

# Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

July 26, 2009 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



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

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## **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 Mary Allegretti-McGoldrick and Evelyn Simonini*

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

### **SATURDAY- JULY 25**

9:00 AM -In Memory of Maria Arjona

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bob De Chellis

### **SUNDAY- JULY 26**

8:00 AM -In Memory of Sparky Lee

10:00 AM -In Memory of Frank O'Kane Sr.

12:00 PM -In Memory of Sparky Lee

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bernice Baga

### **MONDAY- JULY 27**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Sparky Lee

### **TUESDAY- JULY 28**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Jayme Billey

### **WEDNESDAY JULY 29**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Enid Dartnall

### **THURSDAY- JULY 30**

8:30 AM -In Memory of James Connolly

### **FRIDAY- JULY 31**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Franz Faller

### **SATURDAY- AUGUST 1**

9:00 AM -In Memory of Jesus Lammatao

5:00 PM -In Memory of Patrick M. Cronin

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (8/2)**

First Reading - The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm - The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading - Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel - I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).

## **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 7/23-7/29 Collection.

Collection \$ 9,175.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,469.00

Total \$10,644.00

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.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Fr. Michael Wakefield, will be the guest speaker at the Luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th, 2009 at the Smoke House Restaurant, 4420 Lakeside Drive, Burbank. Fellowship is at 11:45 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., complete Luncheon \$22. The topic of discussion will be "Charity In Truth," Some preliminary thoughts on Pope Benedict's latest encyclical. This program promises to be extremely interesting and inspirational for all. For reservations call Michael or Marilyn at (818) 846-3271

## CATHOLIC PRAYER BREAKFAST

The LA Catholic Prayer Breakfast began in 2005 as a means to bring Catholics together for a morning of prayer and inspiration. Please join us on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. The day will begin at 6:30 a.m. with a Rosary, Mass at 7 a.m. and breakfast and the program at 7:45 a.m. The keynote speaker for the program will be Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. The suggested donation is \$30 per person or \$250 for a table of 10. Please visit the website at [www.catholicpb.com](http://www.catholicpb.com) to register and for more details or call (800) 838-1356

## DIVINE MERCY CONGRESS

The theme for this congress is "Jesus, Our Healer and Strength." Please come on Saturday, August 1st to the Los Angeles Convention Center's South Hall. Registration is online at [www.hombrenuevo.net](http://www.hombrenuevo.net) or call Estrella Mijares at (714) 469-3161.

## 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 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 final Fall 2009 Information Session 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.

The Information Session will be held on Saturday, 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).

### SCRC

The 38th Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention will take place over Labor Day weekend, September 4th-6th, 2009, at the Anaheim Convention Center. Come and be blessed at this spiritually uplifting event for the whole family.

Over 45 Speakers! A wide variety of Inspiring Adult Talks!

Young Adult Conference with a Saturday Social!

Children's Programs! Young Family Play Area!

Teen Conference with a Friday Concert with Jacob & Matthew!

Dynamic Daily Liturgies with a special Saturday night Mass and Healing Service!

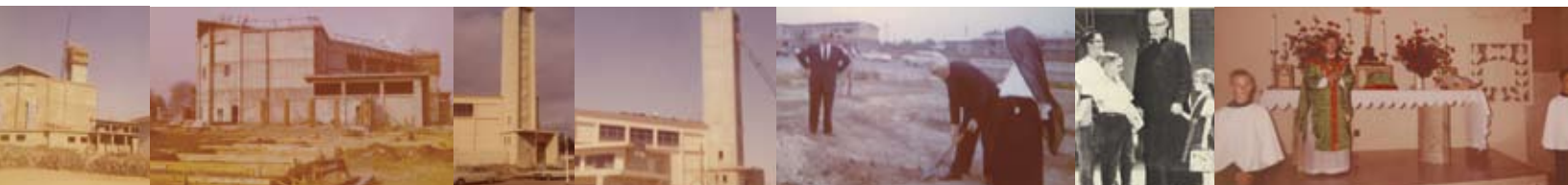
For a brochure and further information call (818) 771-1361 or visit the website and [www.src.org](http://www.src.org).

### 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).

### 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!





## TOGETHER IN MISSION

2009 marks the 16th year of our Archdiocesan Appeal, Together in Mission. The funds raised through Together in Mission provides assistance to 35 parishes and 48 parish schools in our local Church that would find it difficult, if not impossible, to operate without them. Our annual appeal provides an opportunity for us to reflect upon God embracing us and gathering us into union with the Lord Jesus, a union so overwhelming that we become members of the Body of Christ.

We can reflect upon this wondrous reality: our solidarity with members of the Body of Christ to support, encourage and help each other, to give back to God some of what God gives us as a means of saying thanks to God and appreciating how important are our prayers, sacrifices and offerings to God and others.

Each of the 291 parishes in our local Church has a Together in Mission goal of 10% of the previous year's offertory income. This year our goal at St. Francis de Sales is \$70,4432.40. Thank you to you who have made your 2009 gift to Together in Mission. Thank you to you who made a 2009 pledge to Together in Mission are redeeming your pledge.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a pledge or gift to Together in Mission, please consider what your pledge or gift will be to the 2009 Together in Mission. Please remember that Together in Mission is a restricted appeal, that is, all funds raised through Together in Mission can be used only to assist the 35 parishes and 48 parish schools. Together in Mission funds can be used for no other purpose.

## 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

## 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 3 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 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.sfmaya.org/tot](http://www.sfmaya.org/tot).

Questions? Call (866304-0341 or e-mail [tot@sfmaya.org](mailto:tot@sfmaya.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.

## NATIONAL COMBINED NEEDS COLLECTION

This appeal is on behalf of four collections which used to be taken separately: the Catholic Communication Campaign, Catholic Home Missions Appeal, the National Black and Indian Missions and the Catholic University of America. Thank you for your generous offering of \$3,017.07 for the National Combined Needs Collection last weekend.

2009 LOS ANGELES

## DID YOU KNOW?

Possible Indicators of Child Abuse and Neglect

A key to reporting child abuse and neglect is being able to recognize common indicators. In a parent, the following signs may signal the presence of child abuse or neglect: Shows little concern for the child; blames the child for the child's problems in school or at home; asks teachers or other caretakers to use harsh physical discipline if the child misbehaves; sees the child as entirely bad, worthless, or burdensome. To learn more about child abuse prevention, visit:

<http://archdiocese.la/protecting>.

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.

## WORKING AND SAVING

Work hard and save your money so when you're old you will be able to buy the things only the young can enjoy. -Anonymous

## WEEKLY MIRACLE

This week marks the beginning of a kind of “liturgical detour.” We have been listening to Saint Mark’s Gospel during this liturgical year (Year B). Today we begin to hear a long section from John’s Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord’s statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, where Jesus refers to himself as the “bread of life.” Each week we witness a miracle at Mass. We do not see a multiplication of loaves before us. What our eyes of faith allow us to see is the miracle of the transformation of common elements—bread and wine—into the Lord’s body and blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

## 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.