

Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

MARCH 14, 2010 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



Remember to pray for the sick and recovering of our community

especially Marie O'Donovan,

Blake Cline, Ophelia Hernandez,

Florentina Godinez,

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 Dalglish, Melissa Manning

Wilmot, Marilyn Bardwil,

Floyd Romeck, Theresia Hubel,

Rocco Carter, Peter Thompson,

Calleigh Stone, Monica A. Faraldo,

Steve Mccahulk, Sam Sosna,

Rocco Wren, Emma Ramirez,

Cynthia Kotzman, Lucy Fleming

McGrath, Sr. Greta Stewart,

Teresa Pina-Jiminez,

Jennifer Robin, and

Eileen Breeden.

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (3/21)

First Reading - The LORD does something new for the chosen people

(Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm - The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy

(Psalm 126) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading - The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord

(Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel - A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone

(John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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."



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?"

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 3/4-3/10 Collection.

Collection	\$ 9,567.00
Parish Pay	\$ 1,781.00
Total	\$11,348.00

Thank you for your contributions.

ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER

Join us next Saturday, March 20, 2010, immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, for 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 sfdsmanager@sbcglobal.net for more details or to volunteer.





THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 3/14 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

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

9:00am-CRE Classes.

10:00am-Little Church.

Monday 3/15

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

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

7:00pm-Adult Confirmation. Parish Center.

Tuesday 3/16

7:00pm-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 3/17

7:30pm-Meditation Prayer group.

Thursday 3/18

9:00am-Bible Study. Parish Center.

Friday 3/19

7:00pm-Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 3/20

6:00pm-St Joseph's table. See below.

Sunday 3/21

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

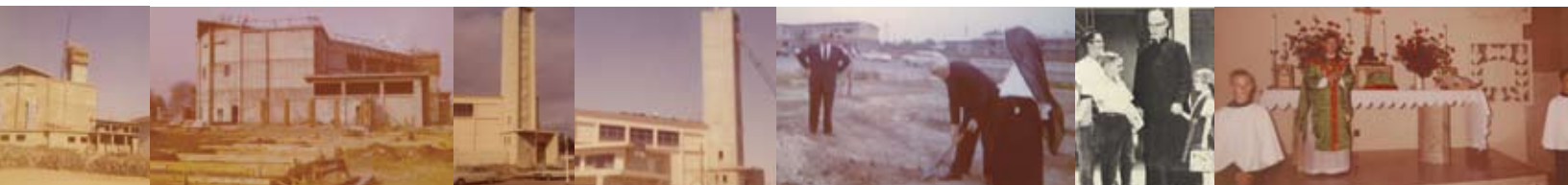
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SOUP & CINEMA AND MORE

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 2 more 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: 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.





STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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.

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.

PRAYERS

I am keeping you busy over the last several months with prayer requests. This helps us to be a community of prayer. This time it's for a person nearer to me. It is my niece, Marie O'Donovan, of Cobh (Cove), Cork, Ireland. My niece, Marie has recently been diagnosed with lung cancer. Marie is married and mother of three married sons, and grandmother of four grandchildren, her joy in life. Marie is a professional singer, choir director and organist at St. Joseph's Church, Cork. Presently Marie is having non-surgical treatment, feeling dispirited, but more disposed to talking about her condition. I'm confident that your prayers and e-mails will be an added boost to her spirit. You can reach her at ashburton34@yahoo.co.uk. It would be an added consolation if you would e-mail Marie and family to let them know that our Circle of Prayer is praying. This will provide them moral and spiritual support in this time of anxiety.

Thank you once more, friends.

Together again in prayer,

Fr Jerry O'Mahony MSC





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 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.

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.

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.

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 disturbed \$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.



WINE TASTING

Please join us on Friday March 26th between 5:30 and 8pm for the 8th Annual Wine Tasting event to benefit the Garden Greens and Grapes Booth at this year's Festival. This is a fun community event where school families and parishioners have the chance to sample a dozen wines. Buy for yourself and donate a bottle to the festival. Come enjoy the festive wine tasting at Vendome Liquors at 11555 Ventura Blvd (east of Colfax.) All the wines tasted will be 20% off and the entire store will be discounted 10% for attendees.

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.

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.

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 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. 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.

LENTEN PENNANCE SERVICE

Please mark you calendars for Tuesday, March 23rd at 7 p.m. for the SFDS Lenten Prayer service.



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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SIGN-UP WEEKEND

Next weekend, March 20-21, is the KOC registration drive. Come and learn about this great Catholic men's organization. For more information and to sign up, please visit the members of the Knights at tables set up near the Church doors.

LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

It is time for Louisville High School 's Spring Musical. This year's musical is Valerie Dunlap's World Premiere of "Our Time" Music by Stephen Sondheim. Show times are Tuesday, March 23, 2010-Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults and can be purchased at the door or in the front office during school hours.

CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

-Thomas Edison



THE HEART OF CONVERSION

Today's scriptures bring us to the heart of the meaning of the Christian journey of conversion. Saint Paul sums it up beautifully: "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Gospel passage, the parable of the prodigal son, shows us just what this new creation is like. It is all about reconciliation. Just as God removes the yoke of slavery from the shoulders of the Israelites-see today's first reading-so, too, does the father in the Gospel remove the yoke of guilt and shame from the shoulders of his wayward son. That son first needed to turn away from his sin and seek out and ask forgiveness of his father. That is precisely what we have been doing during this season of repentance. We can only begin to imagine the kind of reconciliation feast that awaits us when we are embraced by our forgiving God.

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Is Safety Training Effective for Kids?

Did you know that national and international studies show that children who participated in prevention education programs like VIRTUS, were six to seven times more likely to demonstrate protective behavior - to be more assertive, speak up, and disclose abuse or suspected abuse - than children who had not participated in such programs? Research supports the effectiveness of abuse prevention training of our children. For more information about what our parish and school are doing to teach children to be safe, please contact the parish office or the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office: 213 637 7227.

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