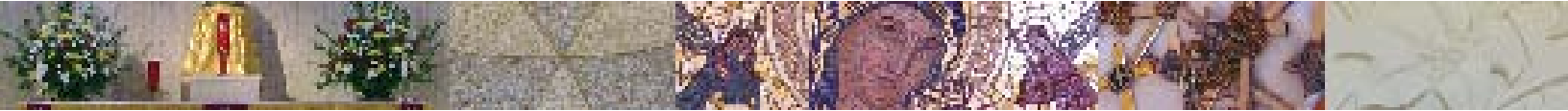


Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

November 15, 2009 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



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

Brooks Paul, 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, 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 Carol Gurseay

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

9:00 AM -In Memory of Tim Siuta

5:00 PM -In Memory of Bob De Chellis

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

8:00 AM -For the Intentions of the Parish

10:00 AM -In Memory of Melquiades Prades

12:00 PM -In Memory of Salvador Ancheda

5:00 PM -In Memory of Harriet Sayatovic

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16

8:30 AM -In Memory of Odette Vanderschans

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

8:30 AM -In Memory of Elmer Santos

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18

8:30 AM -In Memory of Benjamin Knoll

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19

8:30 AM -In Memory of Gregorio & Mary Venturanza

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20

8:30 AM -In Memory of Amalia & Howa Chan

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21

9:00 AM -In Memory of Odette Vanderschans

5:00 PM -In Memory of Tadeusz Lesisz

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (11/22)

First Reading - One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalm - The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

Second Reading - Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel - For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

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 11/15 Knights Quarterly Mass at 10 AM

8:45 a.m. – Teen Confirmation. Parish Center.

9:00 a.m. – CRE Classes.

9:00 a.m. – Book Fair in school auditorium.

10:00 a.m. – Little Church.

Tuesday 11/17

7:00 p.m. – RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 11/18

7:30 p.m. – Meditation Prayer group.

3:00 p.m. – Children’s Choir practice. In Church.

Thursday 11/19

9:30 a.m. – Bible Study. Parish Center.

6-10:00 p.m. – Choir rehearsal. Church.

Sunday 11/22 Campaign for Human Development

8:45 a.m. – Teen Confirmation. Parish Center.

9:00 a.m. – CRE Classes.

9:00 a.m. – Book Fair in school auditorium.

10:00 a.m. – Little Church.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 10/29-11/4 Collection.

Collection \$10,631.00

Parish Pay \$ 1,711.00

Total \$12,342.00

Thank you for your contributions.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY COLLECTION

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking for donations of turkeys for the poor of our parish so that they may have a blessed and fulfilling Thanksgiving. Please bring your turkeys to the Parish Center by Monday, November 23rd. Please remember the less fortunate of our parish. God bless you.

HIGH SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

PROVIDENCE November 15 12-2:30 pm

BISHOP ALEMANY November 15 12-5pm

ST. GENEVIEVE November 21 11am-12:30

NOTRE DAME November 22 10am-1pm

MARYMOUNT November 22 12:30-4 pm

LOUISVILLE December 6 11am-2 pm

MAYFIELD December 6 1-4 pm

IMMACULATE HEART December 6 1-4 pm

LOYOLA December 13 1-4 pm

For more details about the High Schools, please call them directly.





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.

SFDS BOOK FAIR 2009

The Annual SFDS Book Fair is here. Today, November 15th through the 22nd. Come visit after Mass today or next Sunday 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for both Sundays and Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-3 p.m. What a great way to start your Christmas shopping for everyone on your list. Interesting books from Pre-K to Adult subjects. The purchases of these books will also benefit our school.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Second Collection November 21-22

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes. Together we can make a difference in families and communities. Please donate prayerfully and generously. Thank you. The envelopes for the Campaign for Human Development are in the pews.

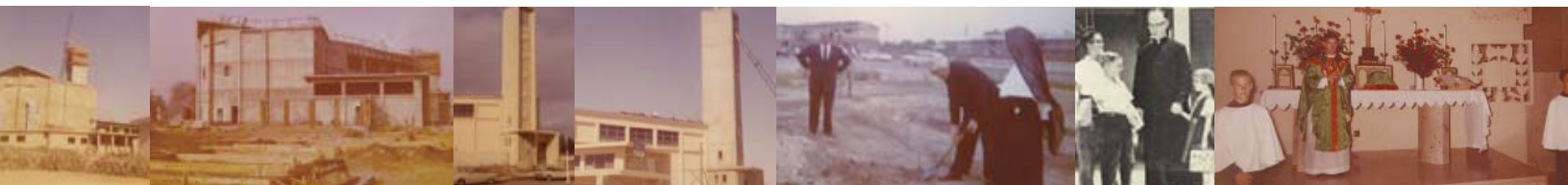
THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR THE HOMELESS

Mr. Ryan Napier's 7th grade class and the SFDS Knights are proud to sponsor the Second Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless of Loaves & Fishes and the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission. Last year, 21 parish families set aside a few hours on their Thanksgiving Day to bring countless smiles to homeless children and their families. Next weekend, November 21-22, we will be collecting all the fixings that make-up a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, including: Canned Corn/Peas/Cranberries Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Corn Bread, Beverages (water and soda), and Pies (pumpkin and pecan). We ask that all turkey donations be directed to the St. Vincent de Paul collection at the parish center no later than Monday, November 23rd. Volunteer opportunities are available on Wednesday the 25th (food preparation at SFDS Kitchen) and Thanksgiving Day at the KOC Hall in Van Nuys. Please join us in giving thanks for all of our blessings. For further information, please contact Keith Ward at (818) 257-9330 or L84teex@earthlink.net

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.





**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH HOSTS
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #3148**

For their Quarterly Mass November 15, 2009 10 am Mass

Reverend Michael Wakefield has announced that the St. Francis de Sales Mass for the Knights of Columbus Council #3148 will be celebrated at the November 15th, 2009 10 am Sunday Mass. The Knights will process in at the beginning of Mass and will be welcomed by the celebrant.

The St. Francis de Sales Knights of Columbus Roundtable has an active membership and is a part of the Van Nuys Knights of Columbus Council 3148 which incorporates members from eleven surrounding parishes.

Worldwide, the Knights of Columbus number 1.75 million Catholic men who support their Church by putting their faith into action. The Knights are the world's largest and foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society.

Locally, the Knights are very active in supporting their Church and Catholic School in many programs and are noteworthy for sponsoring the Respect for Life Committee and the Annual March for Life.

They are known for their many projects supporting our Pastor, Parish and Catholic School with such projects as:

Respect for Life Program and Annual March for Life

Basketball Free Throw, Basketball Tournament & Soccer Kick Off Contests

Annual School Essay, Spelling Bee & Poster Contests

Monthly School & Parish food & clothing collections for Loaves & Fishes

Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the poor and homeless

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, School Carnival, Fundraisers for the School Scholarship Program, Movies on the Green, Halloween Trunk or Treat & Movie

Join the State's most active K-Cs today: The St. Francis de Sales Knights Roundtable welcomes all Catholic Men to join the Knights. We are recruiting new to help the Knights support their many Parish and School programs. Contact Tom O'Malley at 818/986-6396 or Richard Marciniak at 818-997-7024 at 818-730-9410 for info and registration.

The St. Francis de Sales Parish acknowledges the following members of the SFDS Knights of Columbus Roundtable and their families for their many services to our community: Steven Adibe, Nick Bryan, Al Checco, Robert Dietz, Gerald Dong, Greg Dumas, Michael Goossen, Michael Hogan, Paul James, Paul Wilkinson, Glen Jost, John Lathuras, Norman Mahuka, Richard Marciniak, Pat Mayer, Terence McCormack, Nick Moran, James Morris, Fr. Jerry O'Mahoney, Tom O'Malley, George Osario, Brian Patton, Tyler Sanders, Bill Shaw, Dennis Sullivan, Keith Ward, Luis Williams.

SFDS SWIMMERS TAKE FIRST PLACE IN LEAGUE!

For the first time in 27 years, the SFDS Swim Team won First Place in the San Fernando Valley Catholic Swim League! Congratulations to all the SFDS Bulldog Swimmers for their hard-earned victory! We had over 90 swimmers from SFDS School and Parish that participated on the team this year! St. John Baptist de la Salle came in second place and St. John Eudes finished third overall.

Special thanks to our coaches, Head Coach Jean Everman, Larry Enos, Jody Bradley, and Mike Swander; Team Rep Denise Sleutjes; Team Managers Jack & Marci Moran; and all the Swim Parents for their considerable commitment to the SFDS Swim Team Program! Thanks to Father Mike, Principal Galla and the SFDS School and Parish Staff for their support of the Swim Team. And thank you to the entire SFDS Community for their encouragement all season long! To see the trophies from our winning season and the First Place League Plaque, visit the trophy case located at the entrance of the auditorium. www.sfdsswimteam.org is the team web site, please visit it for more news.

Way to go Bulldog Swimmers!



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.

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.

KNIGHTS NEWS

SFDS Knights has its monthly clothing and non-perishable food collection for the poor and homeless in our community, every first Sunday of each month.

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.

EARNING 4 LEARNING

at The Westfield Fashion Square in Sherman Oaks

Participating in Earning 4 Learning is easy! Westfield Sherman Oaks Fashion Square is donating to local schools as part of their customer appreciation program. They give SFDS 10 points for every dollar spent for most shops & food court eateries at the mall (5 points per dollar for Macy's and Bloomingdales). The more points we have, the more money SFDS School earns. There is no catch and no cost to you. Just buy the things you normally would at the Sherman Oaks Fashion Square & then show your receipts to the Concierge (located on the first floor by Pottery Barn.) Receipts are logged, stamped and returned to you. All of your regular and holiday shopping, as well as your food court purchases qualify! The program runs from November 1st to May 31st. From November to December, please collect your receipts as the turn in dates do not start until January 1st. (However, November and December receipts apply once registered in January.) For more information, you can log onto http://www.shoppingpartnership.com/points/westfield_fashion_square.htm

BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION

This is a great way to raise money for the school and is absolutely free! Just look for the pink labels on your favorite foods, shopping items, and office products. Clip & save them. When you have a bunch, bring them to the School or Scrip office and we will do the rest! Hundreds of dollars have been earned through the years, helping SFDS to buy much needed curriculum materials for the school.

Recycle Used Cell Phones and Printer Cartridges

Did you know SFDS earns money on every used printer cartridge and cell phone? Please bring to the School or Scrip office and we'll turn them in for cash back to the school.

Carol Gursey

SIMBANG GABI AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Simbang Gabi, the Novena of Masses from December 16 through December 24, is a cherished custom in the Philippines. St. Jane Frances will offer its Simbang Gabi on December 18th. St. Charles Borromeo will offer its Simbang Gabi on December 19th. St. Francis de Sales will offer its Simbang Gabi on Monday, December 21 at 7:00 pm.

QUEST 2009

Louisville High School Grand Raffle 2010 Mini Cooper or \$10,000 Cash

A donation of \$100 per ticket, 6 tickets for \$500. Only 600 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held on Friday, November 20, 2009 at the Quest gala event at the Four Seasons Hotel, Westlake Village. The winner need not be present. Vehicle taxes and license are not included. Call Louisville at (818) 346-7510 to purchase tickets or for additional details.

Please note that starting Saturday, November 28th, 2009, all Saturday Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. This will continue throughout the year.

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 and click on "Back to School Safety."

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

VATICAN II SERIES

St. Mel Book Club is happy to announce that on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 7 PM, 20870 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills in the Pastoral Center Room 200, Father Stephen Cooley, O.C.M., M.S.W., D.MIN. will begin a series discussing Vatican II: its importance and outcome. His series will continue for several months covering topics such as: the emerging role of the Priest and the Lay Person. Where do we fit? Has Vatican II changed us? Among the other topics Father Cooley will address are: the nature of the Church, social justice, religious freedom and how the Church views other Faith traditions.

Father Cooley will begin by discussing the context in which John XXIII called Vatican II by giving a brief history of prior Councils. Why did Pope John XXIII call Vatican II? What were some of the tensions at the Council? What is the unfinished business of Vatican II and should another Council be called?

Father Stephen Cooley studied Theology in Rome from 1963 to 1966 during Vatican II. He is a Carmelite priest and past associate pastor of St Michael's Church of Houston, Texas. A native of Chicago and the oldest of nine children, he holds four degrees: a Bachelor of Arts, Masters in Theology, a Masters in psychiatric social work and a Doctorate in pastoral ministry. Throughout his more than forty years as a priest.

For more information please come to the Wednesday, November 18th session to receive a schedule. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the presentation begins at 7:30 pm.

