

Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

May 10, 2009 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK AND RECOVERING OF OUR COMMUNITY *especially*
Mel Brandt, Susan Dalgleish, Melissa Manning Wilmot, Theresia Hubel, Marilyn Bardwil, Robina Dumas, Floyd Romeck, Rocco Carter, Peter Thompson, Calleigh Stone, Daniel Patrick Kennedy, Micki Kadar, Monica A. Faraldo, Robert Salvato, Steve Mccahulk, Sam Sosna, Rocco Wren, Kelly Hare, Joey Harper, Sr. Ellen Marie McGovern, Jane Faurot, Dee Gillespie, Emma Ramirez, Randi Renaud, Cynthia Kotzman, Lucy Fleming McGrath, Sr. Greta Stewart, Teresa Pina-Jiminez, Spencer Hawk, Jennifer Robin, and Eileen Breedon.

PRAY FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

Michael Lucas-US Navy, Mike McCarthy-US Navy, Monica A. Faraldo-US Army

In your prayers during the week please remember the repose of the souls of
Paul Bardwil, Jack Coughlin, Hope White-Davis

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY- MAY 9

10:30 AM -First Holy Communion

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bernice Baga

SUNDAY- MAY 10

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 11

8:30 AM -Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY- MAY 12

8:30 AM -Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY- MAY 13

8:30 AM -Mother's Day Novena

THURSDAY- MAY 14

8:30 AM -Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY- MAY 15

8:30 AM -Mother's Day Novena

SATURDAY- MAY 16

9:00 AM -In Memory of Mother Cabrini

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bernice Baga

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (5/17)

First Reading - The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also
(Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm - The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading - God is love (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16.

Gospel - No one has greater love than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends
(John 15:9-17) or John 17:11b-19.

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 5/9

10:30AM-First Holy Communion.

Sunday 5/10

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Tuesday 5/12

7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 5/13

9:45AM-Mommy & Me. Parish Center.

7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

Thursday 5/14

9:30AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

Saturday 5/16

Retirement Fund collection at all Masses.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In Ireland and the United Kingdom, Mother's Day is over. "Mothering Sunday" was on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Long ago, people were freed from work to travel on this day to the parish where they were baptized, their "Mother Church." Often, people were reunited with their mothers on this day. Employers would release their workers and servants for this visit. The American celebration, while based on this custom, really has to do with an anti-war movement of mothers in Civil War times. They crusaded for better sanitary conditions for their sons. When President Wilson instituted the first Mother's Day in 1912, it was a day to fly the flag in honor of mothers whose children had died in battle. Knowing the tradition is a good balance to our celebration today: we can enfold in prayer the mothers who have suffered the loss of their children in war.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 4/30-5/6 Collection.

Collection \$ 8,745.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,469.00

Total \$10,214.00 Thank you for your contributions.

SAVE THE DATES

June 26th at 7:10pm: Annual SFDS Dodgers Night & Fireworks: Dodgers vs Seattle Mariners; Great seat location for only \$18/ ticket (regular game day price\$23)

July 18th : 7:30pm Knights at the Movies including refreshments & games

SWINE FLU

In light of the current health crisis, we will not offer Holy Communion under both species. It is recommended that you receive the host on your hand only, not on the tongue.

At the Kiss of Peace, just bow to the person beside you. It is recommended that you not shake hands.

When the health crisis is over, we will return to normal liturgical practice.





RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of meetings held here at St. Francis de Sales Parish for persons interested in becoming members of the Catholic faith.

We welcome all who are interested, they include persons who have never been Baptized in any faith as well as persons who were Baptized in another religion. Persons who were Baptized as infants in the Catholic faith but who never made their First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation. All are welcome to come and find out what the Catholic religion is all about. With divine guidance, these people might choose to embrace the Catholic faith. Meetings are taking place in the Parish Center, 13360 Valleyheart Dr., Sherman Oaks from 7-9 pm, every Tuesday evening. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or if you know of someone else who might be interested in gathering with us on a Tuesday evening, please call the Parish Center 818-784-0105 and leave your name and a telephone number. One of the group leaders of the RCIA program will call you and give you further information should you have questions to ask.

SFDS ADULT CLUB 2009 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Luncheon Meetings: - May 18th: Lunch at 1:00 pm; presentation by Loaves & Fishes, followed by entertainment & bingo; call Maurine Backus at 818-784-0605 or Renee O'Malley at (818) 986-6369 for reservations.

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.

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.

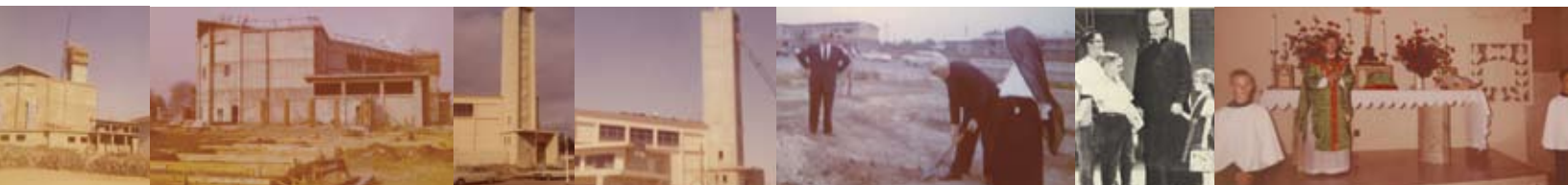
MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP

The SFDS Meditation Group meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the side Church. This prayer group practices the ancient Eastern method of meditation, which was later adapted for Christians by St. Benedict and is practiced daily by the Benedictine monks. All are welcome.

PARISH PAY

In these tough economic times it might be easier to have your church contributions taken weekly or monthly from your checking account or credit card. If you set up a predetermined amount you can easily budget expenses. Parish Pay is an easy and convenient service provided to our parishioners. You simply go on line and they will automatically deduct your church contributions at whatever schedule and amount you determine. It only takes a few moments to go to their secure website and make arrangements. If you are interested simply go to www.saintfrancisdesaleschurch.com and click on contribute and then Parish Pay.

FOR CATHOLIC SINGLE WOMEN AGES 18 TO 40 WHO ARE DISCERNING A VOCATION TO RELIGIOUS LIFE Are you sensing a call to serve and to seek a deeper relationship with God as a Religious? You are invited to a "Come and See" Day on Sunday, May 17, 2009 from 11:30 AM to 7:30 PM at Sacred Heart Convent in Altadena, California. RSVP by: May 11, 2009. For more information, please call Sr. Lovina at 815-464-3873 or email fsbhvocations@aol.com. Hosted by the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NOTES

The SFDS Knights coordinates with the School and Church a monthly canned food and clothing drive on the 1st weekend of the month. Save your canned food and clothing for the Loaves & Fishes Program. Current community needs have greatly increased the need for food and clothing for our poor. Thank you to all the SFDS Families who bring food and clothing to the collection. It keeps the doors open at Loaves & Fishes, where all SFDS Families are referred for assistance. The primary goal of this drive is to collect non-perishable food items such as canned goods. However, L&F is always in need of clothing as well. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

Retirement Mass for Father Kevin Larkin

Celebrating 28 years of service to the Saint Francis de Sales Community & his Golden Ordination Jubilee

Sunday, June 7th 2009

10 A. M. Mass and 12 Noon Mass

Reception begins immediately following the 10 A. M. and Noon Masses

There will be a Tribute Book for Father Larkin.

There are full page, half page or quarter page spaces available to share your good wishes and thoughts for Fr. Larkin.

DEADLINE IS MAY 12TH

Prices: Full page (vertical) - 5"x8" - \$100.00

Half page (horizontal) - 5"x3.75" - \$50.00

Quarter (vertical) - 2.25"x3.75" - \$25.00

You can submit your ad as a PDF file (black and white) OR supply what you want the ad to say and it can be designed for you. For more information, Contact the Parish Center at 818-784-0105

TOGETHER IN MISSION PLEDGE BILLINGS

The monthly pledge billings for the Together in Mission pledges have been mailed. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach and, hopefully, exceed our goal. Once the pledge payments have exceeded our goal, we receive all of the additional funds for use in our parish ministries.

FULTON AVE. BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

Construction has begun on the Fulton Ave. Bridge over the L.A. River in order to meet federal bridge codes and meet state seismic safety standards. The work consists of removing and rebuilding portions of the channel walls at each four corners of the bridge and widen the deck to accommodate a new roadway width of forty three feet. The work will also include approach street and sidewalk improvements as well as the installation of an architectural metal rail above the new concrete barriers. The work on the bridge will hopefully be finished by January 31, 2010. If you have any questions please contact C-1 Construction at (323) 469-3402



MOMMY & ME

We have a whole new group of little ones with their mommies (and daddies, of course) at our free weekly meetings. Join us at our new time, on Wednesday's from 9:45-11:15 a.m. in the Parish Center. We welcome all children ages three months to three years, offering playtime in a caring, supportive environment with other new parish parents. Any questions, call Cheyene at 818 645-6007.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to place your news items in the Bulletin, you may do so via e-mail. The address is: sfdsbulletin@sbcglobal.net.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS

Next weekend, May 16-17, all parishioners throughout our Archdiocese will be asked to give generously to support the Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests via a special collection. Currently, the fund provides for 149 priests who are retired. Over the next ten years, the number of priests who will reach retirement age will number 349. All of these individuals have committed their lives to serve the spiritual needs of our parish communities. We, in turn, owe it to them to assure that they do not have to worry about their retirement years.

Beginning in 2000, and in each year since, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has asked for financial support for the Retirement Fund for Archdiocesan Priests. The faithful of the Archdiocese have responded generously and tremendously in support of this important special collection. We express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who have been so generous to this Special Collection.

In today's bulletin, the 4 page tabloid insert describes this need and offers several ways that you can provide significant financial support. Please review the insert and reflect upon how the priests in your life have guided you, called forth your gifts and provided spiritual guidance in your life. Then, prayerfully determine the amount that you will give next week in support of them, not out of a sense of obligation but, out of true gratitude for their dedication and service for so many years to the People of God in our Archdiocese in Los Angeles.

DID YOU KNOW?

Working Together to Prevent Child abuse

A hallmark of the Catholic Church is the protection of life and the dignity of the human person. Through Scripture and Catholic teachings we are called to protect the life and dignity of all human persons no matter how young or old. Working to prevent child abuse is an important response of what we are called to do as Church. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call the parish office or visit: <http://archdiocese.la/protecting>
For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213 637-7650.

LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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