

Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

May 16, 2010 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



Remember to pray for the sick and recovering of our community

especially Dee Gillepsie,

Eugene Ward,

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,

Theresa 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- MAY 15

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Chris Garcia

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

SUNDAY- MAY 16

8:00 AM -In Memory of Frank Messina

10:00 AM -For the Intentions of Alicia Gomez

12:00 PM -In Memory of Eloisa Olivarez

5:00 PM -In Memory of Gloria Bootsie French

MONDAY- MAY 17

8:30 AM -In Memory of Marciano Natividad

TUESDAY- MAY 18

8:30 AM -In Memory of Margaret Nauseda

WEDNESDAY MAY 19

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of David Kwak

THURSDAY- MAY 20

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Nancy Barney

FRIDAY- MAY 21

8:30 AM -In Memory of Eloisa Olivarez

SATURDAY- MAY 22

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Ann Davis

5:00 PM -In Memory of Chris Reising

Please pray for the repose of the
soul of Delfina Telles

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (5/23)

First Reading - Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm - Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading - In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or Romans 8:8-17.

Gospel - Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or John 14:15-16, 23b-26.

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 5/16

10:00am-Little Church.

Monday 5/17

1pm-SFDS Adult club. Auditorium.

Wednesday 5/19

7:30pm-Meditation Prayer group.

Thursday 5/20

9:00am-Bible Study. Parish Center.

Sunday 5/23

St. Vincent de Paul speaker after all Masses.

PASTOR'S NOTES - 'Receiving the Next Archbishop of Los Angeles'

The Bishop with the Communion of Church

Many were taught as children in an era where the Church was understood as a pyramid, with all authority descending from God to the pope, through the bishops to the priests and through the priests to the people. Vatican Council II (1962-1965) moved in a different direction. The council described the bishops as members of a college which with its head, the pope, exercises supreme authority over the universal Church, while each bishop governs his particular church entrusted to his care. Thus the council saw the Church as a communion of churches.

Communion, from the Greek *koinonia*, means a sharing, a participation in something else. It describes the sharing or participating in the life of Christ that comes from God as a gift: "God is faithful and by him you were called to fellowship (*koinonia*) with this Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9). For St. Paul especially, the members of the community, united by their communion in the body and blood of Christ, become themselves his Body (1 Cor. 10: 16-17).

Communion describes our sharing in the divine life and, in God's providence, our sharing in God's life is often expressed through outward signs. To be "in communion" with the Church is to share in its Eucharist. The ordination of a bishop is done by at least three bishops to welcome the new bishop into the College of Bishops and to show that this new bishop and his church were in the communion of Churches. A priest, offering Mass, is a sign of communion between the local parish, its bishop and the universal Church, just as the bishop is a sign of the Catholic Church as a communion of churches. The communion of the Church today is maintained by the bonds of communion which link the bishops to each other and to the Bishop of Rome. This communion can be lost, as happened between the Eastern and Western Churches in the 11th century or in the Reformation in the 16th century or when an individual breaks his or her communion with the Church (excommunication) through serious sin (cf. 1 Cor. 5:2).





Ad multos annos, Father Jerry!

Father Jerry O'Mahony, M.S.C., was ordained a priest on July 15, 1950 at Moyne Park, Ballyglunin, County Galway as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart. Four were ordained to the priesthood that Saturday morning by His Grace, Joseph Walsh, Archbishop of Tuam. Fr. Jerry is the only one left of that happy band. We will mark Fr. Jerry's 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination on Sunday, June 6th at the 12 noon Mass.

Father Jerry spend the first 24 years of his priesthood in South Africa, then the next 7 years as a social anthropologist at Cape Town University in the field of Missiology and later as a lecturer at Rhodes University in Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth. The next 15 years were devoted to parish ministry in the Archdiocese of Cape Town. Father Jerry came to the United States to give mission appeals for Africa in 1974 and 1975. He was a pastor in the Diocese of San Angelo in West Texas for 5 years and was then pastor of Holy Rosary in Sun Valley from 1980 to 1987. Fr. Jerry came to St. Francis de Sales as an associate pastor. Sunday, March 15, 1987 was Fr. Jerry's first Sunday at St. Francis de Sales. In March 1993 Fr. Jerry's official status here changed from associate pastor to in residence where it remains to date.

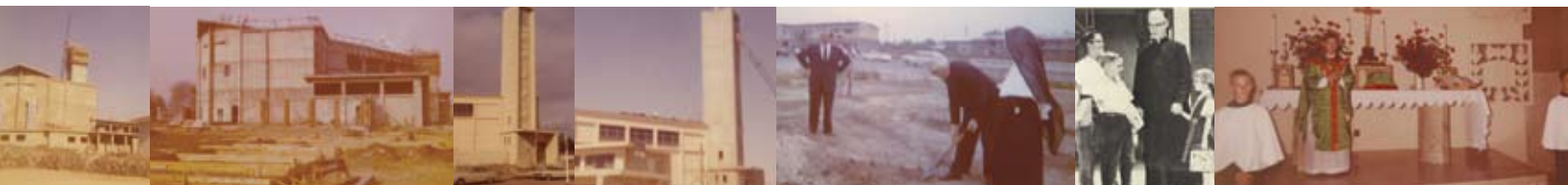
After 23 years at St. Francis de Sales Fr. Jerry has decided to move to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart residence in San Antonio this summer. Fr. Jerry will be sorely missed. The noon Mass on Sunday, June 6th will be an opportunity to wish Fr. Jerry congratulations on his 60th anniversary and to say good-bye as he departs St. Francis de Sales.

Best wishes, Monsignor Richard!

Monsignor Richard began his time at St. Francis de Sales on July 1, 2006. Monsignor Richard has been assigned to Corpus Christi Parish in Pacific Palisades. . His appointment to Corpus Christi will begin this July 1st. Monsignor Richard has touched many hearts at St. Francis de Sales. He will be a blessing to the people of Corpus Christi and goes with our prayers and best wishes. We will bid farewell to Monsignor Richard at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, June 27th.

Welcome, Father Joseph!

Father Joseph Wah has been assigned to St. Francis de Sales. Father Joseph was ordained later in life, in 2005. He first served at St. Jerome's near LAX, then at St. Luke's in Temple City and currently at St. Raphael's in Goleta. Father Joseph will begin his assignment to St. Francis de Sales this July 1st.





CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to four sisters of the R.S.H.M. (Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary) who are celebrating jubilees this year. Sister Gretta Stewart-Diamond, Sister Catherine Quinn, Platinum, Sister Monica Lyng, Diamond, and Sister Kathleen Daly, Golden. All four Sisters taught at St. Francis de Sales School. The Sisters ran the school from 1949 and the last Sister to leave was Sister Monica.

First Holy Communion

65 of our St. Francis de Sales children received the Lord Jesus for the first time last Saturday. The children looked adorable! Thank you to Ms. Claire Bernardini and Ms. Rebecca Swofford and Mrs. Vicki Groeling, the aides in the parish school and parish religious education. Many thanks to the catechists of our First Holy Communion children: Ms. Raquel Rebbe, Ms. Rosemarie Robertson and Ms. Michelle Swofford. Thank to Mr. Jack Lathuras, the Director of Religious Education and a huge thanks to Ms. Jerri Ford, the religion coordinator who gathered all the threads of First Holy Communion and wove them together to make such a beautiful morning for our children and their parents.

SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Be sure to participate in the upcoming Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council city elections on May 27th, 2010 from 2-8 pm at Sherman Oaks Presbyterian Church, 4445 Noble Avenue, Sherman Oaks (South of Ventura Blvd, corner of Noble & Dickens). To vote, a stateholder must be 18 years of age and live in, work or own a business or property or participate in educational or religious institution, community organizations or non-profit organizations. You will be asked to provide evidence as a stateholder such as a driver's license, utility bill, pay stub, membership card, etc.

CLERGY NIGHT

Sponsored by KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,
Van Nuys Council 3148, Tuesday, June 22nd at Rancho San Antonio, 21000 Plummer St., Chatsworth.

Time: 6:00 pm, DINNER at 6:45 pm. Honorees: Most Rev. Gerald E. Wilkerson; Mother Regina Marie Gorman, OCD; Brother John Crowe and Deacon Ed and Mrs. Lupe Vega. Keynote speaker: Most Rev. Bishop E. Wilkerson.

\$19.00 Per Person. Tickets must be purchased in advance no later than June 11th. Call: Bob at 818-891-3239 or John at 818-366-0949 or 818-780-0526.





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 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 year end 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



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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Choosing Safe Toys for Children

Millions of toys are out there, and hundreds of new ones hit the stores each year. Toys are supposed to be fun and are an important part of any child's development. But each year, scores of kids are treated in hospital emergency departments for toy-related injuries. Choking is a particular risk for kids ages 3 or younger, because they tend to put objects in their mouths. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) closely monitors and regulates toys. For a helpful checklist on how to determine which toys are safest for young children, please visit: www.kidshealth.org and click on "First Aid & Safety."

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

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.

Join the St. Francis de Sales Swim Team!

Summer Practice will begin in June at Notre Dame High School Swimming Pool. Meets will begin in September at the San Fernando Regional Pool. Open to all SFDS Students and Parishioners ages 5-14. Tryouts for New Swimmers Only will be on Tuesday, June 1st at 5:30pm at Notre Dame. Must be able to swim the length of a 25 yd. pool without stopping or holding sides of pool. Summer Practice begins Thursday, June 3rd at 5:30pm. Please contact Team Managers, Jack & Marci Moran at jacknmarci@sfdsswimteam.org or call Marci at (818) 378-5032 to sign up now! Be a bulldog swimmer!



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 5/6-5/12 Collection.

Collection \$10,678.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,876.00

Total \$12,554.00

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.

Annual Collection for Archdiocesan Retired Priests

There are currently 153 retired Archdiocesan priests. During the next 10 years an additional 207 priests who are actively serving in the Archdiocese today will turn 65 years of age or be newly retired.

The primary source of income for a retired priest is the priest Pension Plan which was formally established in 1993.

Many of the retired priests are well known in our parishes. Some of our retired priests have stayed very active in the parish where they retired for in other parish communities. Most have simply retired from administrative responsibilities, not from pastoral tasks of serving God's People.

The envelopes are in the pews. This collection will be taken after Holy Communion.



Knights of Columbus membership tops 1.8 million

(NEW HAVEN, CT) - The Knights of Columbus passed a significant milestone on April 30, 2010, when its membership exceeded 1.8 million. At the end of the last day of April, the official tally of Knights of Columbus around the world stood at 1,800,445.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. An essential precept of the Society is to provide help while protecting the confidentiality and dignity of the people served. The vision of the Society is that of its founder, "to embrace the world in a network of charity."

Blessed Frederic Ozanam (d. 1853), was a law student at the Sorbonne. A group of students, of which he was a part, was challenged by one of its members with, "the Catholic Church has done much good work in the past but what do you do now?" Frederic met with five of his friends and they founded the St. Vincent de Paul Society in 1833. Frederic received the degree of doctor of law in 1836 and that of doctor of letters in 1838. He was first a professor of commercial law in Lyon then a professor of foreign literature at the Sorbonne. He married in 1841 and had a daughter. He entered into eternal life at the age of 40. Throughout his life Frederic's simple hope was to "become better - to do a little good." His Society extends his work of Christian charity.

Next Sunday, May 23rd, a spokesperson from our archdiocesan office of St. Vincent de Paul will speak at the end of each Mass describing the work of the Society and inviting people to step forward and join this wonderful group.

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.



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.

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.

THE POINT

Love is an outstretched finger pointing to God.

-Anonymous