

# Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

July 05, 2009 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



## **REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK AND RECOVERING OF OUR COMMUNITY *especially***

Alicia Gomez, 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 Kutzman, 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

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

### **SATURDAY- JULY 4**

10:00 AM -In Memory of Jesus Lammatao

5:00 PM -In Memory of Lorraine Imp

### **SUNDAY- JULY 5**

8:00 AM -In Memory of Candice Rogers

10:00 AM -In Memory of John Loughlin

12:00 PM -In Memory of Paul Bardwil

5:00 PM -In Memory of Margaret Ann Christansen

### **MONDAY- JULY 6**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Ad Sleutjes

### **TUESDAY- JULY 7**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Greg Parrillo

### **WEDNESDAY JULY 8**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Jesse Raymundo

### **THURSDAY- JULY 9**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Jack Coughlin

### **FRIDAY- JULY 10**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Dolores Poveromo

### **SATURDAY- JULY 11**

9:00 AM -In Memory of Mariana Ehrhardt

5:00 PM -For the Intentions of Matthew Demarest

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (7/12)**

First Reading - Amos said, "The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people" (Amos 7:12-15).

Psalm - Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading - The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

Gospel - Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

## **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 7/4**

10AM Mass. Happy 4th of July.

**Monday 7/6** Parish Center will be closed.

**Tuesday 7/7**

7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

**Wednesday 7/8**

7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

**Thursday 7/9**

9:30AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH**

Week of 6/24-7/2 Collection.

Collection \$10,722.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,469.00

Total \$12,191.00

Thank you for your contributions.

**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.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Internet Safety Lectures Available Now

Because children can be the target of Internet predators, the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office offers Internet Safety Lectures for parents and school age children from 5th grade and up and community groups. These presentations are approximately one hour in length and deal with issues including Internet safety issues, social networking sites such as MySpace, Instant Messenger (AOL/AIM), Internet predators, Megan's law, Internet chat rooms and popular weblogs. For more information or to request an Internet Safety presentation, please contact the Child Abuse Policy Division at 213 978 8095. Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office, 213 637 7227.

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





## 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.

## 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.

## 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

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

July 29th : Santa Barbara Day Trip via Van Nuys Amtrak Station.

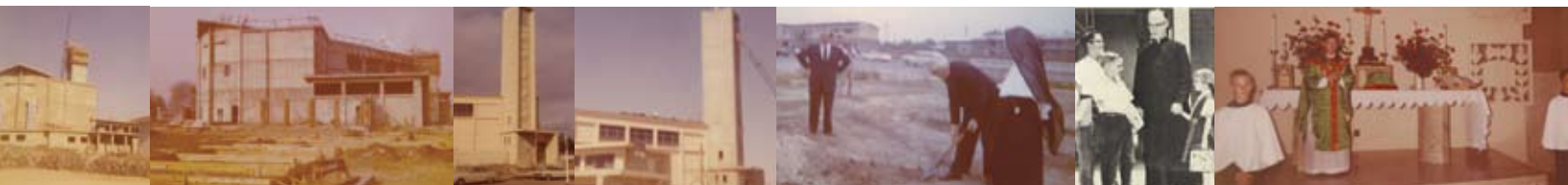
August 15th: Movie Night.

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.





## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week's Treasure mentioned the "Nuns of the Battlefield," religious sisters from several communities who served as nurses in the Civil War. Florence Nightingale had only instituted female nurses a decade before in the Crimean War, so the idea of women tending to wounded soldiers was extraordinary. The medical and sanitary conditions on the battlefields were appalling, and the sisters were nearly all teachers. Few had any medical training beyond what they had learned as youngsters in the family. Anti-Catholic prejudice was so deeply entrenched in America that sisters could not wear their habits in public. These sisters were the first, and people on both the Union and Confederate sides soon began to marvel at their bravery, efficiency, and respect for Protestant soldiers. More than six hundred sisters from twenty-one communities went to war, serving in wretched conditions. They were tough and single-minded, efficient and fearless.

After the war, sisters could appear in public everywhere in the reunited nation, and often received the praise and gratitude of grateful soldiers and family members on behalf of their sister nurses. An outdoor monument to the "Nuns of the Battlefield" stands in Washington at M Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The inscription reads: "They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty."

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## TOGETHER IN MISSION

Unfortunately our Together in Mission pledges are way down. We realize this is due to the economy, but our parish is still required to meet the goal set last year. We are almost \$40,000 short of our goal. If our goal is not met, we will have to pay the balance from our account. Therefore, we are asking that if at all possible for any parishioner to contribute to Together in Mission we would greatly appreciate it.

Together in Mission will help struggling Parishes keep their lights on and schools open. It is an extremely good cause if any of you can find a little extra to contribute. God Bless You!

## SAVE THE DATE JULY 18TH

Enjoy an outdoor movie under the stars, on a large screen at the St. Francis de Sales field, 13360 Valleyheart Drive, Sherman Oaks. Family Movie Feature: Monty Python & The Holy Grail. Sponsored by the SFDS Knights of Columbus & Co-sponsored by the School Student Scholarship Committee & the Adults Club. A Mid-Summer fun-filled community happening for family, friends and neighbors. St. Francis de Sales Fundraiser for Student Scholarships & Church Air Conditioner.

7:00 PM - Admittance & Games

7:30 PM-Dining

8 PM-Previews

8:30 PM-Movie

The menu consists of Grilled Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Drinks & Sodas, Pop Corn, Ice Cream, Cookies and Cake.

Bring your own blankets, folding or lounge chairs!

Entrance Donation Request

Adults \$5 Students \$3 4 and under \$0

Family \$12.



## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,330.00 in last week's Peter's Pence Collection. Because of you, Pope Benedict XVI will be able to help millions of people around the world quickly and effectively. In 2007, the United States was responsible for almost one-third of worldwide proceeds for this Collection. Your important contributions are truly helping the Holy Father to make a difference for those most in need.

## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SWIM TEAM

Summer Practice with Coach Jean Everman and other coaches is taking place 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! Must be able to swim a 25 yd. pool length. Summer conditioning takes place each Thursday 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!

## SFDS ADULT CLUB 2009 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Luncheon Meetings: - Will resume in September 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.

July 29th: Day Trip to Santa Barbara- leave 8am from Van Nuys Amtrak station; return at 4:30pm - arrive in Van Nuys at 6:30pm, Contact Cora Kinsella (818-990-5196): Roundtrip Train cost: \$37.50 for seniors; \$22.250 for 12-15 year old; \$44.00 for all others.

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-JULY 29TH

A Summer's Day in Santa Barbara, via Amtrak from Van Nuys, sponsored by the Seniors of SFDS, St. Cyril's & the Knights of Columbus.

Reservations must be in before July 10th. Contact Richard Lancaster at (818) 788-2585.

More details in future SFDS bulletins.

## MOMMY & ME

We have a whole new group of little ones with their mommies (and daddies, of course) at our free weekly meetings.

We welcome all children ages three months to three years, offering playtime in a caring, supportive environment with other new parish parents. For more information, call Cheyene at 818 645-6007.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

Save the dates for the San Fernando Pastoral Region RENEW Theology on Tap 2009. These 4 events will be held at Soup's Sports Grill, 21028 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills. Fellowship is at 7 p.m. and the session begins at 7:30 p.m..

July 19- "SOLIDasAROCKARITY" with Vikki Shepp.

July 26- Theology on Tap Trivia Game! With a special guest presenter.

August 2- "Rapped Up With Grace and Amazed" with Joe Melendrez.

August 9- "Catholic Bioethics: Stem Cells and Beyond." with Jennifer M. Shaw.

For the speaker biographies, session downloads and podcasts, please visit [www.sfmia.org/tot](http://www.sfmia.org/tot). Questions? Call (866)304-0341 or e-mail [tot@sfmia.org](mailto:tot@sfmia.org).

## 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.

Mel Brandt

## THE ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

WELCOMES

OUR NEW PASTOR

FATHER MICHAEL WAKEFIELD

## TO OUR COMMUNITY

On July 1, 2009, Fr. Michael Wakefield arrived at St. Francis De Sales Parish to become our new Pastor. Fr. Kevin Larkin has retired as our Pastor after 28 years of loving dedicated service to our community and having recently celebrated his Golden Ordination Jubilee and will remain as Pastor Emeritus at St. Francis de Sales.

Fr. Wakefield has transferred from St. Euphrasia Parish in Granada Hills after 12 distinguished years as their beloved Pastor. Previously, he also served in the neighboring parishes of St. Cyril's of Jerusalem, and St. Charles Borromeo.

The Parish Community welcomes our new Pastor and looks forward to joining him in the St. Francis De Sales mission.