

# Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

October 11, 2009 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



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

Thomas Ferrero, 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 Tadeusz Lesisz*

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY- OCTOBER 10**

9:00 AM -In Memory of Patrick Swayze

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bettye Edwards

**SUNDAY- OCTOBER 11**

8:00 AM -In Memory of Robert Culver

10:00 AM -In Memory of  
Harry & Evelyn Simonini

12:00 PM -In Memory of Leo Fenzei

5:00 PM -For the Intentions of the Parish

**MONDAY- OCTOBER 12**

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Carol Jones

**TUESDAY- OCTOBER 13**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Jean Hunter

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14**

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Roger Faustino

**THURSDAY- OCTOBER 15**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Greg Parrillo

**FRIDAY- OCTOBER 16**

8:30 AM -In Memory of Nora Conroy

**SATURDAY- OCTOBER 17**

9:00 AM -In Memory of Jim & Paul Bardwil

5:00 PM -For the Intentions of Maximiliano Hernandez

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (10/18)**

First Reading - My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

Psalm - Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading - Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Gospel - Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

## **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 10/11

10AM-Little Church.

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

Tuesday 10/13

7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 10/14

7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

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

Thursday 10/15

9:30AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

6-10PM-Choir rehearsal. Church.

Saturday 10/17

6PM-Chili Dinner. See below.

Sunday 10/18

8:45AM-Teen Confirmation. Parish Center.

9AM-CRE Classes.

10AM-Little Church.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH**

Week of 10/8-10/14 Collection.

Collection \$13,332.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,711.00

Total \$15,043.00

Thank you for your contributions.

## **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!





## 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](http://www.wccm.com).

## SFDS ADULT CLUB 2009 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Luncheon Meetings: - 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.

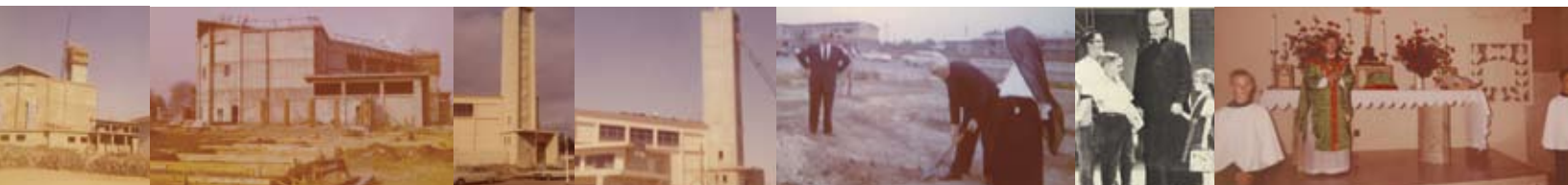
## THANK YOU

A lovely young parishioner, who is the owner of Veritas Polska, Inc., donated two of the four lovely altar candles. I wanted to thank her by name but she insisted on remaining anonymous. They are beautiful, enhance our worship of Almighty God and, that our high-ceiling church, help direct our attention upward. Thank you very much!

## ACCW

The West San Fernando Valley District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will have a District meeting on Monday, October 19 at St. Mel Parish, 20870 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills.

The day begins at 9 a.m. and includes Sr. Rose Marie Tulacz, S.N.D. as the speaker, Mass, Lunch and concludes at 1:30 p.m. Charge for the day is \$10 and must be prepaid. For more details please call Betty Klein at (818) 707-9606 or Marge Austin at (818) 347-1003 before the dealdile of October15th.





## **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

## **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](mailto:mrebbe@stfrancisds.org).

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

## **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. There will be a basket for "Good Wishes" and Cards at the reception.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Getting to and from School Safely

If your child walks to school, walk the route with him/her to identify landmarks and safe places to go if he/she is being followed or needs help. Create a map with your child showing acceptable routes to and from school using main roads and avoiding shortcuts and isolated areas. Make sure young children are properly supervised going to and from school, whether it is by you as a parent/guardian, an older sibling or another trusted adult. Remind older children to always take a friend when walking or riding their bikes to and from school. For a back-to-school child safety checklist, please visit: [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com) and click on "Back to School Safety." For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213- 637-7650.

## **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](mailto:retrouvaille4life@hotmail.com) or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://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 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.

## **PHILIPPINE FLOOD RELIEF**

Areas of the Philippines have been devastated by flooding and other areas in Asia have been devastated by tsunamis and earthquakes. Catholic Relief Services is the trustworthy channel of relief aid. CRS has people on the ground in these areas and is able to reach most effectively and quickly those suffering from typhoon, tsunami or earthquake disasters. Donations to Catholic Relief Services may be done in the following ways:

- Donation via phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS
- Donation via online: [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)
- Checks payable to: Catholic Relief Services

P.O. Box 17090

Baltimore MD 21203-7090

At the bottom of the check people can indicate how they wish their donation directed:

- Philippine relief '09
- Tsunami relief
- Earthquake relief.

## **MEDJUGORJE PEACE CONFERENCE**

Visionary Ivanka from Medjugorje will be present and speak of Our Lady's messages. The 19th Medjugorje 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.medjugorjeirvine.org](http://www.medjugorjeirvine.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](http://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**

They say that it is not so much that Columbus discovered America, but rather that after he arrived, the new world “stayed discovered.” The sponsorship of Ferdinand and Isabella assured that the news would flash around Europe with an air of authority that other “discoverers” lacked. One of the oft-mentioned early visitors is Saint Brendan the Navigator, a sixth-century Irish monk who had trouble staying at home. He is said to have sailed to “the Isle of the Blessed” in a leather-bound boat, and to have been away from his monastery for seven years. Upon his return, the stories of adventures to a new land attracted pilgrims to his monastery in the Blasket Islands, off the west coast of Ireland. Columbus is said to have referred to The Voyage of Saint Brendan, a very popular adventure in those days. Only after his American journey is Brendan said to have gone to tamer lands to the east, England and Scotland.

In 1976, Tim Severin set out on a two-year voyage to America from Ireland in a leather-bound boat, traveling in summer and hop scotching from the Faroes to Iceland to Newfoundland, and encountering along the way exactly what Saint Brendan describes: icebergs, whales, and porpoises. Scholars warn not to dismiss this too quickly: just as the ancient Egyptian monks sought to live in the desert, for the Celtic monks exile in a boat was the Irish equivalent. Five centuries after Brendan, other Irish monks may have visited here as a refuge from Viking terror.

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SETUP**

### **VIRTUAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE PROJECT**

Volunteers, especially catechists, youth ministers, deacons, are needed to assist with a virtual Marian “shrine” pilgrimage and Rosary exhibit. “Family Rosary Pilgrimage: Around the World with Mary” will be held December 8 - 11 in the gym at Rancho San Antonio Boys Home, Chatsworth. This project is sponsored by Holy Cross Family Ministries, founded by Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC. Volunteers will help set up the exhibits for various displays on the Rosary, greet the children and staff exhibits among other tasks. Call 1-800-299-7729, Ext. 2023 or email [FamilyRosaryPilgrimage@hcfm.org](mailto:FamilyRosaryPilgrimage@hcfm.org).

## **8th GRADE VISIT AT LOUISVILLE H.S.**

Attention all 8th grade girls! Louisville High School is holding its annual “8th Grade Visit Day” on Friday, November 6 2009. The day will begin at 7:45 a.m. and conclude around 12:30 p.m. To register, download the permission slip at [www.louisvillehs.org](http://www.louisvillehs.org) and return by mail or fax. Please contact us with questions at (818) 346-8812. Plan also to attend the Open House on Sunday, December 6th, 2009.

## **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](mailto:info@stlukemassla.org). To facilitate the reception preparation, RSVP before October 12th to 213-637-7531 or [info@stlukemassla.org](mailto:info@stlukemassla.org).

## **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).

## **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](http://www.40daysforlife.com). For more details of the San Fernando Valley campaign, please contact Patti Flores at (818) 307-4332 or [PFlores4Life@aol.com](mailto:PFlores4Life@aol.com).