

# Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

MARCH 07, 2010 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



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

**especially** Blake Cline,

Ophelia Hernandez, Florentina Godinez,

Tom McNabb, Gualaupé 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.

## **Please pray for the repose of the souls of**

**Florian Cassutt, Jerry Manganaro,**

**Quentin Marciac**

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY- MARCH 6**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Jesus Lammatao

5:00 PM -In Memory of Mary Kavalauskus

**SUNDAY- MARCH 7**

8:00 AM -For the Intentions of Catherine Paura

10:00 AM -In Memory of Robina Dumas

12:00 PM -For the Intentions of Br. Daniel Durig

5:00 PM -In Memory of Doris Flores Calona

**MONDAY- MARCH 8**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Joseph Knoll

**TUESDAY- MARCH 9**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Mary Knoll

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 10**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Betty Lee

**THURSDAY- MARCH 11**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Irma Julia Lepo

**FRIDAY- MARCH 12**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Isabel Rivero

**SATURDAY- MARCH 13**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Pauline Guadagno

5:00 PM -In Memory of Lucille C. Gaudioso

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (3/14)**

First Reading - God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm - Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading - We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel - We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

**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 3/7**

- 8:45am-High School Confirmation Class. Parish Center.
- 9:00am-CRE Classes.
- 10:00am-Little Church.

**Monday 3/8**

- 6:00pm-Soup & Cinema. See below. School Auditorium.
- 7:00pm-Adult Confirmation. Parish Center.

**Tuesday 3/9**

- 7:00pm-RCIA. Parish Center.

**Wednesday 3/10**

- 7:30pm-Meditation Prayer group.

**Thursday 3/11**

- 9:00am-Bible Study. Parish Center.

**Friday 3/12**

- 7:00pm-Stations of the Cross.

**Saturday 3/13 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

- 9:00-12:00Prayerways, with Sr. Gretchen Hailer.

**Sunday 3/14 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

**SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD!**

- 8:45am-H.S. Confirmation Class. Parish Center.
- 9:00am-CRE Classes.
- 10:00am-Little Church.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH**

**Week of 2/25-3/3 Collection.**

Collection	\$11,318.00
Parish Pay	\$ 1,781.00
Total	\$13,099.00

**Thank you for your contributions.**

**Remember to turn your clocks forward next  
Sunday morning  
(1 a.m.), March 14th.**





## **PASTOR'S NOTES**

### **FIRST CONFESSIONS**

The 35 students in Grade 2 at St. Francis de Sales School and the 35 students in Grade 2 at St. Francis de Sales Religious Education made their First Confessions on Saturday morning, February 20th. It was a wonderful time in which the Risen Savior touched these children for the first time through the Sacrament of Penance, extending to them the Lord's forgiveness and healing. My thanks to Dr. Galla, principal of St. Francis de Sales School and Mr. Lathuras, Director of Religious Education. Thanks also to Ms. Jerri Ford, Religious Coordinator. My special thanks to the classroom catechists who are on the front line every time: Ms. Raquel Rebbe, Ms. Claire Bernardini, Ms. Rosemarie Robertson and Ms. Michelle Swofford. Thank you for preparing these St. Francis de Sales children for their First Penance.

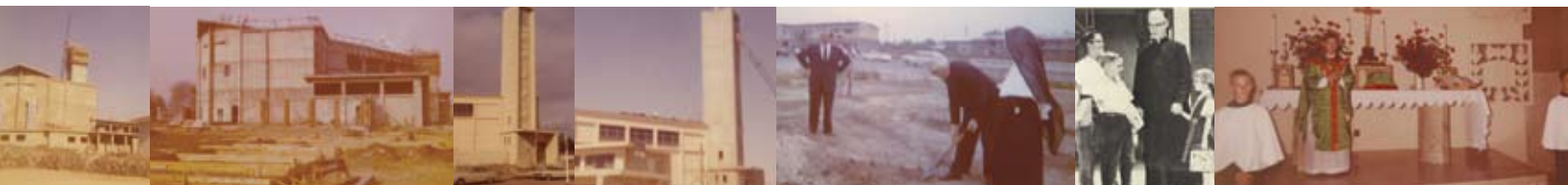
### **LENT 2010**

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?"





## SFDS CHOIR-SAVE THE DATE AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES!

Take a Road Trip around the world featuring music from your favorite movies, show tunes and popular hits. We'll be traveling Route 66, jetting off to Europe, and visiting exotic locales from Africa to Asia. Saturday, April 10. Dinner 6 p.m. Show Time 7 p.m. Admission \$25 (includes dinner, wine, dessert & coffee.) Tickets on sale now! For reservations call Tom Safer 818-763-5825. When leaving a message, please give your name and phone number slowly. If no one is available, please leave a message.

## 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.

## 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: 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 followed by a light Lenten supper in the auditorium.





## 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.

## 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 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. Collection for Catholic Relief Services and for the Church in Latin America March 13-14, 2010 Catholic Relief Services is the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. CRS was founded by the US bishops in 1943 and provides relief in emergency situations. CRS donated \$190 million to fund a five-year relief and reconstruction effort in response to the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami. CRS made an initial \$5 million commitment following the January earthquake in Haiti. Two days after the Haitian earth entrusted the coordination of all Catholic Haitian relief to CRS. These are but the two most recent relief efforts of CRS.

"Keep Faith" is the theme for the 2010 Collection for the Church in Latin America. The proceeds of this collection are distributed to dioceses, parish and other Catholic institutions throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to provide assistance for the many pastoral needs of the region. In 2009 the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee for the Church in Latin America distributed \$6.8 million among 479 projects. These projects helped promote the Church's work in catechesis, evangelization and the training of religious personnel. The formation of 20 novices and 70 junior sisters in Peru and the training for 72 seminarians in the Archdiocese of Monterrey, Mexico are only a few examples of the many good works being done to "Keep Faith" in Latin America.



## “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.”

## BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

The parish altar-serving program is open to all children going into the 6, 7 & 8 grades in September 2010. You must be baptized and have received your First Communion. This is a fantastic way to be involved in the Mass and you are only required to serve once every three weeks. The program starts in June and runs for a year. If you are interested please contact the parish center on line at [sfdsmanger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sfdsmanager@sbcglobal.net) or call (818)784-0105.

## 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.



## **FESTIVAL IS COMING! SAVE THE DATE!**

The annual SFDS Festival is around the corner! Get ready for the fun-filled weekend of rides, foods of all nations, games, silent and live auctions, fireworks, entertainment...and so much more. This year's theme is "A SUPER HERO WEEKEND." Join us on Friday, April 30th from 6-11 p.m., Saturday, May 1st from Noon-11 p.m., and Sunday, May 2nd from Noon-7:30 p.m. We would like to invite you to participate in this fun weekend. For more information and volunteer sign-ups, please contact Marcella Bell at 818-681-7276 or [tbell5000@yahoo.com](mailto:tbell5000@yahoo.com).

## **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.

## **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](http://www.wccm.org).

## **ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER**

Save the date! Saturday, March 20, 2010, immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, is the Annual Italian Dinner in honor of St. Joseph's Day. Tickets are \$5 for everyone 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 [sfdsmanger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sfdsmanager@sbcglobal.net) for more details or to volunteer.

## **The Tidings covers the Religious Education Congress**

The 2010 Religious Education Congress will be held in Anaheim on March 18-21. The RE Congress will be specially highlighted in The Tidings. Please notice the Congress coverage if you receive The Tidings at home or please pick up a copy from those provided at the church doors as you leave Mass today. You are encouraged to attend the Congress even if it is for the first time. You will find the experience positive, educational, visual, musical and spiritually enriching for any Catholic adult or even a friend who wants to know more about the Catholic Faith and life.



## DID YOU KNOW?

### Sign Up for Wireless Amber Alerts

The first three hours after a child is abducted are the most critical to recovery efforts. Wireless AMBER Alerts, an initiative of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the wireless industry, have the potential to reach more than 242 million wireless subscribers with information to help bring abducted children home quickly and safely. You can sign up to receive free text message alerts in one of three easy ways:

1. Text AMBER followed by a space and five-digit ZIP code to AMBER (26237);
2. Visit [www.wirelessamberalerts.org](http://www.wirelessamberalerts.org); or
3. Register on your wireless carrier's Web site.

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.

## 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/Sponsored by SFDS Knights  
and/or SFDS Adult club

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.

#### 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).