

Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

May 9, 2010 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



Remember to pray for the sick and recovering of our community

especially DeDe Gillespie,

Eugene Ward, Delfina Tellez,

Julie Goossen,

Josephine Ruscigno, Jane Faurot,

Gloria Pedraza, Marie O'Donovan,

Blake Cline, Ophelia Hernandez,

Catherine Lizzo, John O'Toole,

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, and Eileen Breeden.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Danny Aiello III
and Patricia Largo

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (5/16)

First Reading - Because Stephen professes his faith in the Son of Man, he is stoned to death (Acts 7:55-60).

Psalm - The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

Second Reading - I, the Alpha and the Omega, am coming soon (Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20).

Gospel - Father, I pray that they may all be one, as you and I are one, that they may be brought to perfection (John 17:20-26).

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY- MAY 8

8:30 AM -In Memory of Nancy Dewell

5:00 PM -In Memory of Florian Cassutt

SUNDAY- MAY 9

8:00 AM -Mother's Day Novena

10:00 AM -Mother's Day Novena

12:00 PM -Mother's Day Novena

5:00 PM -Mother's Day Novena

MONDAY- MAY 10

8:30 AM -Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY- MAY 11

8:30 AM -Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY MAY 12

8:30 AM -Mother's Day Novena

THURSDAY- MAY 13

8:30 AM -Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY- MAY 14

8:30 AM -Mother's Day Novena

SATURDAY- MAY 15

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Chris Garcia

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

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

'Receiving the Next Archbishop of Los Angeles'

The Church is a communion, a communion of all the baptized. The Church is not primarily a structure of hierarchy and laity, the "Church teaching" and the "Church taught" but rather an organic communion of the baptized, living in the Spirit, enriched by different gifts and ministries. The Church cannot be identified solely with the pope or bishops or priest or those who publically profess religious vows. There are diverse expressions of communio; there is the communio among the ordained, the communio between the bishop and priests, the communio among bishops throughout the world and the communio between the Pope and all the other bishops. All of these are rooted in a more fundamental universal communio of baptized believers in the Church, a communio which is a share in the life of the One God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Within this most basic communio these other expressions of communio serve to order or structure the life of the Church so that it more clearly manifests the communion of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The office of the bishop or archbishop is best understood in light of this communion. As part of the communion the bishop also serves as its leader and visible unifier. Without the bishop the local community is not a church but only a gathering of believers. This understanding of the bishops as both a member of the communion as well as its leader was expressed crisply by St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, as, "For you I am a bishop, with you I am a Christian."

Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity

Thank you for your generous response of \$2,126.00 to the annual second collection for the Cardinal McIntyre Fund for Charity. A check for this amount was mailed to the Archdiocesan Catholic Center.

Confirmation 2010

Bishop Wilkerson was here on Sunday, April 25th to seal our youth with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. 39 of our youth and 5 of our young adults were presented to Bishop Wilkerson for Confirmation. Thank you to the Confirmation catechists: Nick Bryan, Billy Gillespie, Cindy Guastafarro, Jack Lathrus and Laurie Rey. A huge thanks to Pauline Story, our Confirmation Director. It was a great year and a beautiful Confirmation Mass. Many thanks.





THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 5/9	MOTHER'S DAY We wish all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.
Wednesday 5/12	7:30pm-Meditation Prayer group.
Thursday 5/13	9:00am-Bible Study. Parish Center.
Friday 5/14	8:30am-May Crowning. Students to attend Mass.
Sunday 5/16	10:00am-Little Church.

MOTHER'S DAY

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, wished to honor her mother who died in 1905. With the help of John Wanamaker, founder of the famous Wanamaker's (now Macy's) on Market Street in Center City, Philadelphia (the first department store in Philadelphia and one of the first department stores in the United States, famous for its massive organ from the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair and famous as a place to meet downtown "under the eagle"), she passed out 500 white carnations (her mother's favorite flower), one to each mother in the congregation on May 12, 1907 at St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, where her mother taught Sunday School. The gesture and dream of a way to honor mothers received such a warm response that it was repeated at St. Andrew's in Grafton the next year on May 10th and then followed by a much larger service in the auditorium at Wanamaker's in Philadelphia.

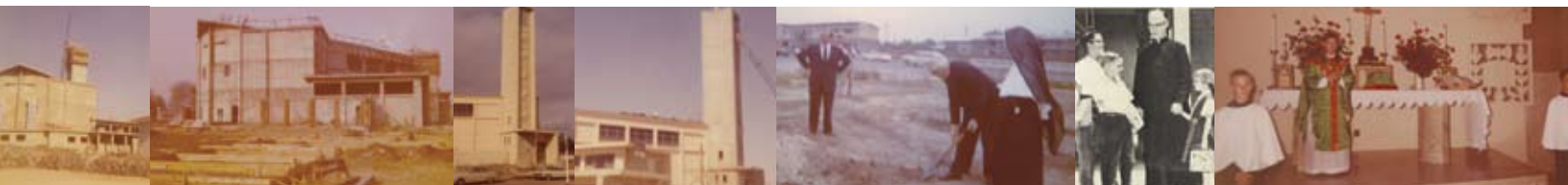
On May 8, 1914 Congress passed a law designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and requested President Woodrow Wilson to issue a proclamation. The next day President Wilson proclaimed the first national Mother's Day.

Anna Jarvis' mother's favorite flower was the carnation. Florists subsequently promoted a red carnation if one's mother is living or a white carnation if one's mother is deceased.

Today we salute our mothers for the life they gave us and for the care, nurture and love with which they blessed us. If living, we offer our mothers our gratitude and if deceased, we thank Almighty God for our mothers and beg the Lord that you may rest forever in heaven.

Jerry to celebrate his 60th Anniversary!

Fr. Jerry O'Mahony was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on July 15, 1950 for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart by Archbishop Joseph Walsh, the Archbishop of Tuam. We will mark Fr. Jerry's 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination on Sunday, June 6th at the noon Mass.





GET ON THE BUS

Children of incarcerated parents are the hidden victims of crime. Their lives, psychological, development, parental bond and sense of home are altered by circumstances completely beyond their control. Get on the Bus is a cost-effective solution that provides consolation and joy to children who have a parent or both parents in the prison system.

This year Get on the Bus will take 1,300 children, on 60 buses, to visit their parents at seven women's and men's prisons throughout California. Children and their caregivers will receive a four-hour visit with their incarcerated parent, pre-trip assistance with prison paperwork, breakfast, travel bags, snacks, a special lunch, a family photo, a teddy bear from their parent, dinner, "stay-connected" bags and post-trip counseling - all at no cost to the children's family. This event is held each year around Mother's and Father's Day, in 2010 the event dates are May 7th and June 18th. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please call Maria Palmer, Get on the Bus Program Coordinator at 818-980-7714, ext. 12.

Save The Date - May 24, 2010

Louisville High School will be hosting its 15th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, May 24, at North Ranch Country Club in Westlake Village. Louisville will be honoring Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allegretti who are being recognized for their generosity to many Louisville students over the years. Please come and support the wonderful young women of Louisville. For more information call the LvHS Development Office at (818) 346-7510.

Separated, Divorced or Widowed?

St. John Eudes Separated, Divorced and Widowed Catholic Support Group will meet on Friday, May 14th at 8:00 pm in Room C of Grill Hall at St. John Eudes which is located at the corner of Lassen and Mason in Chatsworth. The guest speaker, Sylvia Cary, MFT, will discuss "How to Handle Regrets". For more info please call Dale at 818-831-7606.

SFDS RAFFLE WINNERS

We thank all our parishioners and school families for entering the Festival Grand Raffle, and congratulate our winners!

1st Prize-\$5,000-The Kamalski family

2nd Prize-\$750-J. Smith

3rd prize-\$250-The Menendez family

Parent Raffle-\$1,000-Mr. & Mrs. Swander

Student Raffle-Anthony and Gus Castoe





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.

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.

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

Knights Youth Activities Award: SFDS school yearend Mass.

May 29th: Knights Annual Family Picnic - 11am at Los Encinos Park, Encino

May 30th: Knights Communion Mass - 9am at St. Jane Frances de Chantal

June 22nd: Annual Clergy Recognition Dinner - Rancho San Antonio Auditorium

June 29th: Knights of Columbus 1st Degree Membership Enrollment

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: contact Richard at 818/997-7024



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.

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.

Earning 4 Learning at the Westfield Sherman Oaks Fashion Square

Participating in the Earning 4 Learning program is easy! Our Sherman Oaks Fashion Square is donating to local schools as part of their customer appreciation program. They give SFDS 10 points for every dollar spent for most shops & eateries at the mall. The more points we have, the more money SFDS school earns. There is not catch or cost to you. Just buy the things your normally would at the mall, then bring your receipts to the concierge desk (the first floor by Pottery Barn). They will log the dollar value and no personal information and return the receipt to you. All of your purchases qualify - food court & stores.

The program runs until May 31st. Prize money from this program goes directly to our students' curriculum needs including technology and supplies.

Your assistance is most appreciated.

For more information, you can log onto: http://www.shoppingpartnership.com/points/westfield_fashion_square.htm <http://www.shoppingpartnership.com/points/westfield_fashion_square.htm>

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.



DID YOU KNOW? Violence and Teen Dating

Statistics show that one in three teenagers has experienced violence in a dating relationship. In dating violence, one partner tries to maintain power and control over the other through some kind of abuse. Dating violence crosses economic, racial and social lines, most victims are young women who are also at higher risk for serious injury. For useful tips on how to recognize the warning signs that your teenager may be in an abusive dating relationship visit www.safehorizonsofsomerset.org. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let Marriage Encounter help you resurrect the romance in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is July 30-August 1 in Woodland Hills. Please visit our website at www.wwme-la-north.org for more information or contact Russ and Jeanine Walker at 805-648-4244 or walkerrjbp@sbcglobal.net.

SFDS RESPECT FOR LIFE COMMITTEE

Announcing the newly formed SFDS Respect Life Committee. A Parish group focused on Pro-Life Policy and Educational Assistance in our Community. Our recent activities have included Participation in the Knights of Columbus March for Life as well as gathering Petition signatures for the California Human Rights Amendment. Our next meeting will be at 7:00 PM April 8 in the Parish Center. If you have not yet signed the petition for the ballot measure you may do so in the Parish Center or you may call Tom O'Malley. Any further questions will be answered by Tom O'Malley at (818) 986-6369.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 4/29-5/5 Collection.

Collection	\$ 8,825.00
Parish Pay	\$ 1,876.00
Total	\$10,701.00

Thank you for your contributions.

Los Angeles Public Library Free Tutoring Service for Teens and Adults

All that is needed is a library card from the Los Angeles Public Library and internet access. This free, on-line tutoring program is available at the library's webpage: <http://www.lapl.org>. The tutor is available from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The subject areas covered are: English, Math (including Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry), Science and Social Studies. The student indicates the grade level and the exact subject for which help is needed. The student types in descriptions of the help needed, indicating whether he/she has any background in the subject, one's grade level and then typing in questions and answers to other questions from the live tutor.

The library's foundation has paid for this valuable subscription. This service can also assist adults who are working on resumes, polishing business letters and proposals or editing an essay for a college course.



RESULTS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASKET BALL TOURNAMENT

Boy's "B" Basketball Tournament Results

1st place: St Genevieve

2nd Place: St. Francis de Sales

3rd Place: St. Finbar

Consolation: Our Lady of Lourdes

Winner of the Sister Ellen Marie McGovern School Spirit/Sportsmanship Award:
St. Francis de Sales School

Pregnancy Counseling Center - Open House

Thanks to all of your generous support, the Pregnancy Counseling Center is officially reopening its doors as a Clinic. Please come celebrate with us and see how your efforts have helped. We have had a property expansion, remodeling, and acquisition of state-of-the-art ultrasound equipment. Light refreshments will be served. Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 16th from 1pm to 4pm, at 10211 Sepulveda Blvd. Mission Hills. RSVP 818.895.2500.

Notre Dame High School Summer Sports Camp

Notre Dame Summer Sports Camp for 6 - 12 year old boys and girls will be available this summer beginning June 21st through July 23rd at Notre Dame High School. This will be the 43rd year that the camp will be in operation. We also offer advanced camps for 2nd - 9th grade boys and girls. The cost for the weekly Summer Sports Camp is \$225.00 per week. Extended camp is available until 4:30 p.m. for an additional fee of \$75.00 per week. Prices and dates vary for the advanced camps. Please call Paula Sheehan at 818-933-3661 for more information or visit us at www.ndhs.org for an application.

Calling Archdiocesan Catholic Women!

Our next District Meeting of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is Monday, May 24th. Our meeting will be at Our Lady of Grace in Encino at Ventura Blvd. and White Oak Ave. The speaker will be Father Austin Doran, West San Fernando District Moderator. Registration will begin at 9:00 am with Mass at 11:00 am. Lunch will be catered and is to be pre-paid at the cost of \$12.00.

The deadline for reservations is Thursday, May 20th. Please mail your checks to Our Lady of Grace, Parish Center, 5001 White Oak Ave., Encino, 91316. On the face of the envelope please write "ACCW - Attn: Rosa Maria Morales." Any questions, please call Maria Michel, our St. Francis de Sales parish representative at 818-501-3898.



NEED YOUR HELP!

College age pro-life supporters will spend their summer walking with Crossroads on its 16th annual Pro-Life Walks Across America. The three walks start in Seattle, San Francisco, and L.A., ending together Aug. 14th in Washington, D.C. They will be in Los Angeles May 19th through May 23rd and need places to stay. If you can accommodate 1, 2, or more walkers with a place to stay, please call Tom O'Malley, 818-986-6369 or Nick Bryan 818-789-3237.