

# Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

August 30, 2009 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



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

Margaret Tarin Hensley, Olga D'Este, 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

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

### **SATURDAY- AUGUST 29**

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

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bob De Chellis

### **SUNDAY- AUGUST 30**

8:00 AM -In Memory of Dennis Buckley

10:00 AM -In Memory of Jack Coughlin

12:00 PM -In Memory of Francis Rodgers

5:00 PM -In Memory of Evelyn Simonini

### **MONDAY- AUGUST 31**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Mary Allegretti-McGoldrick

### **TUESDAY- SEPTEMBER 1**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Charlie Davis

### **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Connie & Bob Catleh

### **THURSDAY- SEPTEMBER 3**

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of David Ronconi

### **FRIDAY- SEPTEMBER 4**

8:30 AM -In Memory of James Loughlin

### **SATURDAY- SEPTEMBER 5**

9:00 AM -In Memory of Jesus Lammatao

5:00 PM -In Memory of Lorraine Imp

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (9/6)**

First Reading - Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm - Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading - Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel - Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

## **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 9/1

7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 9/2

7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

Thursday 9/3

9:30AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

6-10PM-Choir rehearsal. Church.

Friday 9/4 FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 8/26-9/1 Collection.

Collection \$ 9,031.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,469.00

Total \$10,500.00 Thank you for your contributions.

## 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





27th 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.

**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.

### 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 disciples 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.

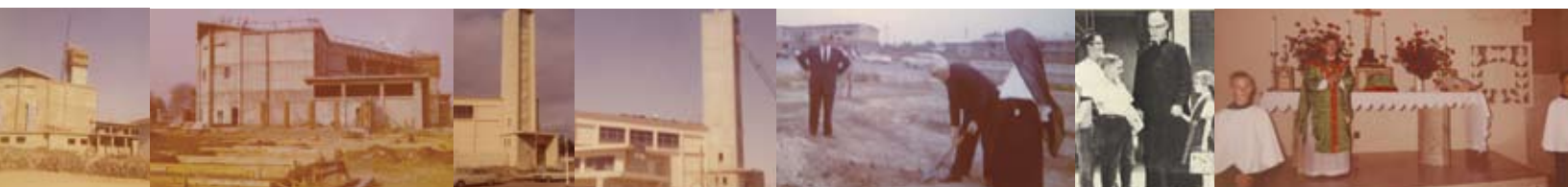
Jesus may be inviting you to "Come and see." There are two parallel and simultaneous aspects in your response to Jesus' invitation. One is the personal experience in which you will look at your relationship with God and, with the help of God's grace, decide if you will embrace the Catholic Faith. The 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.

### 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

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](http://www.scrc.org).

## SCHOOL OF LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY

This is a two year course for those who feel called to deepen their commitment to parish ministry as lay pastoral leaders. Classes take place at St. Ferdinand School in San Fernando in Spanish and at Mark Immaculate Parish, Pacoima in English. The classes are held on two Saturday afternoons each month, September through June 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Completion of requirements leads to the possibility of a three year commitment to the parish and Archdiocesan recognition as "Agents of Pastoral Ministry and Evangelization." The tuition is \$100.00 per semester; scholarships may be available. An endorsement of the pastor is required. For further information please call Fr. Steve Conserva at St. Ferdinand's at 818-365-3967 or Fr. Leo Leblanc at Mary Immaculate at 818-899-0278.

## 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.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Position on Health Care Reform  
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: supports universal health coverage which protects the life and dignity of all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. Universal coverage should be truly universal, assuring decent health care for all from conception to natural death. Opposes any efforts to expand abortion funding, mandate abortion coverage or endanger the conscience rights of health care providers and religious institutions. Longstanding and widely supported current policies on



these issues must be preserved. Supports effective measures to safeguard the health of immigrants, their children and all of society by expanding eligibility for public programs, such as Medicaid, to all low-income families and vulnerable people and by offering adequate subsidies for cost-sharing of insurance premiums and out-of-pocket expenses.

USCCB Resources: a special website: [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare). Also see the website for the California Catholic Conference at [www.cacatholic.org](http://www.cacatholic.org)

#### 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.

#### 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, from 6-10 p.m. 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.

#### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Friday, September 4th, in the Children's Chapel. Benediction and reposition will take place at right after mass with services and adoration ending at 9:45 a.m.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Fr. Charles R. Lueras, C.R.I.C., will be the guest speaker at the Luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd, 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 "We Experience the Fullest Life In Jesus Christ." This program promises to be extremely interesting and inspirational for all. For reservations call Michael or Marilyn at (818) 846-3271.

## DID YOU KNOW?

VIRTUS training prevents abuse

Did you know that every person working with children and youth in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is mandated to attend VIRTUS training? VIRTUS is designed to prevent child abuse by making adults aware of how sexual abuse is perpetrated by adults as well as other children. Tens of thousands of adults have gone through the VIRTUS training program in the Archdiocese. To find out about VIRTUS training sessions near you, please call the parish office or the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children