

Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

June 7, 2009 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK AND RECOVERING OF OUR COMMUNITY *especially*
Andy Perez, Alicia Gomez, Mel Brandt, Susan Dalglish, 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
Ralph Abalos, Jr. Gilbert Woolway

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY- JUNE 6

9:00 AM -In Memory of Jesus Lammatao

5:00 PM -In Memory of Lorraine Imp

SUNDAY- JUNE 7

8:00 AM -For the Intentions of the Parish

10:00 AM -For the Intentions of Peter & Diane Vogelsang

12:00 PM -In Memory of Peter Skarda

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bernice Baga

MONDAY- JUNE 8

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of

Mauricio Hernandez

TUESDAY- JUNE 9

8:30 AM -In Memory of Sarah Welsh

WEDNESDAY JUNE 10

8:30 AM -In Memory of Paul Bardwil

THURSDAY- JUNE 11

8:30 AM -In Memory of Ad Sleutjes

FRIDAY- JUNE 12

8:30 AM -In Memory of Paul Bardwil

SATURDAY- JUNE 13

9:00 AM -In Memory of Matt Roe

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bob De Chellis

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (6/14)

First Reading - This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).

Psalm - I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).

Second Reading - Christ is the mediator of a new covenant; his blood will cleanse our consciences (Hebrews 9:11-15).

Gospel - This is my body. This is my blood (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).

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.”



Dear Parishioners,

On June 30th, 2009, I retire as Pastor and on July 1st, Father Michael Wakefield will officially become the Pastor for St. Francis de Sales Parish. I will continue to live in the Rectory and help out whenever needed.

My twenty eight years as Pastor of SFDS have gone by so fast. I thank all of you for your kindness and acceptance of me as your Pastor. If I have hurt or offended you, let me express my sorrow for that.

May SFDS continue to serve you in your spiritual journey. For my remaining years, please let me to be a part of that journey for you.

*God bless you and your family,
Fr. Kevin Larkin*

This Week In Our Parish

- Sunday 6/7
Golden Jubilee Mass and Celebration for Fr. Larkin.
- Tuesday 6/9
7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.
- Wednesday 6/10
9:45AM-Mommy & Me. Parish Center.
7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.
- Thursday 6/11
9:30AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.
- Friday 6/12
8:30AM-Kindergarten Graduation. Main Church.
- Saturday 6/13
5PM-Folk Mass.
- Sunday 6/14

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 5/28-6/3 Collection.

Collection	\$ 9,410.00
Parish Pay	\$ 1,469.00
Total	\$10,879.00

Thank you for your contributions.

LITTLE CHURCH

We congratulate the following children who graduated from the Little Church 'Shepherds' Class of 2008/2009. May they continue to grow in the love of Christ throughout their faith journey. Nicholas Boulton, Sonny Bradner, Jake Engelberg, Alex Ganz, Cecilia Gallo, Sabrina Hick Natalia May, Kaia Ross, Nicholas Tidik and Ryan Wisniewski





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.

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.

LOAVES & FISHES CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

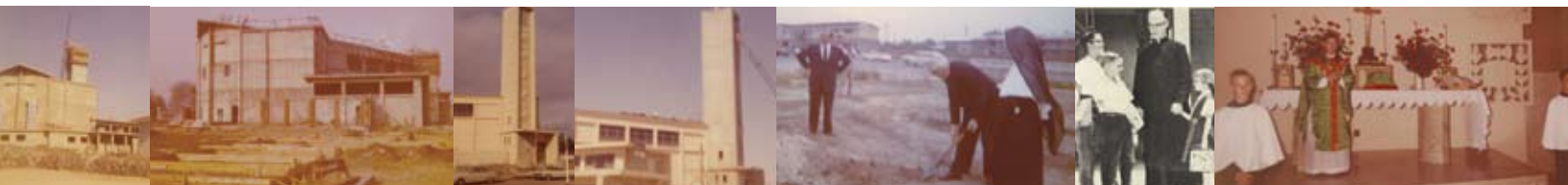
This tournament will be held at the Woodland Hills Country Club, 21150 Dumetz Rd., Woodland Hills, CA (818) 347-1511, on Monday, July 20, 2009. Please contact Barbara Ausburn at (818) 997-9043 for a registration form. The registration deadline is Tuesday, June 30th.

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.

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.

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.

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.

FATHER'S DAYS NOVENA

All fathers, living and deceased, will be honored in a special Father's Day Novena of Masses which will begin on Sunday, June 21st. Novena Cards can be found on the tables in the vestibule of the church. Please return the offertory envelopes (found inside the Father's Day card), with the name of the "Special Gentleman" you wish remembered to the Parish Center or place it in the collection baskets.



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 to sign up now! Be a bulldog swimmer!

DID YOU KNOW?

Learn How To Protect Children from Abuse

There are 25,857 Catholic parishes and schools in the United States. If every Catholic parish or school could stop just one child from being abused, we could make a tremendous difference. Abuse prevention training programs are available on a regular basis in English and Spanish throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. These programs only take a few hours to complete. To locate a training program near you, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, 213 637 7227.

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

COMMUNITY FORUM

MONDAY, JUNE 8TH: City Forum on Streets, Parking, Speed Bumps, etc

SFDS Parishioners are invited to attend the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's Neighborhood Services Forum, featuring John Fisher, Assistant General Manager of The Los Angeles Department of Transportation. This forum will provide an opportunity for our community to voice their questions, comments and concerns in regards to issues that fall under the jurisdiction of The Department of Transportation. Concerns across the transportation gambit will be discussed from stop signs, speed bumps and cross walks, to macro concerns, such community relations and the master plan to solve the traffic problems of Los Angeles . In addition, Mr. Fisher will provide an update on how the current economic climate has affected the department.

The St. Francis de Sales Parish has recently requested the City to place speed bumps on S. Valleyheart Dr . to protect our students and parishioners from speeding cars on Valleyheart. You may want to attend this Forum to support that request. The forum will take place Monday, June 8th at the Sherman Oaks Elementary School Auditorium, starting at 6:30pm - 14755 Greenleaf St, Sherman Oaks - enter auditorium from the Dickens St. entrance.



**PASTORAL PROFILE OF
Reverend Kevin Larkin
On his Golden Ordination Jubilee
And Retirement as Pastor of Saint Francis de Sales**

For 28 years (1981-2009)

Father Larkin was born in County Cork, Ireland on December 27, 1934 to Daniel & Molly Larkin and grew up in a family with two brothers, Denis and Barry and two sisters, Ann and Joan.

Fr. Larkin attended grade schools in Tullamore, Dublin and Portlaoise and high school at the Christian Brothers in Portlaoise and then on to St. Mary's College Knockbeg, Carlow. He entered St. Patrick's Seminary in Carlow, Ireland and was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in June of 1959. The first 22 years of his priesthood he served the parishes in Los Angeles and Orange Counties including the parishes of Holy Family, Glendale; St. Philip Neri, Lynwood; St. Genevieve, Panorama City; St. Julie Billart, Newbury Park; St. Joseph, Long Beach; and Our Lady of Lourdes, Tujunga.

On Easter of 1981, Fr. Larkin became the pastor of Saint Francis de Sales Parish which was in need of much renovation. He set about renewing the parish and its physical plant. Shortly after his arrival, he initiated a renewal of the school with the arrival of Sr. Kathleen Daly and then Sr. Ellen Marie McGovern.

After completing the plant renovation in 1993, the Parish was struck by the devastating 1994 earthquake which destroyed the bell tower, church organ and resulted in numerous structural fractures. More than a year was spent on a million dollar fundraising campaign. The campaign funds along with insurance restored the church structure, bell tower and the church organ and upgraded our church. His recruitment and support of a renowned choir leader and an outstanding church organist positioned our Parish with one of the finest choirs, music programs for the parish and school and church organist programs in the Valley with the best acoustical church in the Valley.

Under the school leadership of Sr. Kathleen Daly, Sr. Ellen Marie McGovern, Mr. Kevin Kenny and Mr. Anthony Galla and Fr. Larkin, the SFDS School program was renewed and elicited and fostered outstanding parent participation and involvement. As a result, the SFDS School is one of the finest parochial schools in the Valley offering an outstanding Catholic education to its community with a mission that no child of an active parishioner is denied a Catholic education due to finances. Pre-school, after school, computer labs, science labs, Spanish classes, eight teachers with a masters degree and a teacher's aide for each class are but a few of the accomplishments and programs added during Fr. Larkin's tenure.

The School leadership and the Parent Teacher Organization provide a strong base for today and tomorrow's continued school excellence. Equally impressive are the SFDS Catholic Religious Education (CRE) and RCIA programs along with their leadership which Fr. Larkin has managed to establish.

As was recently noted by our esteemed Bishop Gerald Wilkerson, the SFDS community is truly able to lead itself. As Fr. Larkin celebrates his Golden Ordination Jubilee and his retirement, he can truly take great pride and satisfaction in the community which he has built and served for 28 years. Well done, true and faithful servant!