

Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

MARCH 21, 2010 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



Remember to pray for the sick and recovering of our community

especially Gloria Pedsaza,

Marie O'Donovan, Blake Cline,

Ophelia Hernandez,

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, Emma Ramirez,

Cynthia Kotzman, Lucy Fleming

McGrath, Sr. Greta Stewart,

Teresa Pina-Jiminez,

Jennifer Robin, Eileen Breeden.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Florentina Godinez
and Chris Reising

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 (3/28)

Gospel at the Procession with Palms - Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading - In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm - My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading - Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel - The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 - 23:56 [23:1-49]).

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

Saturday 3/20 Knights Sign-Up Weekend. See Below.

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

Sunday 3/21 Knights Sign-Up Weekend. See below.

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

9:00am-CRE Classes.

10:00am-Little Church.

Monday 3/22

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

7:00pm-Adult Confirmation. Parish Center.

Tuesday 3/23

7:00pm-RCIA. Parish Center.

7:00pm-Lenten Penance Service. Main Church.

Wednesday 3/24

7:30pm-Meditation Prayer group.

Thursday 3/25

9:00am-Bible Study. Parish Center.

Friday 3/26

7:00pm-Stations of the Cross with Fr. Ken Deasy.

Sunday 3/28 PALM SUNDAY

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

9:00am-CRE Classes.

10:00am-Little Church.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 3/11-3/17 Collection.

Collection \$ 9,830.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,781.00

Total \$11,611.00

Thank you for your contributions.

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.

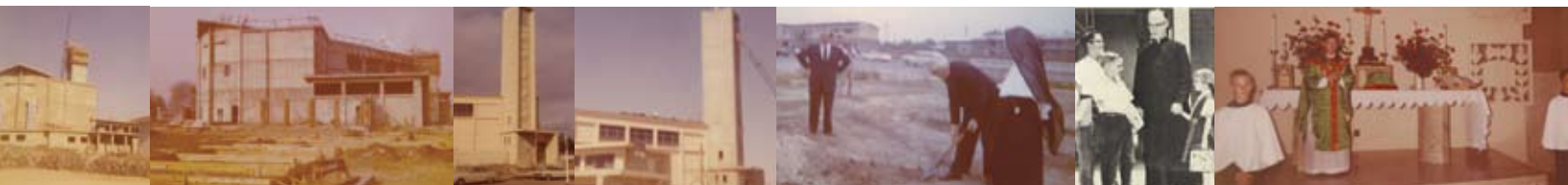
April 3rd: Annual Knights Easter Egg Hunt Contest for all children from 1 year of age thru 8th Grade at SFDS.

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.





MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY- MARCH 20

8:30 AM -In Memory of Edward Mazzarino

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bob De Chellis

SUNDAY- MARCH 21

8:00 AM -For the Intentions of Maria Kwak

10:00 AM -In Memory of Smiljana Knight

12:00 PM -In Memory of Frank Montelone

5:00 PM -In Memory of Florian Cassutt

MONDAY- MARCH 22

8:30 AM -In Memory of Robert Smith

TUESDAY- MARCH 23

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Vic Borstner

WEDNESDAY MARCH 24

8:30 AM -In Memory of Benjamin Knoll

THURSDAY- MARCH 25

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Alan Boudreau

FRIDAY- MARCH 26

8:30 AM -In Memory of Eloisa Olivarez

SATURDAY- MARCH 27

8:30 AM -In Memory of Chris Reising

5:00 PM -For the Intentions of Ann & Andy Murcia

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?"

FATHER KEN DEASY

You are invited to join Fr. Ken Deasy for his unique presentation of the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm on Friday, March 26. Fr. Ken has incorporated various forms of media; art, film and music to help us pray with Jesus as He journeys to cross. Everyone from Junior High age and older is invited to attend and light refreshments will follow in the auditorium. For information on contributing to the reception or helping out, please contact wendy@douganfarms.com as soon as possible.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: Abstinence

EASTER MASS INTENTIONS

We have envelopes for the Easter Mass Intentions in the pews. These envelopes will be placed on the altar with the names of your loved ones so that all our parishioners can share in the Masses for the Risen Christ. You may place your donation in the envelope. Thank you.

EASTER CARDS

Beautiful Easter cards are now on sale after most Masses to benefit the scholarship fund. The cards are only \$5 and are a nice way to let a loved one know that you are thinking of them at Easter. The funds raised from the cards go directly to our scholarship fund to meet the needs of a child currently enrolled in our parish school. You can buy the cards outside of the Church after Mass this weekend, in the parish center throughout the week, or at the always fun St. Joseph's Dinner on March 20th after the 5 pm Saturday Night Mass.



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.

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.



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.

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.



SOUP & CINEMA

Please join Fr. Tony in the SFDS auditorium Monday, March 22 for the last evening for soup at 6:00pm and an abridged screening of Gran Torino at 7:00pm, followed by a brief discussion of the film, linking it to our Lenten mission. There is no admission charge.

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

Join us 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.

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

This 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.



ST. JOHN EUDES CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP

The group will meet on Friday, March 26th at 8 p.m. in Room C of Grill Hall, 9901 Mason Ave., Chatsworth. Guest speaker, Daniel Holmes will discuss “In the Face of Change.” For more information about the speaker, please call Dale at (818) 831-7606.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Abuse Prevention Training of Kids Nears 6 Million Mark

Did you know that the Catholic church in the U.S. has prepared more than 5.7 million children to recognize abuse and protect themselves? Age-appropriate child safety programs are mandatory throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Please contact the parish office for more information about the safe environment training programs for children in our parish, or call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office: 213 637 7227.

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

SOMETHING NEW

“See, I am doing something new!” (Isaiah 43:19). All during this Lenten season, the scriptures have revealed the truth of these words, proclaimed in today’s first reading from the prophet Isaiah. We have heard about a bush in the desert aflame but not consumed. We have listened to a parable about a father, the depth of whose love for his prodigal son was almost inconceivable. Today, instead of condemning a woman caught in the act of adultery and joining in stoning her to death, the Lord Jesus sends her on her way, away from what would have been certain death, admonishing her to sin no more. Indeed, God has been doing something new in our midst. Even when we are trapped in sin, with no perceivable way out, we are offered forgiveness when we turn to the Lord with repentant hearts. Let us remember that God has done something new in the heart of each of us.

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