

Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

February 21st, 2010 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



Remember to pray for the sick and recovering of our community

especially Tom McNabb, 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 Ed Mazzarino

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (2/28)

First Reading - The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land." (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalm - The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading - We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 [3:20 - 4:1]).

Gospel - Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY- FEBRUARY 20

8:30 AM -In Memory of Carmen Duval

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bob De Chellis

SUNDAY- FEBRUARY 21

8:00 AM -In Memory of Lee Oaknam

10:00 AM -In Memory of Robina Dumas

12:00 PM -In Memory of Bud Yorkshire

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bud Yorkshire

MONDAY- FEBRUARY 22

8:30 AM -In Memory of Bernice Baga

TUESDAY- FEBRUARY 23

8:30 AM -In Memory of Miller Burkhalter

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24

8:30 AM -In Memory Benjamin Knoll

THURSDAY- FEBRUARY 25

8:30 AM -In Memory of Helen L. Millard

FRIDAY- FEBRUARY 26

8:30 AM -In Memory of Felicidad Lara

SATURDAY- FEBRUARY 27

8:30 AM -In Memory of Lewis Charde

5:00 PM -In Memory of John Loughlin

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 2/21

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

9:00am-CRE Classes.

10:00am-Little Church.

Monday 2/22

6:00pm-Soup & Cinema. See below. School Auditorium.

7:00pm-Adult Confirmation. Parish Center.

Tuesday 2/23

7:00pm-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 2/24

7:30pm-Meditation Prayer group.

Thursday 2/25

9:00am-Bible Study. Parish Center.

Friday 2/26

7:00pm-Stations of the Cross

Sunday 2/28

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

9:00am-CRE Classes.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 2/11-2/17 Collection.

Collection \$10,712.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,781.00

Total \$12,493.00

Thank you for your contributions.

PASTOR'S NOTES

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.





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.

SAVE THE DATE

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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

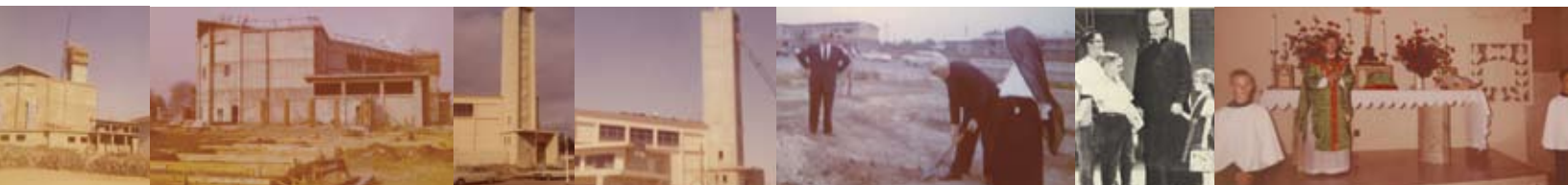
If you would like to place your news items in the Bulletin, cut off for each Sunday is the previous Monday at 12 noon. Please e-mail to sfdsbulletin@sbcglobal.net.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

During these 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.

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.





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).

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.

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.

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/>

REMEMBER

Once again the Church invites us to enter the desert of repentance. That desert, as today's first reading reminds us, is also a desert of remembrance. This holy season summons us to remember all that God has done for us. Like the Israelites who recalled their captivity and God's work to free them from the Egyptians, we, too, recall those times when we were held captive by sin and experienced freedom through the gift of God's redeeming love.



Saint Paul tells us that the word of God is near us; it is in our mouths and in our hearts. May that sacred word prompt us to remember God's great work of reconciliation in our lives and in our community. As this season of Lent unfolds, let us take to heart these words of Saint Paul and spend these forty days calling upon the name of the Lord, asking for forgiveness and healing.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Office of Assistance Ministry Helps Victims

The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles deals with allegations of past or current sexual abuse by clergy, religious and any lay person working or volunteering for the archdiocese. The office was charged with creating a safe and compassionate environment for victims to come forward, while ensuring that civil authorities are notified and victims are provided counseling and other assistance in the healing process. Directed by Suzanne Healy, the office also advises Catholic parishes and schools coping with issues of sexual abuse of minors. Ms. Healy may be reached by calling 213 637 7650. The hotline number to report sexual abuse is 800 355 2545.

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.

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.

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.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Monday: The Chair of St. Peter;
Washington's Birthday
Tuesday: St. Polycarp
Friday: Abstinence

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.

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 pm 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.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER

Save the date! Saturday, March 20, 2010, immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, is the Annual Spaghetti Dinner in honor of St. Joseph's Day. All the proceeds to benefit the St. Francis de Sales Scholarship Fund. If you are unable to attend you may still make a donation to the SFDS Scholarship Fund. More details to follow!

CONTEMPLATION AND ACTION

Those who wish to hold the fortress of contemplation must first of all train in the camp of action.

-Pope St. Gregory the Great

