

# Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

May 31, 2009 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK AND RECOVERING OF OUR COMMUNITY *especially***  
Andy Perez, Alicia Gomez, Mel Brandt, Susan Dagleish, 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 Breeden.

## **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 Marie Monasteri*

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

### **SATURDAY- MAY 30**

9:00 AM -In Memory of Leon Fan

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bernice Baga

### **SUNDAY- MAY 31**

8:00 AM -In Memory of Joseph F. Diohep

10:00 AM -In Memory of John Loughlin

12:00 PM -In Memory of Antonio & Mercedes de Young Arregles

5:00 PM -In Memory of Katherine Szabo

### **MONDAY- JUNE 1**

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Marita Munoz-Vigñes

### **TUESDAY- JUNE 2**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Cindy Steiner

### **WEDNESDAY JUNE 3**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Dolores Lewis

### **THURSDAY- JUNE 4**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Edward Coughlin

### **FRIDAY- JUNE 5**

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Andrew Joseph Murcia

### **SATURDAY- JUNE 6**

9:00 AM -In Memory of Jesus Lammatao

5:00 PM -In Memory of Lorraine Imp

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (6/7)**

First Reading - The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below and there is no other (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40).

Psalm - Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading - You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17)

Gospel - Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:16-20).

## **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**

**Tuesday 6/2**

7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

**Wednesday 6/3**

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

7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

**Thursday 6/4**

9:30AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

**Friday 6/5**

8:30AM-Baccalaureate Graduation Mass.

9:30AM-First Friday Adoration after 8:30 am Mass.

8:30AM-Baccalaureate Graduation Mass.

5PM-SFDS 9th Grade graduation Ceremony.

**Sunday 6/7**

Golden Jubilee Mass and Celebration for Fr. Larkin.

**NEXT SUNDAY,  
JUNE 7TH, 2009**

**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.  
For more information, Contact the Parish Center at 818-784-0105.**

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH**

Week of 5/21-5/27 Collection.

Collection \$ 8,706.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,469.00

Total \$10,175.00

Thank you for your contributions.

**SFDS ADULT CLUB 2009 PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

Luncheon Meetings: - Every 3rd Monday of the month. 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.





## 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.

## 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](http://www.saintfrancisdesaleschurch.com) and click on contribute and then Parish Pay.

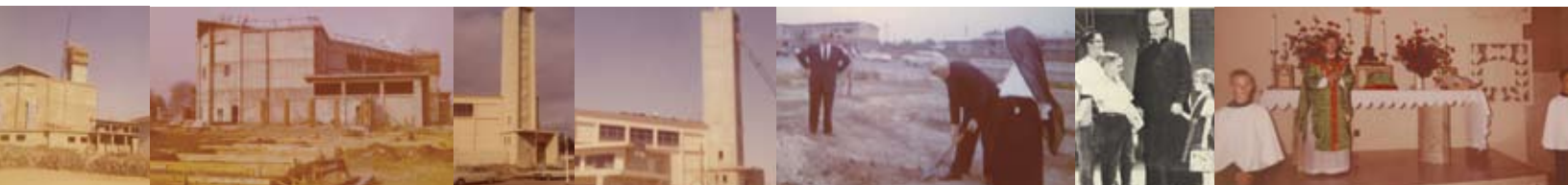
## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Fr. William L. Adams, C.Ss.R., will be the guest speaker at the Luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, June 3rd at 12:15 p.m. at the Smoke House Restaurant, 4420 Lakeside Dr., Burbank. The topic of discussion will be "Images of the Holy Spirit." This program promises to be extremely interesting and inspirational for all. For reservations call Michael or Marilyn at 846-3271.

## 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.





## 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.

## PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Lord, hold our troops  
In Your loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families  
For the selfless acts they perform  
For us in our time of need.  
And give us peace.  
I ask this in the name of Jesus,  
Our Lord and Savior.  
Amen

## 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.

## 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](mailto:sfdsbulletin@sbcglobal.net).

## SAVE THE DATES & DEADLINES

June 26th at 7:10pm: Annual SFDS Dodgers Night & Fireworks: Dodgers vs Seattle Mariners; Great seat location for only \$18/ ticket: SFDS Adult Club Members & Students - \$14 (regular game day price \$23)  
July 18th : 7:30pm Knights at the Movies including refreshments & games.  
July 29th : Santa Barbara Day Trip via Van Nuys Amtrak Station.  
August 15th: Movie Night.  
August 19th: Gene Autry Museum Trip.  
September 19th: Movie Night.  
December 2ND: Glory of Christmas at Crystal Cathedral & Knott's Chicken Dinner.  
December 14th: Annual Member Christmas Luncheon.



## 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 Sign 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.

## 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.

## TOGETHER IN MISSION

PARISH GOAL:	\$70,432.40
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$40,733.68
AMOUNT PAID:	\$30,051.68
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$40,380.72

Sign up for St. Francis de Sales Swim Team Now!

Summer Practice with Coach Jean Everman and other coaches will begin in June at Notre Dame High School Swimming Pool. Meets will begin in September at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Swimming Pool. Open to all SFDS Students and Parishioners ages 5-14. New swimmers are welcome! Tryouts will be on Tuesday, June 2nd at 5:30pm. Must be able to swim a 25 yd. pool length. Summer conditioning begins Thursday, June 4th at 5:30pm.

Please contact Marci Moran at (818) 378-5032 or [marci@shanesinspiration.org](mailto:marci@shanesinspiration.org) to sign up now! Be a bulldog swimmer!

## ALL ARE SENT

Fifty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of all God's promises in the feast of Pentecost, a feast that has sometimes been called the birthday of the church. One last time we are reminded that we Christians have received the Holy Spirit, not for our own benefit, but to enable us to follow our Christian vocation.

The centerpiece of the scriptures for Pentecost is the account in Acts of the Apostles of the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The other readings for this Sunday help us to understand what it means to live out our Christian vocation. Paul's letter shows us the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit gives to us. John's Gospel reminds us that Jesus has sent all his disciples to share his forgiveness and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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We wish to thank you for the special collection for the Propagation of the Faith, which collected \$3,435.00 for this very worthy cause.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Child Abuse is A National problem

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were 905,000 reported child abuse cases in 2006 alone. Imagine if a disease claimed that many young lives. What would be our national response? Abuse, even if it is not fatal, robs a life and damages a child's spirit. It changes who that person is on a fundamental level. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call your parish office or the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, 213 637 7227.

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