

# Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

July 12, 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 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 this week, please remember the repose of the souls of Bob Laverty & Sparky Lee*

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

### **SATURDAY- JULY 11**

9:00 AM -In Memory of Mariana Ehrhardt

5:00 PM -For the Intentions of Matthew Demarest

### **SUNDAY- JULY 12**

8:00 AM -In Memory of Jim Keily

10:00 AM -For the Intentions of Diane Vogelsang

12:00 PM -In Memory of Patrick Cronin

5:00 PM -In Memory of Elaine Murcia

### **MONDAY- JULY 13**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Rose Diez Rich

### **TUESDAY- JULY 14**

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Ryan Demarest

### **WEDNESDAY JULY 15**

8:30 AM -In Memory of John Gregoire

### **THURSDAY- JULY 16**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Lucy Valdez

### **FRIDAY- JULY 17**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Manuel Chinen

### **SATURDAY- JULY 18**

9:00 AM -In Memory of John Coughlin

5:00 PM -In Memory of Fred Carrillo

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (7/19)**

First Reading - I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalm - The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading - In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel - When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

## **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."**



## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 7/9-7/15 Collection.

Collection \$10,081.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,469.00

Total \$11,550.00

Thank you for your contributions.

### This Week In Our Parish

Tuesday 7/14 — 7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 7/15 — 7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

Thursday 7/16 — 9:30AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

Saturday 7/18 — 9:30AM-Movie Night under the stars.

### 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.

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

## 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.

## 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.

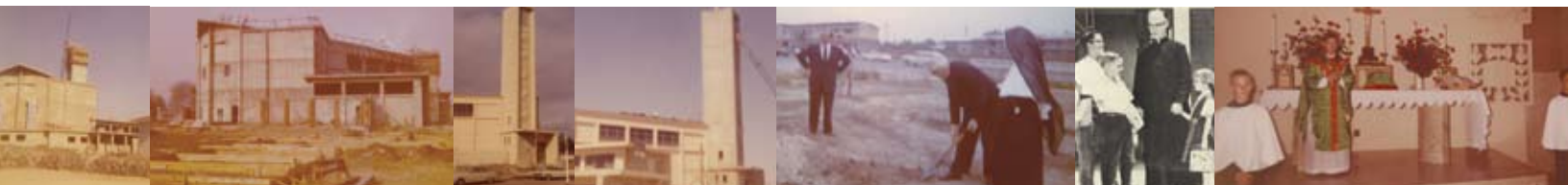
September 19th: Movie Night.

December 2ND: Glory of Christmas at Crystal Cathedral & Knott's Chicken Dinner.

December 14th: Annual Member Christmas Luncheon.

## WEEKEND COLLEGE AT MT. ST. MARY'S

The Fall 2009 Information Sessions for Working Adults wishing to return to college and complete their Bachelor's degree, will be hosted at Mount St. Mary's in downtown Los Angeles. These Information Sessions will be held on Saturday's, July 11th, 25th, and August 8th from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon, at 10 Chester Place, Los Angeles, 90007. The Weekend College is designed for working men and women and offers 9 bachelor's degrees including: Religious Studies, Business Administration and Liberal Arts. There is also the newest major of "Film & Social Justice." For more details and to reserve your place. Please call Malika Gary at (213) 477-2866 or [www.weekendcollege.org](http://www.weekendcollege.org).





## MONASTERY VOCATIONS RETREAT

Attention prayerful single men! The Holy Trinity Trappist Monastery (for men) in Huntsville Utah will be hosting a "Live-In-Experience" vocational retreat. The monks are on a scenic, 2000 acre farm. Work and pray with the monks and enjoy the vocational talks.. The group retreat will be from August 5th through the 9th, 2009. Individual July dates are also available for your convenience. There is no cost. Call toll free at 1-800-221-1807. If take a bus or a plane to Salt Lake City, you will be picked up for free. There is also a free religious vocations and priesthood suitability test at [www.vocationsplacement.org](http://www.vocationsplacement.org).

## 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!

## SIGN UP FOR ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SWIM TEAM NOW!

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.

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.

## 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.sfmny.org/tot](http://www.sfmny.org/tot). Questions? Call (866304-0341 or e-mail [tot@sfmny.org](mailto:tot@sfmny.org)).

A SFDS Summer Day in Santa Barbara via Amtrak from Van Nuys

Sponsored by the Seniors of SFDS & ST. Cyril's and the Knights of Columbus

JOIN US FOR A FUN FAMILY SUMMER DAY!!!

July 29th - A Day in Santa Barbara via Amtrak from Van Nuys-

Contact Cora Kinsella at 818-990-5196 for reservations before July 15th

FARE: \$44 for adults: \$37.40 for 65 plus & \$22 for children (2-15).

The SFDS Senior Group along with St. Cyrils and the Knights are sponsoring a summer day train trip to Santa Barbara for all members, families & friends where a twenty-five cent trolley will take you most anywhere from the train depot to State Street shopping, museums, historical sites, the beach & pier. Also visit the Mission or the Zoo with friends or family. A great day trip for family, parents/grandparents & kids on Amtrak to Santa Barbara!!!

Leave the driving to Amtrak!! The train leaves at 8am from the Van Nuys Station and returns from Santa Barbara leaving at 4:30 PM arriving at 6:30pm in Van Nuys.

Be at the Van Nuys Train Station by 7:30am for tickets & boarding.

Mail reservation checks by July 15th to: Knights of Columbus, 13360 Valleyheart Drive Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 July 15th. (make checks out to SFDS 55 Plus Club).

Two MTD electric shuttle routes serve Downtown (State Street) and the Waterfront (Cabrillo Boulevard) daily for 25 cents per ride, children under 45 inches ride free. Plus, a free transfer is available between the Downtown Shuttle and the Waterfront Shuttle. Catch bus #22 to the Mission for \$1.25 (\$.60 for 62 plus and Kids are free) each way.

Downtown Shuttle Schedule (State St) 9:00am to 10:00am - Every 30 minutes

10:00am to 6:00pm - Every 10 minutes

Waterfront Shuttle (Cabrillo Blvd) 10:00am to 6:00pm - Every 30 minutes

## DID YOU KNOW?

Online teens: What You Need to Know

Fully 32 percent of online teens have been contacted by someone with no connection to them or any of their friends, and 7 percent of online teens say they have felt scared or uncomfortable as a result of contact by an online stranger. Although several factors are associated with high levels of stranger contact, the large majority of these interactions are benign. But to keep children safe from Internet predators, the L.A. City Attorney's Office offers a variety of age-appropriate Internet Safety presentations.

For more information, 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.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The American Revolution cleared the way for freedom of religion in the former colonies, since the colonies had always been a more religiously tolerant place than the old country. Even so, colonial laws restricted the practice of the Catholic faith, and just as in England, Americans who desired to be priests or nuns had to go to the Netherlands or France. As political storm clouds gathered in France, an American woman, Mother Bernadina Matthews, the prioress of the Hoogstraeten Carmel in Holland, made a brave move. With two other American nuns, her nieces, and a Dutch sister, she came to Port Tobacco, Maryland, in 1790. Within twenty years the community had grown to twenty, although by 1823 their farm failed and they had to move to Baltimore and open a school. The Carmelite order requires contemplation and cloister, so in time the school was closed. The Port Tobacco land had long since been sold, but in 1976 a community of nuns was able to return thanks to loyal neighbors who had worked for forty years for their restoration. Today, our original American convent is fully alive in prayer, hard work, and strong community.

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