

Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

August 24, 2009 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



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

Catherine Street, Faye Schafuss, Ernest Dewsnap, Clarita Hernandez, Alicia Gomez, Susan Dagleish, 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 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 soul of Dolores Dunn

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY- AUGUST 22

9:00 AM -In Memory of Roberto Reyes

5:00 PM -In Memory of Nicholas Imp

SUNDAY- AUGUST 23

8:00 AM -In Memory of Randi Renaud

10:00 AM -In Memory of Paul Bardwil

12:00 PM -In Memory of Charlie Davis

5:00 PM -In Memory of James Horne

MONDAY- AUGUST 24

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Franco Hernandez

TUESDAY- AUGUST 25

8:30 AM -In Memory of Evelyn Simonini

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26

8:30 AM -In Memory of Benjamin Knoll

THURSDAY- AUGUST 27

8:30 AM -In Memory of Lorraine Imp

FRIDAY- AUGUST 28

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Lori Demarest

SATURDAY- AUGUST 29

9:00 AM -For the Intentions of Enriquez & Maria Muñoz

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bob De Chellis

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (8/30)

First Reading - Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm - The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading - Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel - You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

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

Tuesday 8/25 7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.
 Wednesday 8/26 7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.
 Thursday 8/27 9:30AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH Week of 8/20-8/26 Collection.

Collection \$ 9,323.00
 Parish Pay \$ 1,469.00
 Total \$10,792.00 Thank you for your contributions.

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.

Welcoming and Preparing People for the Catholic Faith

One day St. John the Baptist was with two of his disciples when the Lord Jesus walked by. Looking at Jesus, the Baptist exclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God!". The two disciple left the Baptist and followed Jesus. The desire to follow the Lord Jesus in the Catholic Faith is a gift from God. Jesus turned to face them and asked, "What do you seek?" Responding to Jesus the two replied, "Teacher, where are you staying?" Jesus said to them, "Come and see." (John 1:35-39) The desire to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic Faith is also a gift from God. Jesus may be asking you, "What do you seek?" Are you: an adult who has not been baptized; an adult who was baptized into another Christian faith; an adult who was baptized as an infant in the Catholic Faith but who has not received First Holy Communion or Confirmation; an adult who was baptized as a Catholic but who has not been in union with the Church for some time and who wishes to renew your Faith.

Jesus may be inviting you to "Come and see." There are two parallel and simultaneous aspects in your response to Jesus' invitation. One is the personal experience in which you will look at your relationship with God and, with the help of God's grace, decide if you will embrace the Catholic Faith. The second is gathering for several months with others who are also inquiring about the Catholic Faith to ask questions.

If Jesus is beckoning you to follow Him in the Catholic Faith, then after these initial gatherings is a time to engage in discussion and receive instructions in the Catholic Faith. The highpoint is the receiving the sacraments of the Catholic Church at Easter and the Easter Season.

We meet every Tuesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center at 13360 Valleyheart Drive, Sherman Oaks. We will start the Tuesday evening after Labor Day, Tuesday, September 8. If you are interesting in becoming a Catholic or in sponsoring someone who is, please call the Parish Center at 818-784-0105 and leave your name and telephone number. MaryLucy McGrath, Lay Director of these sessions will return your call to answer your questions and share more information.





SAVE THE DATES & DEADLINES

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.scrc.org.

LABOR DAY MASS

You 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.

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 "Relax!-Life is Better When You Lighten Up." 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 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.

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



FREE INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION

LA County DA, Robin Sax, author of *Child Molesters and Predators: A Sex Crimes DA Answers Parents 100 Most Asked Questions*, will hold this seminar on Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 1-4 p.m. at the Camarillo Community Church, 1322 Las Posas Rd., Camarillo, CA 93010.

Parents will learn how to protect their children from Internet predators and be the "gatekeeper" for their children's electronic communication. Other topics include the potential dangers of the web, the must-know lingo, how to monitor Internet chats and more. E-mail for a registration form to jfutvoye@aspiranet.org or call (805) 289-0130, to be completed by Sept.4th. This is being sponsored by The Partnership for Safe Families & Communities of Ventura County.

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, 10480½ Winnetka Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311 or e-mail sdshtreasurer@juno.com.

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille is a rediscovery program designed to provide the tools for better communications between husband and wife. If your marriage has grown cold and distant or has been unloving and uncaring, and, if you are thinking about separation, then consider the Retrouvaille Program. This program teaches communication skills to married couples. Registrations are open for a weekend retreat September 25-27, 2009 in Ventura. For confidential information, please call Paul and Marisa Montgomery at (805) 642-4023.

DID YOU KNOW?

Join in to help protect our kids

Safeguard the Children Committees have been established in parishes throughout the Los Angeles Archdiocese. A primary goal of these committees is to ensure that all children and youth experience safe environments in all parish activities and events. These committees also inform all parish personnel, committees, ministries and volunteers of the available resources for educating their constituencies on all aspects of child and youth abuse and neglect. For more information, call the parish office or the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program Office, 213 637 7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213 637-7650.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the height of vacation season, but as anyone who has ever been to Rome in the summer knows, no time to visit there! The city is sweltering, and in a pre-air-conditioned world long ago, Romans figured out that they needed a break in the surrounding hills. Even the pope clears out. His destination is usually Castelgandolfo, a lovely little hill town southeast of Rome, overlooking a tranquil lake. It has been a papal possession since about 1600, and in 1929, when most of the papal states were finally lost, the papal dwelling was given "extraterritorial rights," meaning that it is an extension of Vatican City and not under Italian rule. The Vatican observatory maintained telescopes here for decades, far from the glare of the city lights of Rome, but although the observatory offices remain here year round, the telescopes are in Arizona. Pope Benedict spends less time here than his predecessors, favoring his homeland or the Italian Alps. Clearly, he believes that there is a spiritual side to vacations. A few years ago, he remarked that vacations provide amusement and diversion, and also the chance to be renewed physically and spiritually.

Vacations can help us visit friends and relatives, and revive "those human contacts that the pace of our lives keeps us from cultivating." The pope needs a break, and so do you. Vacation comes from a word meaning to empty oneself. There's still time to clear the calendar for at least one golden summer day even if you don't have a personal castle in the hills!

-Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

BLESSED

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

-Anonymous