

Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

September 13, 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- SEPTEMBER 12

9:00 AM -For the Intentions of Elizabeth Reising

5:00 PM -In Memory of Patrick Cronin

SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 AM -In Memory of Joan Genter

10:00 AM -In Memory of Al Hotard

12:00 PM -In Memory of John Michna

5:00 PM -In Memory of Ann Goossen

MONDAY- SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 AM -In Memory of Tom Machtolf

TUESDAY- SEPTEMBER 15

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Andrew Wright

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Cynthia Kotzman

THURSDAY- SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of

Enriquez & Maria Muñoz

FRIDAY- SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 AM -In Memory of Jozef Szymanski

SATURDAY- SEPTEMBER 19

9:00 AM -For the Intentions of Lidia Youn

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bob Hunter

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (9/20)

First Reading - The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm - The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading - The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 - 4:3).

Gospel - Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

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."



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 9/9-9/15 Collection.

Collection \$ 9,969.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,469.00

Total \$11,438.00

Thank you for your contributions.

This Week In Our Parish

Sunday 9/13 REGISTRATION

9AM-12PM-CRE Registration.

9AM-12PM-High School Confirmation Registration.

11AM-Little Church Registration. Pre-School Room.

Tuesday 9/15

7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 9/16

7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

Thursday 9/17

9:30AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

6-10PM-Choir rehearsal. Church.

Saturday 9/19

6PM-Movie Night. See back page.

Sunday 9/20

9AM- CRE Classes.

DID YOU KNOW?

Teach Kids to Protect Themselves at Home.

We consider our homes to be safe places for our children. But being home alone can pose risks for children. Here are a few tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe when you are not with them at home:

Never answer the door if alone.

Do not invite anyone in the house over without permission of a parent or babysitter.

Do not tell anyone on the phone that your parents are not home. Instead tell them that your parents can not come to the phone and take a message.

For more tips, please visit www.kidsafe.com.

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

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.

SAVE THE DATES & DEADLINES

September 19th: Movie Night. See back page.

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.

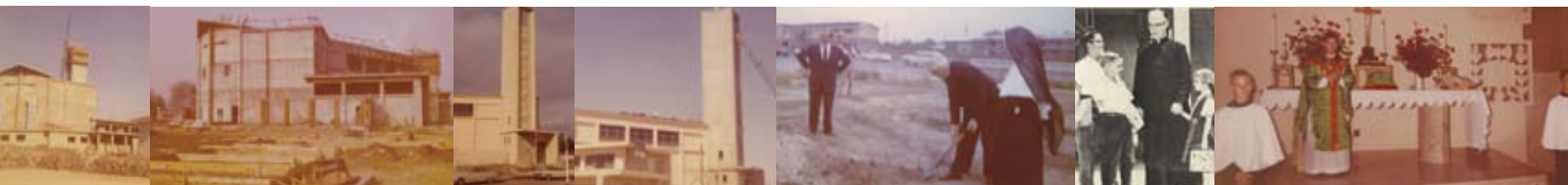
December 2ND: Glory of Christmas at Crystal Cathedral & Knott's Chicken Dinner.

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.





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.

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.

FIRST MEET FOR SFDS SWIM TEAM

There are almost 100 SFDS students and parishioners on the SFDS Swim Team! We are one of the biggest teams in the San Fernando Valley Catholic Swim League, which consists of 19 Catholic schools from Malibu to East Valley . Show your spirit by wearing an SFDS hat or shirt and cheer on the team at the San Fernando Pool (208 Park Avenue , San Fernando). Concessions - breakfast, lunch, drinks & snacks and a great RAFFLE with fabulous prizes for only 50¢ / ticket. This Sunday, September 13, 2009~9am - 4pm. Come all day or just stop by anytime! For more information, please contact SFDS Swim Team Managers Jack & Marci Moran at jackmarci@sfdsswimteam.org. at (818) 378-5032. Visit www.sfdsswimteam.org. to learn more about the team Future Meet Dates: 10/4, 10/18, 11/1 - Come join us.



CRE REGISTRATION

Registration is today, 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 today, 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 today, 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.

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG AND KARAOKE

Saturday, September 19th

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: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, 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.

6:00 PM-Admittance

6:30 PM-Dining

7:00 PM-Karaoke Hour

8:00 PM-Movie

The menu consists of Grilled Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Drinks & Sodas, Pop Corn, Candy and Cookies. Bring your own blankets, folding or lounge chairs, costumes and voices!

Entrance Donation Request

Adults \$5

Students \$3

4 and under \$0

Family: \$12

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 November 6-8, 2009. For confidential information, please call (661) 257-7980 or email: retrouvaille4life@hotmail.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

62nd Annual Conference of the
Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women
“Reaching Out To Make a Difference”

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Conference of the ACCW on Tuesday, October 6th, 2009 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel at 930 Wilshire Blvd. The program schedule is:

8:30 am Viewing of Exhibits

9:15 am General Assembly

9:30 am Speaker: Michael S. Brophy, Ph.D., M.F.A., President of Marymount College “Reaching Out To Make a Difference.”

10:45 am Mass with Cardinal Roger Mahony and our Auxiliary Bishops

11:45 am Viewing of Exhibits

1:00 pm Luncheon

2:30 pm Adjournment

The reservation deadline is September 25, 2009. No reservations by phone. The price of the day is \$45.00 (includes lunch). Mail your reservation with a check payable to ACCW to Mrs. Grace Rinaldi at 5433 W. 140th Street, Hawthorne CA 90250. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. If no stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed with reservation, your ticket will be held at the door.