

Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

September 20, 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 Dalgleish, 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 Louise Vasquez

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY- SEPTEMBER 19

9:00 AM -For the Intentions of Lidia Youn

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bob Hunter

SUNDAY- SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 AM -For the Intentions of the Parish

10:00 AM -In Memory of Jim Leetch

12:00 PM -In Memory of Charlie Davis

5:00 PM -In Memory of Anthony Pernice

MONDAY- SEPTEMBER 21

8:30 AM -In Memory of Manuel Narvaez

TUESDAY- SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Peter Thompson

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23

8:30 AM -In Memory of Benjamin Knoll

THURSDAY- SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 AM -In Memory of Letty Gan

FRIDAY- SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 AM -In Memory of Joan Genter

SATURDAY- SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 AM -For the Intentions of Robina Dumas

5:00 PM -For the Intentions of Dottie Raimo

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (9/27)

First Reading - Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm - The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

Second Reading - Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).

Gospel - Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

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

Sunday 9/20

9AM-CRE.

Monday 9/21

1PM-55 Plus Club. School Auditorium.

Tuesday 9/22

7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 9/23

7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

Thursday 9/24

9:30AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

6-10PM-Choir rehearsal. Church.

Saturday 9/26

6PM-Taco Night. See below.

Sunday 9/27

9AM-CRE Classes.

3PM-Soccer Penalty Kick competition. See below.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 9/16-9/22 Collection.

Collection \$10,462.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,711.00

Total \$12,173.00

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.

SAVE THE DATES & DEADLINES

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.





CRE TACO NIGHT

The annual CRE Taco Night Fund Raiser will be held on Saturday, September 26th, immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$5 per person.

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.

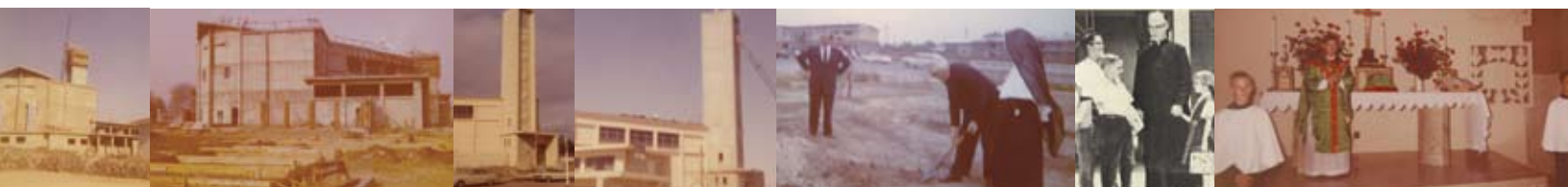
We welcome all children ages three months to three years, offering playtime in a caring, supportive environment with other new parish parents. For more information, call Cheyene at 818 645-6007.

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.

CONCERN AMERICA

On Sunday, October 4, 2009, volunteers from Concern America will return to our parish community with unique, quality handcrafts. Inspired by nature, these beautifully crafted textiles, ceramics and wood products, honor indigenous traditions and were selected to be reminders that when a Concern America product is purchased, we are providing a source of income to materially poor communities, promoting human scale endeavors, eco-friendly work patterns, and fair working conditions. Concern America is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana, CA (714) 953-8575. Visit the website to view their crafts at www.concernamerica.org.





CHOIR MEMORIAL CONCERT

Save the Date Saturday, November 7th, 2009 for this special Choir Concert. More details to follow.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: SING! PLAY! INSPIRE!

The Parish Children's Choir will reconvene on Wednesday, September 23 in the church at 3:00 pm. All children grades 2-8 who belong to the parish are eligible to join. Members of the choir sing about once a month for liturgies and participate in other musical activities and outings throughout the year. The children learn music notation and performance skills in the context of religious service. Tuition is \$60 per semester. Scholarships are available. Flyers are available in the church office and school office. Please contact Jeannine Wagner Gallardo at wagner.jeannine8@gmail.com or (661)287-3864.

SFDS SWIM TEAM WINS 1ST PLACE AT SWIM MEET!

On Sunday, September 13th, the SFDS Swim Team brought home the first place trophy at the San Fernando Valley Catholic Swim League Meet! SFDS School and Parish had almost 100 swimmers participate in the SFDS-hosted Swim Meet. Congratulations to all the swimmers and special thanks to all the parents (and siblings) that volunteered to help make the day a success for SFDS. Save the date for our next meet, Sunday, October 4th to cheer on the SFDS Swimmers! Visit: www.sfdsswimteam.org for more info.

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.



SOCCKER PENALTY KICK COMPETITION

The Knights of Columbus Van Nuys Council #3148 invites all boys and girls ages 10-14 to participate in their First Annual Soccer Penalty Kick competition. This will be held on Sunday, September 27th at the St. Francis de Sales athletic field in Sherman Oaks. Registrations starts at 3 p.m. and the competition will begin at 3:15 p.m. Please bring proof of age to register. For more details, please contact Jack Lathuras at (818) 782-1907.

MEDJUGORJE PEACE CONFERENCE

Visionary Ivanka from Medugorje will be present and speak of Our Lady's messages. The 19th Medugorje Peace Conference will be held October 23-24-25, 2009 at the Bren Events Center, UC-Irvine. The conference also offers beautiful liturgies, penance and healing service, Catholic teachings by renowned speakers. To see the entire program and registration form, go to www.medugorjeirvine.org or phone (714) 572-9779.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the "Mother School" of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in "national parishes," were established to preserve the culture and language of the "old country," and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded "separate schools" were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States. -Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

50th HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Bishop Conaty High School, Class of 1959, 50th reunion is planned for October 17th, 2009. For more details, please call Fran Butler Madigan at (562) 943-5326.

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.

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 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 7-9 pm or Saturday from 9:30-11:30 am, in the Parish Center at 13360 Valleyheart Drive, Sherman Oaks. If you are interested 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

IOW, Knowing Internet Lingo Can Help Parents Safeguard Kids

Online chat rooms, instant messaging systems, and even cell phones equipped to send text messages are environments rich in abbreviations, acronyms, and other shorthand that help increase the speed of communication. Parents need to become aware of some of the common lingo that is used in these environments. Some of these terms may be found to be vulgar, degrading, or otherwise offensive. However, parents and educators need to have a level of understanding of the dangers that face our children. For more information, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office: 213 637 7227.

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This week, starting September 23 through November 1, 2009, the San Fernando Valley will join 207 cities in 45 states, 8 Canadian provinces and Denmark, praying and fasting to end abortion in the

LARGEST SIMULTANEOUS PRO-LIFE MOBILIZATION IN HISTORY!

40 Days For Life is a focused, pro-life campaign that has already generated measurable lifesaving results in four prior nationwide campaigns since the fall of 2007. Over 200,00 people/5,800 churches have participated in these peaceful vigils in 466 cities, praying and fasting to end abortion.

The 40 Days For Life campaign is made up of three key components:

PRAYER & FASTING: people of faith joining together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting to end abortion.

PEACEFUL VIGIL: a 40 day peaceful public witness outside the following abortion facilities:

Family Planning Associates, 10200 Sepulveda, Mission Hills, CA.

Planned Parenthood, 7100 Van Nuys Blvd, Van Nuys.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: delivering positive, upbeat pro-life messages through media efforts, church presentations, petition drives and public visibility.

National Campaign information can be found at the website, www.40daysforlife.com. For more details of the San Fernando Valley campaign, please contact Patti Flores at (818) 307-4332 or PFlores4Life@aol.com.