

Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

February 28, 2010 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



Remember to pray for the sick and recovering of our community

especially Florentina Godinez,

Tom McNabb,

Braden Freeth McGroarty,

Guadalupe Bonnin, Catherine Lizzo,

John O'Toole, Brooks Paul,

Margaret Tarin Hensley, Olga D'Este,

Catherine Street, Faye Schafuss,

Ernest Dewsnap, Clarita Hernandez,

Alicia Gomez, Susan Dalgleish,

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 27

8:30 AM -In Memory of Lewis Charde

5:00 PM -In Memory of John Loughlin

SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 28

8:00 AM -In Memory of Tim Heinz

10:00 AM -In Memory of Harold Maddren

12:00 PM -In Memory of Reynaldo Rivera

5:00 PM -In Memory of Mark M. Kelly

MONDAY — MARCH 1

8:30 AM -In Memory of Olive Bergeron

TUESDAY — MARCH 2

8:30 AM -In Memory of Arthur Bergeron

WEDNESDAY — MARCH 3

8:30 AM -In Memory of Xavier Bergeron

THURSDAY — MARCH 4

8:30 AM -In Memory of Arthur Bergeron

FRIDAY — MARCH 5

8:30 AM -In Memory of Donald Bergeron

SATURDAY — MARCH 6

8:30 AM -In Memory of Jesus Lammatao

5:00 PM -In Memory of Mary Kavalavskys

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (3/7)

First Reading - The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalms - The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading - We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel - If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

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 2/28

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

9:00am-CRE Classes.

Monday 3/1

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

7:00pm-Adult Confirmation. Parish Center.

Tuesday 3/2

7:00pm-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 3/3

7:30pm-Meditation Prayer group.

Thursday 3/4

9:00am-Bible Study. Parish Center.

Friday 3/5

7:00pm-Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 3/6

5:00pm-Rite of Affirmation.

Sunday 3/7

8:45am-H.S. Confirmation Class. Parish Center.

9:00am-CRE Classes.

10:00am-Little Church.

PASTOR'S NOTES

LENT 2010

The three great Lenten disciplines from the Bible are prayer, fasting and works of charity. Among the tried and true variations on these three disciplines are:

- a. Going to Mass during the week as well as on Sunday.
- b. Praying the Stations of the Cross the Friday evenings of Lent at 7:00 in the church.
- c. 40 Days for Life - a focused pro-life time of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion.
- d. Pray the rosary daily if possible.
- e. Soup and Cinema on Lenten Monday evenings in the parish auditorium.





40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join thousands of people across the country to take a courageous stand to end abortion through 40 days of: prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil outside abortion facilities and local pro-life outreach. The 40 days from February 17 through March 28 parallel Biblical history where God used 40 day periods to transform individuals, communities and the entire world. From Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Jesus' resurrection, 40 days is a challenge to God's People. The question for God's People is, "Will you accept and meet this challenge?"

Thank you, Religious Education Grade 7 and 8!

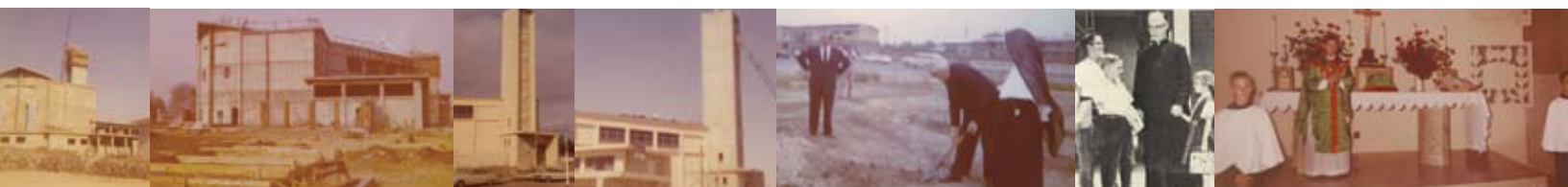
Grades 7 and 8 in Religious Education held a bake sale a couple of Sunday mornings ago to raise money for Haiti. Their bake sale raised \$132.75! Thank you, Religious Education Grades 7 and 8 for your generosity and work for those suffering in Haiti. An exchange check for \$132.75 was mailed to Catholic Relief Services marked "Haiti Relief."

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.

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.





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. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults \$5 for children and seniors and will be available at the door. 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. Please contact the Parish Center at sfdsmanager@sbcglobal.net for more details or to volunteer. **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).

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.

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.





SFDS ADULT CLUB 2009 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Luncheon Meetings: - Every 3rd Monday-1:00pm in Auditorium (no meetings in July & August): Speaker or entertainment, 50/50 & Bingo. Call Maurine Backus at 818-784-0605 or Renee O'Malley at (818) 986-6369 for lunch reservations, by the 2nd Monday of the month.

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

March 9th: Bus trip & lunch (\$5) to St. John of God Retirement facility. Call Eileen for reservations (818)907-8984.

March 13th: March for Life. (See last page.)

March 15th: Adult Club luncheon & bingo. Call Maurine at (818)784-0605 by 3/8 for reservations.

March 20-21st: Knights Membership Drive after masses.

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

April 8th: San Manuel Casino Day trip - \$25pp - get \$30 of player choice - best casino buffet lunch \$10 - leave from Knights of Columbus Hall at 8:45am.

April 14th - San Juan Capistrano Mission Day Trip & Lunch from Union Depot to San Juan Capistrano sponsored by the SFDS Adult Club.

May 1st - Bingo Games in School Library from 2-6pm at Annual SFDS Festival sponsored by the SFDS Adult Club.

July 29th - Annual Santa Barbara Day Train trip from Van Nuys depot for shopping, lunch, beach or visit to the Mission sponsored by the SFDS Adult Club.

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.



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: 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.

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/>



ALL ABOUT CHANGE

On this Second Sunday of Lent the scriptures remind us that when we have an encounter with our God, things are bound to change. In the first reading God tells Abram to raise his eyes to the sky, promising descendants as numerous as the stars. Abram's act of faith in the Lord is sealed in covenant, forever changing the course of salvation history. In the Gospel story of the Transfiguration, always proclaimed on this Lenten Sunday, the Lord Jesus changes in appearance before the eyes of the apostles who, like Abram, raise their eyes to the spectacle in the sky. It is Saint Paul who brings it all together for us: "He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (Philippians 3:21). Lent is all about change, all about conversion. Let us cast our own eyes to heaven, awaiting that day when we will be changed-when we will share in Christ's glory. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

What is the National Review Board? The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops established the National Review Board (NRB) during their meeting in June of 2002. The purpose of the NRB is to collaborate with the USCCB in preventing the sexual abuse of minors in the United States by persons in the service of the Church. To view a video interview with Ms. Diane Knight, Chair of the NRB, about the board's work, please visit: www.usccb.org/ocyp

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 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.



LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU

Let nothing disturb you,
Nothing frighten you.
All things are passing.
God never changes.
Patient endurance attains all things.
Whoever possesses God lacks nothing,
God alone is sufficient.
-St. Teresa of Ávila

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. Some questions to ponder are:

1. Do I really believe that I have a duty to help others who are in need?
2. Is what I give to the work of the Church enough to show how grateful I am for what God has given me?
3. Do I appreciate how important every contribution to Together in Mission is to the people in our subsidized parishes and schools?

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.

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.

Understanding Anger, Forgiveness and the Healing Process at St. Joseph the Worker, Winnetka.”

“Forgiveness is great for the soul, do we know the many spiritual, psychological and measurable health benefits of forgiveness? Do we know what happens in our brains when we forgive? Paul Brogan MFT, from Mount St. Mary's College answers question and offers effective tools to help us begin a healing process and move for traumas to transformation. The presentation is on March 11, at 7:30PM. Call 341-6634 for details.”

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Sheila Cavalette will be the guest speaker at the Catholic Community Luncheon on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at the Smoke House at the corner of Pass Ave. and Lakeside Dr. in Burbank. Fellowship at 11:45 am and lunch at 12:15 pm. Complete luncheon is \$22.00. For reservations please call Marilyn at 818-846-3271 or Lisa at 323-656-0955.