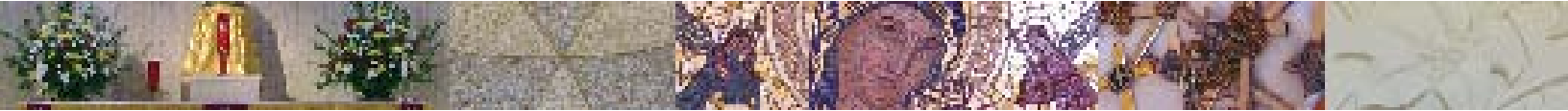


Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

October 18, 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 Thomas Ferrero, Lena Souza

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

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

5:00 PM - For the Intentions of Maximiliano Hernandez

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

8:00 AM - In Memory of Candace Rogers

10:00 AM - In Memory of Dennis Buckley

12:00 PM - In Memory of Randi Renaud

5:00 PM - For the Intentions of the Parish

MONDAY OCTOBER 19

8:30 AM - For the Intentions of Dominic Gironda

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20

8:30 AM - In Memory of Tadeusz Lesisz

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21

8:30 AM - In Memory of Benjamin Knoll

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22

8:30 AM - Anniversary Mass for the San Fernando Mission Mortuary

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23

8:30 AM - In Memory of Nita S. Taleanera

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

9:00 AM - In Memory of Lilia & Jose Serafica

5:00 PM - In Memory of Erminia & Pietro Mogno

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (10/25)

First Reading - I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

Psalm - The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading - It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

Gospel - Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

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

Saturday 10/17

6PM-Chili Dinner. See below.

Sunday 10/18

10AM-Little Church.

8:45AM-Teen Confirmation. Parish Center.

9AM-CRE Classes.

Monday 10/19

1PM-SFDS Adult Club Meeting. Auditorium.

Tuesday 10/20

7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 10/21

7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

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

Thursday 10/22

9:30AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

6-10PM-Choir rehearsal. Church.

Sunday 10/25

8:45AM-Teen Confirmation. Parish Center.

9AM-CRE Classes.

10AM-Little Church.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 10/15-10/21 Collection.

Collection \$10,491.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,711.00

Total \$12,202.00

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.

SAVE THE DATES & DEADLINES

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: - 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.

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;

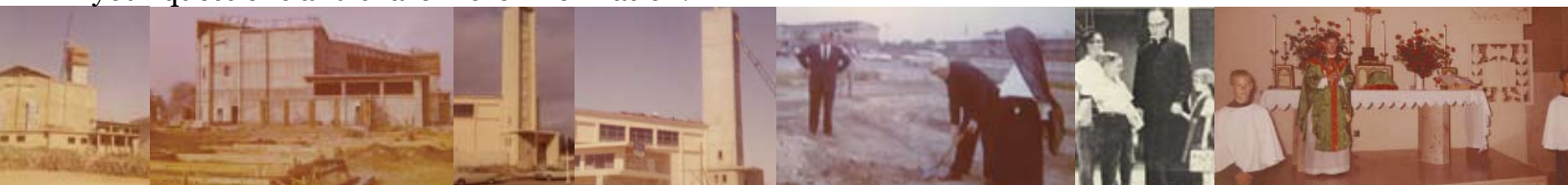
an adult who was baptized as an infant in the Catholic Faith but who has not received First Holy Communion or Confirmation;

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.





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)

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.

2nd ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT & HALLOWEEN SPOOKTAKULAR

Friday, October 30th, join all ghosts, goblins and other assorted costumed ones for "Trunk Or Treat." Set up will begin at 4 p.m. "Trunk Or Treating" at 5 p.m. Then join us on the field for more festivities: dinner and a family Halloween Movie. All proceeds benefit the SFDS Scholarship Fund.

CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

Chaminade College Preparatory High School is hosting its annual "Club Nade" Step-up day for 8th grade students on Friday, November 13th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. This is an opportunity for 8th graders to experience campus life as a Chaminade student. They will attend short classes, meet our teachers and students and be treated to an afternoon of educational and fun activities. For more information call the Chaminade Admissions Office at 818-347-8300 ext. 355 or visit Chaminade on the Web at www.chaminade.org.

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.

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
- 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 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.

THANK YOU FROM CONCERN AMERICA

On Sunday, October 4th, hand crafted textiles and baskets, ceramics and wood products from Concern America were displayed after the Masses. As a community of the faithful you were once again very generous, purchasing handcrafts valued at \$773.02. We are very grateful to Fr. Wakefield for his hospitality and support, and to everyone who purchased items that day. If you would like to receive one of Concern America's Fair Trade Craft Catalogs or place an order for something you saw at the sale, please visit the website at www.concernamerica.org or call our office at (800) CON-CERN.

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.

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.

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 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.

“WHO WANTS TO TALK ABOUT DEATH”

An exploration of the Catholic perspective on death and dying with Deacon Jerry Cellner on Thursday, October 29th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center at St. Bernardine of Siena in Woodland Hills. For info call 818-888-8200.

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 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.

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY TODAY

In October of each year the Catholic Church throughout the world marks World Mission Sunday. United as the family of God we are asked to look beyond the boundaries of our own local Church and turn our attention for a moment to the great needs of the Church in the developing world.

World Mission Sunday is the opportunity to nurture the missionary spirit our parishioners while encouraging their prayerful and financial support of the Church's missionary work. There are many challenges before us - from the economic downturn to the recent fires - but we are also challenged by the Lord Jesus to help bring His saving Gospel to all the world.

You can help make a difference. A gift of \$25.00 would be a month's support for a young woman preparing to serve as a Religious Sister in Indonesia. A gift of \$60.00 is a month's education for a seminarian in Nigeria. About \$50.00 a month helps a local Religious Community of Sisters in Tanzania care for the poor. A gift of \$20.00 helps toward the purchase of a bicycle for a catechist in Kenya. The collection for World Mission Sunday will be taken after Holy Communion today.

ACHIEVING SANCTITY

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.

-St. Paul of the Cross

TOO MUCH INFORMATION

There is a common expression: “Too much information!” We usually use it when people tell us details about their lives that we don’t want or need to know. Today, when James and John ask Jesus a simple question, making their request for places of honor in the kingdom, a simple answer might have been in order. Instead, as he often does, Jesus answers a question with a question; today it’s about drinking the cup of suffering. Then, once the others are indignant over James and John’s outrageous request, he proceeds to give them what may have been “too much information” for followers who were simply interested in the pursuit of glory. But this information, though it can sometimes seem “too much” for us, is essential for our lives as disciples. In Isaiah, in Hebrews, and in Mark today, we learn this information: it is in suffering, in weakness, in self-giving service to others, that we come to understand the kingdom. It is the information we need to find our place and come to be honored in the reign of God. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.