

# Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

August 16, 2009 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



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

Dolores Dunn, Catherine Street, Faye Schafuss, Ernest Dewsnap, Clarita Hernandez, Alicia Gomez, Susan Dalglish, Melissa Manning Wilmot, Marilyn Bardwil, Robina Dumas, Floyd Romeck, Theresia Hubel, Rocco Carter, Peter Thompson, Calleigh Stone, Micki Kadar, Monica A. Faraldo, Steve Mccahulk, Sam Sosna, Rocco Wren, Kelly Hare, Joey Harper, Sr. Ellen Marie McGovern, Jane Faurot, Dee Gillespie, Emma Ramirez, 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 this week, please remember the repose of the soul of Nell Amsden & Rose-Marie Sims*

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

### **SATURDAY- AUGUST 15**

9:00 AM -For the Intentions of Jean-Paul Fierro

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### **SUNDAY- AUGUST 16**

8:00 AM -In Memory of Duke O'Neill

10:00 AM -In Memory of Jesse Raymundo

12:00 PM -In Memory of Shirley O'Brien

5:00 PM -For the Intentions of Frank Montelone

### **MONDAY- AUGUST 17**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Susan Walch-Neinow

### **TUESDAY- AUGUST 18**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Visitacion Torres

### **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Sylvia Croan

### **THURSDAY- AUGUST 20**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Dolores Lewis

### **FRIDAY- AUGUST 21**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Eda Almiron

### **SATURDAY- AUGUST 22**

9:00 AM -In Memory of Roberto Reyes

5:00 PM -In Memory of Nicholas Imp

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (8/23)**

First Reading - Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

Psalm - Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading - Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

Gospel - Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

## **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 8/13-8/19 Collection.

Collection \$ 9,035.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,469.00

Total \$10,504.00

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?

Who Are the Abusers?

Estimates are that approximately 60% of abusers are men, 15 to 20% are women, and 20 to 40% are men and women acting together. So while men are indeed the majority of sexual abusers, it is dangerous to underestimate the risk that female sexual abusers also pose to children. Among educators, 57.2% of abusers are male, and 42.4% of abusers are female. For more information about child safety programs in the Archdiocese, please call Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program Office, 213 637 7227.

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

### HELPER NEEDED

God is a good worker; but loves to be helped. -Basque proverb

LOAVES & FISHES- an Archdiocesan supported program for the poor in our community: 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. Thanks to all the SFDS Families who bring food and clothing to the collection. It keeps the doors at Loaves & Fishes where all SFDS Families are referred for assistance. Contact Keith Ward for further info (818) 257-9330).





## 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).

September 19th: Movie Night.

October 13-15th: Laughlin Trip: sponsored by the Adult Club: \$65.

October 30th: Halloween Trunk or Treat; Games, Dinner & Movie Night sponsored by the Knights and Scholarship Committee.

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

December 10th: Welk Resort Theatre: Tour includes "A Christmas Carol" at the Welk Theatre; Deluxe Bus Transportation; Buffet Lunch; Stop at Tom's Farm on the way home: 9am-8:30pm - \$99.

December 14th: Annual Member Christmas Luncheon.

sponsored by the Knights and Scholarship Committee

Make Reservations now for upcoming trips sponsored by the SFDS Knights of Columbus and the Adult Club: call Cora Kinsella for details: 818-990-5196.

## 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!

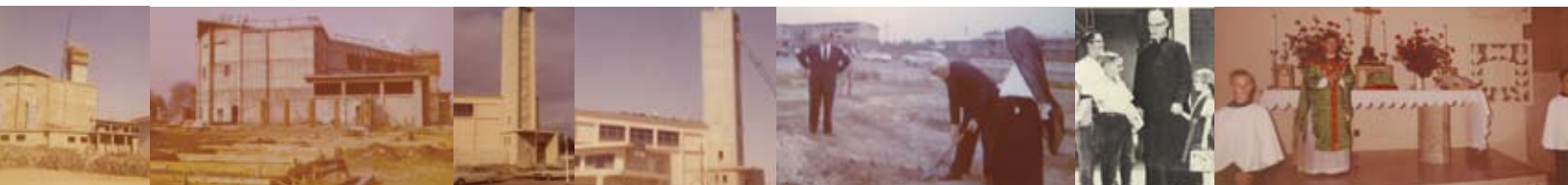
Dynamic Daily Liturgies with a special Saturday night Mass and Healing Service!

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

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes the heat of summer translates into unrest in a city's streets. In the summer of 1834, popular sentiment against the presence of the Ursuline nuns near Boston reached a boiling point. An influx of Irish laborers had an impact on the work force in the city, and a deep-seated resentment against Catholics fueled the fire. The nuns supported themselves with a school, and most of the young women students were drawn from patrician Protestant families. Nevertheless, rumors fed by the saga of an unhappy junior sister and a later episode of a senior sister fleeing the place increased tensions. The city's selectmen were given a tour by the disgruntled sister, who by then had returned, and found all things in good order. That didn't please the mob, and the mother superior didn't help matters when she said that the bishop had platoons of Irishmen at hand, twenty thousand strong, to do marauders harm. By August 11, the convent had been invaded, ransacked, and burned to the ground. The nuns fled to Maine and Canada. The diocese attempted to recover losses, but the commonwealth offered only ten thousand dollars, which was rejected. Years later, a legislative bill for the state to rebuild the convent and school was roundly defeated. Yet the enterprise of Catholic education had great resilience, and in 1946, more than a hundred years after the riots, the Ursulines returned to Boston to re-establish an academy that endures to the present day.

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## LABOR DAY MASS

Your are invited to the annual Labor Day Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 7th. The Cathedral is located at 555 W. Temple St., Los Angeles 90012. For more information, please call (213) 637-7690.

### 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 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.

SFDS Knights of Columbus welcomes three new Knights to the SFDS Roundtable: Dennis Sullivan, Mike Goossen and Ty Sanders!

## This week in our Parish

Tuesday 8/18

7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 8/19

7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

Thursday 8/20

9:30AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

## 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.



## ST. JOHN EUDES CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP

St. John Eudes Separated, Divorced and Widowed Catholic Support group will meet on Friday, August 28th at 8 p.m. in Room C of Grill Hall, 9901 Mason Ave., Chatsworth. The topic will be "Coping with Stress-Unwind the Spring." For more details regarding the program, please call Dale at 818- 831-7606.

## 2009 LOS ANGELES

### 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

## CHOIR INVITATION

The St. Francis de Sales adult choir has a few openings, especially for tenors and basses. We have an exciting schedule planned for the coming year! We will start the year with a rehearsal on Thursday, September 3rd, and we will start singing for the 10:00 Mass on September 13, the first Sunday after Labor Day. Please contact Geoff Alch after Mass, or Jeannine Wagner-Gallardo at 661-287-3864. if you would like to join us.

## LOST

On Sunday, July 26th, 2009, at the 10 a.m. Mass, one of our parishioners lost her sterling silver rosary and the sterling case. If anyone has found it please call the Parish Center at 818 784-0105.

## 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

## SHERMAN OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

The SOHA will feature former Assembly Speaker (and Sherman Oaks resident) Robert Hertzberg at its Wednesday, August 19th meeting. The meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m. will be held at Notre Dame High School, at Riverside and Woodman in Sherman Oaks. Hertzberg will discuss the current financial and political situation in the Valley, the City and the State.

During the Social Hour, starting at 6:15 p.m., the candidates for Council District 2 will be part of a "Meet & Greet" in which residents will have an opportunity to meet the candidates running for the upcoming September 22nd election to replace Councilwoman Wendy Greuel. Please join us for this free meeting.

## CRE REGISTRATION

Registration is Sunday, September 13th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Auditorium. First class will be September 20th.

CRE is a Catholic Religious Education program designed for children in grades 1-8 who do not attend a Catholic school. Grades 1 & 2 prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Grades 3-8 continue building a Catholic foundation in preparation for Confirmation.

The registration fee is \$50 for all grades except 2nd. The fee for 2nd grade is \$85. Fees cover the cost of supplies, primarily the books used in class. Classes take place Sundays from 9-9:55 a.m. A class schedule will be given at registration. All children entering SFDS CRE for the first time must provide a copy of their Baptismal certificate at the time of registration. If you have not provided a Baptismal certificate in the past, you will be asked to present one this year. Questions...call Jack Lathuras at 782-7846.

## SFDS HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Registration for the 2008-2009 SFDS Confirmation Program will be held Sunday, September 13th from 9am-12 pm in the Auditorium. Registration is required for both new students as well as continuing students.

This 2-year program consists of two eight week semesters per year and is open to students entering the 9th and 10th grades and any other high school students who are interested in completing the Confirmation process. The program runs from September through April. Classes are held in the school on Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:50am. The cost of the program is \$50 per year per student and is payable at registration. First year students must also bring a copy of their Baptismal certificate to registration. Any questions, please contact Pauline Story at 729-0939.

## LITTLE CHURCH 2008-2009

Registration for SFDS Little Church will take place on Sunday, September 13th after the 10:00 am Mass. Little Church is a program for children between the ages of three and five, and is held on Sundays during the 10:00 Mass in the school building. Membership fees and other information may be obtained at the Registration desk in the Auditorium. Little Church begins on Sunday September 28th at 10 a.m. in the Pre-School room.

We look forward to another blessed year and hope to see you all at Registration. For additional information, please call Maura Reyes (818) 789-0469.

## NAZARETH HOUSE

If you are a single Catholic woman, age 18 or older and considering a religious vocation, please consider answering Christ's call as a Sister of Nazareth. A Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women will be held on Sunday, September 13th from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. with lunch included. Please call Sr. Philomena Murphy at (310) 839-2361 for more details.

## EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/ACCOUNTANT

The Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart, a religious community of Sisters dedicated to teaching the truths of the Catholic faith, seeks an executive level Assistant for their Treasury office. The ideal candidate should have an Associates degree in office or business administration, with 7-9 years experience in a business or finance office setting. Competitive salary and medical benefits. Non-profit or parish experience highly desirable. Send your resumé with a cover letter and salary expectations by September 4 to SDSH, 10480 1/2 Winnetka Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311 or e-mail sdshtreasurer@juno.com.