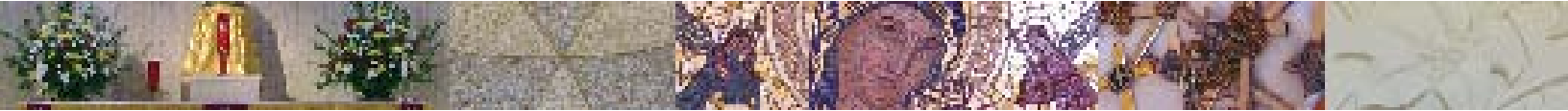


Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

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 Rev Alan Edward McCoy

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY- OCTOBER 24

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

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

SUNDAY- OCTOBER 25

8:00 AM -For the Intentions of the Parish

10:00 AM -In Memory of Nell Amsden

12:00 PM -In Memory of Jason Tomcho

5:00 PM -In Memory of Frances Pastoria

MONDAY- OCTOBER 26

8:30 AM -Anniversary Mass for the deceased Souls of the S.F. Mission Mortuary

TUESDAY- OCTOBER 27

8:30 AM -In Memory of Tom Ferrero

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Pamela Wright

THURSDAY- OCTOBER 29

8:30 AM -In Memory of Pedrito Rionda

FRIDAY- OCTOBER 30

8:30 AM -In Memory of Maria Chavez

SATURDAY- OCTOBER 31

9:00 AM -In Memory of Cielito Selorio

5:00 PM -In Memory of Connie & Bob Catlett

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (11/01)

First Reading - John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Psalm - Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading - By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

Gospel - The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

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 10/22-10/28 Collection.

Collection \$10,643.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,711.00

Total \$12,354.00

Thank you for your contributions.

Next Sunday,

November 1st., at 2 a.m., turn your clocks back one hour for Standard time.

THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL INSTALLATION

The Installation Mass was beautiful. The reception following the Installation was lovely. Jane Abbott spearheaded and organized the event. Thank you, Jane, for a such wonderful day. Jane received many donations of delicious foods, funds and help in set-up, serving and tear-down. My thanks to all of you for such a lovely time.

Musette Buckley

Knights of Columbus

Holly & Michael Luntzel

Antoinette & Keith Ward

Kelly Ganz

Marianne de Chellis

Lisa Sanders

Megan & Patrick Mayer

Jeannie Bas

Rosa Toth

Yolanda Bremont

Patti Sundstrom

June Santos

LouAnn Reising

Jerri Ford

Colleen Pace

Cindy & Michael Cassutt

The Chavez Family

The Frazer Family

Angel Quintera

Janice Mazza

Wendy Dougan

The King Family

Nina Crowe

The Hernandez Family

Francine Taylor

Uncle Sal

St. Francis de Sales School

The Adult Club

The Ferullo Family

The Casey Family

Elsa McGarry

Frances & Tony Yarlett

Richard Marciniak

Betty Jones

The Sanchez/Basetti Family

The Swofford Family

Sandy & Don Hibbard

Chris & Lester Naegle

Patti & Ken Mabie

Mary Sima

The Front Family

Elizabeth & Ron Bryden

Samantha Eggar

Tracey Feder

The Demarest Family

Vay & Frisca Yan-Go

Renee & Tom O'Malley

Tina & John McConnell

The Biggs Family

Monika Puodziunas

The Lipton Family

Krispi Kremes of Burbank

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

-Mark Twain





This Week In Our Parish

Sunday 10/25

8:45AM-Teen Confirmation. Parish Center.

9AM-CRE Classes.

10AM-Little Church.

Tuesday 10/27

7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 10/28

7:30PM-Meditation Prayer group.

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

Thursday 10/29

9:30AM-Bible Study. Parish Center.

6-10PM-Choir rehearsal. Church.

Friday 10/30

5PM-Halloween Extravaganza. See last page.

Sunday 11/1 ALL SAINTS DAY

2AM-DAYLIGHT SVINGS TIME ENDS

8:45AM-Teen Confirmation. Parish Center.

9AM-CRE Classes.

10AM-Little Church.

SFDS spookily presents THE HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA! ...A SAFE AND SANE EVENING

Friday, October 30th

5 p.m. until the Witching Hour!

Creepy 'n Cute Costume Contest:

Join the parade to win truly toe-tingling prizes!

"Trunk-tacular" Trick or Treats:

Troll for treats among the ghoulishly decorated SFDS family cars

Movie Mayhem:

Disney's "The Haunted Mansion"

Presented on the field.

Frightful Fare:

Fun food and drink for kids and their parents.

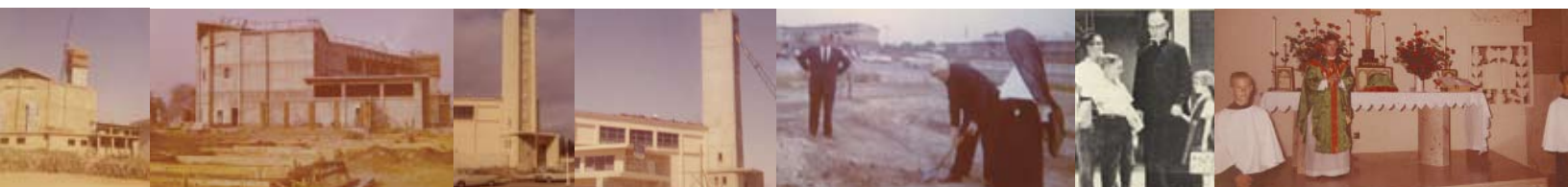
The evening's proceeds will benefit the SFDS Scholarship Fund.

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.





H1N1 READINESS

The advents of the school year, the flu season and autumn raise concerns about the transmission and impact of the H1N1 flu virus. Some dioceses and parishes have adopted some measures in an attempt to forestall the flu virus. Those who wish to minimize the possible transmission of the flu virus are certainly welcome to not drink of the chalice, not to touch one's fingers or hand in the holy water font, to smile and nod in lieu of any body contact at the Sign of Peace and to receive the Sacred Host only in the hand. At this time I see no need to alter any of our customary practices at St. Francis de Sales parish.

I will heed the advice and follow the lead of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Center for Disease Control, the California Department of Public Health and the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services. Should these agencies warn of a serious threat to public health then we will immediately adopt the following at St. Francis de Sales: the chalice will not be offered at Holy Communion, the holy water fonts will be emptied, you will be asked to minimize any body contact with anyone whether before or after Mass or during the Sign of Peace and you will be encouraged to receive Holy Communion only in the hand. These restrictive practices would last during the H1N1 threat to public health in the San Fernando Valley.

SAVE THE DATES & DEADLINES

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.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Father Mike, Msgr. Richard, Fr. Kevin and Fr. Jerry, we praise and thank God for your vocation. As you represent Christ, we are grateful for enriching our Spiritual lives. All of you give of yourselves every day in so many different ways. We hope that if any of us in our parish can help, you will not hesitate to call on us. You are in our daily prayers as we pray for you and an increase in Vocations.

-The SFDS Junipero Serra Club Members.

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.



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.

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.

Rev. Alan Edward McCoy

KNIGHTS NEWS

SFDS Knights will have its monthly clothing and non-perishable food collection this weekend (every 1st Sunday of the month) for the poor and homeless in our community.

Please bring your items to the Church this weekend and drop off before or after Masses in the bins provided. Loaves and Fishes is in real need for the increased number of people requiring assistance.

DID YOU KNOW?

Keeping Kids Safe after school

You can help keep your children safe by knowing where they spend their time after school. Get to know the adults who show up at the various locations in the community where children gather and where they play together. Be wary of any adult who seems more interested in creating a relationship with a child than with other adults. Pay attention when an adult seems to single out a child for a relationship or for special attention. Warning signs include treats, gifts, vacations, or other special favors offered only to one specific child. 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.

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.

