

Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

October 04, 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

In your prayers this week, please remember the repose of the soul of Wendy O'Kane-Menges

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY- OCTOBER 3

9:00 AM -In Memory of Jesus Lammatao

5:00 PM -For the Intentions of Jim Reising

SUNDAY- OCTOBER 4

8:00 AM -For the Intentions of the Parish

10:00 AM -In Memory of Evelyn Simonini

12:00 PM -In Memory of Nicholas Simeon

5:00 PM -In Memory of Tim Siuta

MONDAY- OCTOBER 5

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Theresa McCullem

TUESDAY- OCTOBER 6

8:30 AM -In Memory of Pedrito Rionda

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Brian Campaign

THURSDAY- OCTOBER 8

8:30 AM -In Memory of Charity Kelly

FRIDAY- OCTOBER 9

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Amanda Harvey

SATURDAY- OCTOBER 10

9:00 AM -In Memory of Patrick Swayze

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bettye Edwards

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (10/11)

First Reading - I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalm - Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading - Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Gospel - It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

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 10/4 CONCERN AMERICA

8:45AM-Teen Confirmation. Parish Center.

9AM-CRE.

10AM-Little Church.

Tuesday 10/6

7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 10/7

7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

3-PM-Children's Choir practice. In Church.

Thursday 10/8

9:30AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

6-10PM-Choir rehearsal. Church.

Sunday 10/11

8:45AM-Teen Confirmation. Parish Center.

9AM-CRE Classes.

10AM-Little Church.

10AM-Special Mass by Bishop Wilkerson for Fr. Michael Wakefield followed by a reception.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 9/24-9/30 Collection.

Collection \$11,310.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,711.00

Total \$13,021.00

Thank you for your contributions.

VISIT OF BISHOP WILKERSON TO SFDS PARISH

Our San Fernando Valley Regional Bishop, the Most Reverend Gerald Wilkerson, will visit St. Francis de Sales Church on Sunday, October 11th, to install Fr. Michael Wakefield as pastor of St. Francis de Sales during the 10:00 am Mass. Please join us in the school auditorium immediately following the installation for a reception for Fr. Mike.

SFDS Community's 8th Annual Chili Dinner & Cook-off

Saturday October 17, 2009

Immediately Following 5 p.m. Family Mass

Come join your fellow parishioners and school families for beef, turkey & vegetarian chili, cornbread, desserts (& hot dogs for the kids)

Have a great chili recipe? Enter our CHILI COOK OFF.

Call the parish center 818-784-0105 for more details.

TROPHIES RAFFLES PRIZES

\$5.00 for everyone!

Proceeds benefit The Scholarship Fund which assists in the tuition needs of deserving students currently enrolled at SFDS.

To volunteer for service hours and donations of desserts, set-up, clean-up, corn muffins, serving, call Lori Demarest at 818-766-8347. Thank you for your help!





2nd SWIM MEET OF THE SEASON-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

As you have probably heard from Father Mike, SFDS won the first meet of the season! This is the first time in about 13 years that we have brought home the first place trophy. We hope to do the same at our second meet. There are close to 100 SFDS students and parishioners on the SFDS Swim Team! The San Fernando Valley Catholic Swim League 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), from 9am - 4pm. Come all day or just stop by anytime! For more information, please contact SFDS Swim Team Managers Jack & Marci Moran at (818) 378-5032 or jackmarci@sfdsswimteam.org. Future Meet Dates: 10/18 and 11/1 - Come join us! Thanks for supporting your SFDS Swimmers!

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.

Be Still and Know That I Am God

All are welcome to join the SFDS Meditation Prayer Group. We meet every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. for one hour in the church. The group follows the teachings of Fr. John Main, a Benedictine Monk, who uses a combination of silence, stillness and prayer. Those who are drawn to silent meditation as a way of experiencing the divine presence in their lives are encouraged to attend.

"God is not only out there but also within." To learn more about the group's practice, go online to The World Community of Christian Meditation at www.wccm.com.

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.

CONCERN AMERICA CRAFT SALE TODAY

Beautiful handmade craft items from El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, Ecuador and Bangladesh will be for sale after the Sunday morning Masses today. By your purchase of these gift items, you support the work of Concern America and help to provide a fair and just wage for many materially poor families. We invite you to think about honoring your family and friends in a very special way by choosing gifts with meaning and purpose. 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.

70th ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOHN'S SEMINARY

All are invited to celebrate the 70th Anniversary dinner on Friday, October 30th at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall of St. Charles Borromeo Church. Among the many priests trained at St. John's serving the San Fernando Valley are Bishop Jerry Wilkerson, Norm Supanchek, Arturo Velasco, Michael Wakefield and many more. Tickets are \$75 and include hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, a delicious meal and a chance to mingle with the many priest alumni. For more details or to make a reservation please call the Seminary office at (805) 389-2035 or e-mail: advancement@stjohnsem.edu.

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.

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 7-9 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.



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LIFE CHAIN

Our Church family will again mark October at "Respect Life Month." Jesus challenges us to care for every human life, both the unborn and the born. The theme for this year's Respect Life Month is taken from Pope Benedict XVI, "Ever Child Brings Us God's Smile."

The annual San Fernando Valley life Chain will be held today, Sunday, October 4th from 2:30 - 4:00 pm, beginning at the intersection of Devonshire St. and Sepulveda Blvd. in Mission Hills. Please join this peaceful and public statement in favor and defense of human life, unborn and born. Signs will be provided. Resources and information are available at www.usccb.org/prolife, www.archdiocese.la.org and www.lifechain.net.

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.

SFDS PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

New parishioners, and/or parishioners wishing to update your registration information, may fill out this form and place it directly in the collection basket, hand it to an Usher, or mail it to the Parish Center. You can also register online at our website:saintfrancisdesaleschurch.com.

FAMILY NAME _____

FAMILY MEMBERS

NAMES & AGES _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Your personalized envelopes will be mailed to you from the printing company in about 8 TO 12 WEEKS AFTER YOUR REGISTRATION HAS BEEN PROCESSED.

If you use the envelopes in the pews, please make sure that you mark your first and family name and your envelope number. Please inform the Parish Center of any changes, i.e., your address or e-mail so that we may keep our records current. Thank you.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of our great treasures is the way the Church has frequently flourished under unfavorable conditions, like the grape ivy on the mantel that refuses to die no matter how infrequently you water it or open the drapes. Like the apartheid laws in South Africa in the last century, the penal laws of Ireland were aimed at depriving the majority population of basic human rights. The Protestant parliament of Ireland enacted laws limiting the practice of Catholicism. The goal was to force conversion from "popery" to the Church of Ireland, and additional laws took aim at Jews, non-Anglicans, and Quakers.

There were laws against intermarriage, laws against Catholics being lawyers (there was a one-hundred-pound fine), a law granting lifelong income to priests who became Protestant, and a ban on weapons. In fact, until 1793, a Catholic man had to recruit and pay a Protestant man to serve in the local militia in his place! As if family life is not complicated enough in any age, the sons of a deceased father could divide his land equally, unless one became Protestant. In that case all would go to him! When allowed, new Catholic churches had to be built of wood, not stone, be off a main road or city square, have no steeple or bell, and be called a "chapel." Catholic "Emancipation" was largely secured by 1829, but even up to the founding of the Irish State in the 1920s, some effects of the laws endured. No wonder that poor Irish immigrants to the United States frequently built gloriously beautiful churches as their first act on free soil! -Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

RED MASS

All Attorneys and members of the legal community are invited to attend the St. Thomas More Society's 27th annual Red Mass on Tuesday, October 6th at the Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels. The principal celebrant for this Mass will be Cardinal Mahony and Bishop Gordon Bennett will be the homilist. A reception to follow.

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.

MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

San Gabriel Regional Bishop Gabino Zavala will offer Mass and preach at the annual White Mass honoring the tremendous contributions of Healthcare professionals throughout the Archdiocese and in Mission Countries. The Mass will be at Holy Family Church on Fremont Ave. in South Pasadena on Sunday, October 18th, the Feast of St. Luke, patron of physicians, at 2:30 pm.

The White Mass is named for the traditional white garb worn by physicians and medical professionals. This year, Dr. Michael Fitzgerald of New York will be presented with the Mission Doctors Association, 2009 Catholic Doctor of the Year Award. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

For further information or to receive invitation cards please contact Sr. Angela Hallahan, C.H.F. at 213-637-7531 or info@stlukemassla.org. To facilitate the reception preparation, RSVP before October 12th to 213-637-7531 or info@stlukemassla.org.

SFDS CHOIR ANNUAL ALL SOULS DAY CONCERT

Saturday Nov. 7, 2009, 7:30 pm. will be the Annual All Soul's Day Concert performed by the St. Francis de Sales Choir and the Wagner Ensemble. The choir will perform the magnificent Missa in Tempore Belli (Mass in Time of War) by Joseph Haydn with full orchestra in the St. Francis de Sales Sanctuary. Tickets are \$15. As the concert commemorates All Souls' Day, you will have the opportunity to remember a loved one in the printed program with donations of \$50 or more, which also includes 2 tickets of admission. With each \$50 donation, two names may be submitted to be printed in the program and read aloud at the opening of the concert. Names must be submitted **NO LATER THAN** November 1st. For ticket information call: Cynthia Leetch 818-378-3648

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.

SFDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Support the SFDS Scholarship Fund. Simply register your Ralphs, Vons, Macys and Albertsons loyalty cards to SFDS and earn money while you shop. It is as simple as that. Last year we earned over \$2100 for the scholarship fund. If you need more information call Lisa Sanders at the Parish Center or email the scrip office at mrebbe@stfrancisds.org.

Remember, you must register your cards EVERY year to continue earning money for SFDS.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Help Reduce Abuse Statistics

Nationally, more than 2 million reports of abuse or neglect of minors are made each year. Only a small percentage of child abuse is ever reported. Learn how to spot suspected abuse or neglect, and how to report it to the proper authorities. For more information, please contact those in your parish who are in charge of programs to safeguard children. Or please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office: 213 637 7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213- 637-7650.