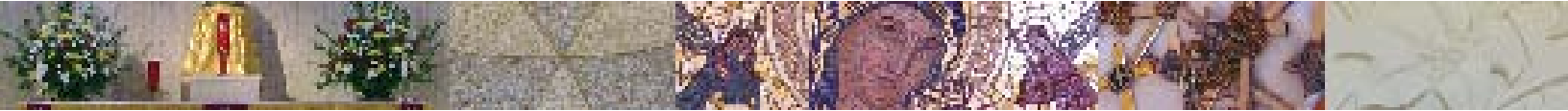


Saint Francis de Sales Church Bulletin

November 22, 2009 ~ Sherman Oaks, California



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

David Story, Brooks Paul, 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 Breedon.

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 Mary Arnerich

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY- NOVEMBER 21

9:00 AM -In Memory of Odette Vanderschans

5:00 PM -In Memory of Tadeusz Leisisz

SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 22

8:00 AM -In Memory of President John F. Kennedy

10:00 AM -In Memory of Susie Sedita

12:00 PM -In Memory of Lane King

5:00 PM -For the Intentions of the Parish

MONDAY- NOVEMBER 23

8:30 AM -In Memory of Cora Hotard

TUESDAY- NOVEMBER 24

8:30 AM -In Memory of Dirso De Leon

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25

8:30 AM -In Memory of Lourdes De Leon

7:00 PM -For the Intentions of the Parish

THURSDAY- NOVEMBER 26

8:30 AM -In Memory of Lisa Blackwell Hamer

FRIDAY- NOVEMBER 27

8:30 AM -For the Intentions of Louis & Conchita Muñoz-Vignes

SATURDAY- NOVEMBER 28

8:30 AM -In Memory of Jo Clancy

5:00 PM -In Memory of Carol Gursej

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (11/29)

First Reading - The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm - To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading - May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2).

Gospel - There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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.”



FROM FATHER MIKE

Many thanks to Mr. Jack Lathuras, our Director of Religious Education and Confirmation, for organizing and making possible an overnight for our Confirmation I students. Our Confirmation Program pulls students from many different high schools and this was an opportunity early in the school year to bring the Confirmation I students together for them to meet each other. They started at 6:00 Saturday evening, put up tents in the field, had hamburgers and hot dogs, watched “Stand by Me”, had an activity and then made the remote preparations for getting to sleep. The time I heard for getting to sleep was about 1:30 am. In the morning they slowly emerged from their tents, made a fire, had bagels and cream cheese and OJ, got cleaned up and had their regular Sunday morning class. My two predictions of Saturday night came true, the students had a blast and the adults were like zombies. Many thanks to the following adults for helping in different ways and a special thanks to the adults who stayed the night as chaperones.

Jack Lathuras, Billy Gillespie, Marlene Gamboa, Tammy Buchanon, Lori Demarest, Nick Bryan, Keith Ward, Tom O’Malley, Laurie Rey, Andy Wright, Cleo Vasquez, Pauline Story.

Our wonderful choir, augmented by orchestra, put on Hayden’s “Mass in Time of War” the same evening as the Confirmation I overnight. Our choir was wonderful. Many thanks to our valiant choir members who help us lift our minds and hearts to God every Sunday at 10:00. A special thanks to Ms. Jeannine Wagner-Gallardo, Director and Mr. Steve Park, Organist.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 11/22 Campaign for Human Development
8:45AM-Teen Confirmation. Parish Center.
9AM–CRE Classes.
9AM–Book Fair in school auditorium.
10AM-Little Church.

Tuesday 11/24
7PM-RCIA. Parish Center.

Wednesday 11/25
7PM-Thanksgiving Vigil Mass.

Thursday 11/26 THANKSGIVING DAY
8:30AM-Mass

Saturday 11/28
8:30AM-Mass

Monday 11/30
No school for SFDS students, Parent Teacher conferences.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Week of 11/5-11/11 Collection.

Collection \$12,619.00
Parish Pay \$ 1,711.00
Total \$14,330.00

Thank you for your contributions.

ALL THE PREISTS AND STAFF OF St. Francis de Sales Church,
Wish all our Parishioners and their Families, a very Happy Thanksgiving.





THANKSGIVING AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Our national day of Thanksgiving has been celebrated every year since it was proclaimed by President Lincoln in 1863. The day of Thanksgiving moved among various Thursdays in November until Congress set Thanksgiving on the 4th Thursday of November in 1941. Parishes schedule their principal Thanksgiving Mass either Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. I wish to tell you at this early date that our principal Thanksgiving Mass will be Wednesday evening, November 25th at 7:00. There will be the regular 8:30 Mass Thanksgiving morning. You are invited to bring a basket of food items which will be placed on your Thanksgiving table to the Wednesday evening Mass to be blessed. You may wish to bring bread or rolls or wine or a frozen turkey - whatever you wish blessed - to Mass. Bring it to the altar before Mass, it will be blessed during Mass and pick it up when Mass ends.

PASTOR'S NOTES

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

SFDS BOOK FAIR 2009

The Annual SFDS Book Fair is over today, November 22nd. Come visit after Mass today from 9 a.m.-1:30 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.

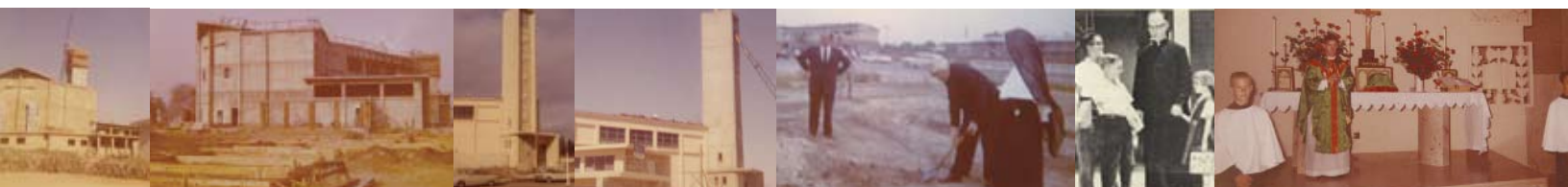
THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR THE HOMELESS

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

SFDS GIVING TREE

Our Annual SFDS Christmas "Giving Tree" is coming to the Children's Chapel and will be decorated with gift tags, each bearing the name and the age of a needy individual. You, our generous parishioners, are invited to take home a tag (or two!) and add this person to your Christmas list. We ask that you buy a new item of your choosing for the individual, wrap the gift and return the gift with the gift tag on it to the Parish Office by Sunday, December 20th.

This year our gifts will go to benefit the Good Shepherd Shelter in Los Angeles. The mission of the Good Shepherd Shelter is to provide a temporary haven for battered and abused women and their children. The shelter provides a safe and loving community where mothers can address the painful past and begin new, violence-free lives. At Good Shepherd Shelter, the mothers choose to break the cycle of abuse and take on the leadership of and responsibility for their families. The long-term care guides families through the complex social, psychological and educational issues that confront them. There are currently twelve families of battered and abused women with their children residing at the Good Shepherd Shelter in Los Angeles. Please open your hearts to these needy families, especially during this holiday season.





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.

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.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Second Collection November 21-22

These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans, these choices are forced by layoffs, pay freezes or retirement funds decrease. For 37 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The Campaign for Human Development makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to read more details of CCHD's efforts to break the cycle of poverty across our country.

Envelopes for the CCHD second collection are in the pews. This collection will be taken after Holy Communion.

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. (not on November 25th) 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 will have its monthly clothing and non-perishable food collection for the poor and homeless in our community every First Sunday of the month.

Please bring your items to the Church 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.

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

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.

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.

IS THIS MOVIE SUITABLE FOR MY CHILDREN?

Reviews and ratings of an extensive list of movies, both current and archived is available at www.usccb.org/movies/. This service is provided by the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Office of Film and Broadcasting.

AN IRISH CHRISTMAS

Lift your spirits this Christmas season with a joyful and “rip-roaring” Christmas night in Ireland. David Munnely, Irish button accordion wizard and sensational Celtic Fiddler, Kathleen Keane, Sirocco, three Irish sisters singing Christmas songs and The Kerry Dance Troupe. Come join the feast of Irish music, dance, song, and storytelling in a night celebrating family life, friendship, and community.

Saturday, November 28th at 8 p.m. at the Thousand Oaks Civic Center, (805) 449-2787.

Sunday, November 29th at 2 p.m. at the Irvine Barclay Theatre, (929) 854-4646.

More dates and venues are listed on the website, please reserve tickets early before the best seats are gone. Visit www.kerryrecords for more details or call 818 784-3805.

ST. CHARLES CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

St. Charles Borromeo Church Annual Christmas Boutique in the Social Center, Sun., Nov. 22, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Handmade crocheted, knitted items, arts & crafts, bake booth. Continue shopping Sun., Nov. 22 meet Santa and have breakfast by Knights of Columbus. Corner of Moorpark and Lankershim in North Hollywood.

FINGERPRINTING

If anyone works with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, they would have been fingerprinted. Aides, CYO coaches, volunteers can get fingerprinted on:

Friday, December 4th at St. Didacus in Sylmar, from 12-3:40 p.m. and 5:20-7:20 p.m. Call (818) 367-6181 for an appointment.

Friday, December 11th at Santa Rosa in San Fernando, from 12-3:40 p.m. and 5:20-7:20 p.m.. Call (818) 361-4617 ext.451 for an appointment.

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.

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.

