will learn about issues and actions being taken on certain priority issues. In addition, periodic Action Alerts will be sent to members asking them to send an e-mail, a letter or to make a phone call to their state Senator or Assembly member. Your willingness to participate within this network will help the Catholic Church become a powerful Voice for Life and Dignity in California.

Cards to join the Catholic Legislative Network are found at the church entrances. Please take one, complete it and return the completed card to an usher, collection basket or through the rectory mail slot or parish center mail slot.

SFDS RESPECT FOR LIFE COMMITTEE

The SFDS Respect for Life Committee supports a pro-life policy and educational assistance in our community and seeks members and support to further a pro-life program: Contact Tom O'Malley for membership at 818-986-6369.

MEETING: All parties interesting in joining the SFDS Respect for Life are invited to attend a special meeting on February 18th at 7:00 pm in the SFDS Parish Center.

Donate your old vehicle to the Knights of Columbus and receive a tax deduction: funds used for Catholic schools, students & seminarian scholarships and other charitable causes. Supported by your SFDS Knights of Columbus . Call Bob Lombardo at 818-891-3239 for information.