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St. Francis de Sales ~ Pray for Us

SFDS PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

New parishioners registration or to update your existing information, please complete this form & place it directly in the Collection Basket, hand-it to an Usher, mail-it to or drop-it off at the Parish Center. You may also call with updates, so we may keep your records current.

Or you may Register on-line at our website: sfdsparish.com

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FAMILY NAME: _____

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If you use the envelopes in the pews, please make sure that you **write your envelope number (if known), your first and last name.**

Thank you.

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

Acts 2:1-11

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25

John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

MASS Times

Daily: 8:15 AM, Monday thru Friday

Saturday: 8:15 AM and 5:00 PM → Vigil

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12-Noon

Confessions: 4:00 PM on Saturday's

Baptisms and Weddings:

Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	May 18
8:15 AM	<i>Mother's Day Novena</i>
5:00 PM	<i>For the Intentions of All Parishioners</i>
SUNDAY	May 19
8:00 AM	<i>In Memories of Lucille C. & John Gaudio</i>
10:00 AM	<i>In Memory of Marciano Nativdad</i>
12:00 PM	<i>Mother's Day Novena</i>
MONDAY	May 20
8:15 AM	<i>Mother's Day Novena</i>
TUESDAY	May 21
8:15 AM	<i>In Memories of Julia & George Stedner</i>
WEDNESDAY	May 22
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Julita De Castro</i>
THURSDAY	May 23
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of St. Expedite</i>
FRIDAY	May 24
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Arnel de Leon</i>
SATURDAY	May 25
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Mary Ann Blee</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Kathleen Baker McCambridge</i>

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 05/19	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>
Monday, 05/20	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>
Tuesday, 05/21	<i>St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</i>
Wednesday, 05/22	<i>St. Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>
Saturday, 05/25	<i>St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin, BVM</i>

CONTRIBUTIONS to the CHURCH

Week of 05/10 - 05/13/2024 Collections

Collections: \$ 11,591.00
Faith Direct: \$ 3,625.00
Total: \$15,216.00

Thank you for your generous contributions.

Pray For
The Dead



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:

Mary Ann Blee, Kerry Wyse, Louise Brancala, Charlie Ho,
Johnny Lopez, Jackie Ward-Smith, Ann Murcia,
Rosemary Schreiber, Deb Marsdale, Linda Lucas, Vickie Council,
Joan Gore, Victoria Taylor, William Moulprie, Rose Bann,
James Armstrong, Sr., Catherine Mwamba, Kathy Polk,
Pat Yahnke, Linda Mauleon, Sandra Mitchell, Sharon Crigler,
Samiee Nejad, Mary Bailey, Eric Duran, Tina McConnell,
Patrick McDougall, Tish Mc Daniel, Rio Villamar, Nina Barnes,
Jana Rattigan, Audrey Rattigan, Jezebel Todd, Lauren Britton,
Jen Welch, Bob Dixon, Tony Guadagno, John Proscetto,
Dexter Gray, Annie Salazar, Jim Earnhart, Joseph Stockert,
Marianne Karibian, Rose Ang, Lisa Miranda, Sheila van der Veen,
Leonila Siga-an, Jonathan Jacobs, Sammi Petri, Brett Good,
Georgina Nicoletti, Lindsay Dean, Saverio Barbieri, Davis Weld,
Kevin Hogan, Rose Pernice, Catherine Sweeney, Jeffrey Paynton,
Tommy Fitzpatrick, Doris McNary, Marilyn Sidley,
Karin Quinn Forward, John Knight, Susan Maria, Kevin Patrick,
Sean Kevin, Fran Hurton, Virginia Johnson, Arnaud Gregori,
Mary Henriksen, Dominic Mantei, Edith Reeves, Stefanie Gabler,
Jake Patterson, Rose Rios, Anita & Austen Canzano,
David Bell, Marie Schewe, Tom & Judy King, Jonathan Masse,
Steve Dee, Darya Williams, Gus Calderon, Robert Willing,
Josue Meza, Thomas Oliver, Philip Graber, and Blake Cline

Mother's Day Novena of Masses

May 12 thru May 20

We offer nine consecutive Masses beginning Mother's Day. Envelopes to enroll the women you wish remembered in the Mother's Day Novena of Masses are in the pews. Simply write the names of the women you wish remembered in these nine Masses, enclose your donation, and place the envelope in the Collection Basket or drop it off at the Parish Center.

Your Giving Brings Hope to Your Parish

Use SFDS Parish's online giving platform, **Faith Direct**, to deepen your commitment to our parish. Your re-occurring gifts will sustain our parish month after month. You will also help our parish by cutting costs for envelopes and paper, allowing our staff to spend less time processing cash and checks and more on helping others. It's easy to get started.

Here are different ways to sign-up:

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- E-mail: **info@faithdirect.net**
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A familiar Child's Prayer is:

God is Great, God is Good. Let us thank God for our food. Amen.

I was glancing through a book I found, "The Immigrant Experience", edited by Thomas C. Wheeler, 1971. In an essay about Norwegian brothers emigrating to the United States in the 1860's are the two additional lines to this prayer:

***God is Great, God is Good. Let us thank God for our food,
By His hands we are fed. We Thank You for our daily bread. Amen.***

May ~ *The Month of Our Lady* ~ **The BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Our spiritual exercises during the month of May can emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal Mystery.

Here are some lovely and beautiful practices to *Honor Our Lady*:



The Regina Coeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For He, whom You did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen as He said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray:

O God, who gave joy to the world through
the resurrection of thy Son,

our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee,
that through the intercession

of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother,
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.

Through the same Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

The Rosary

Also called the *Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, the Rosary is one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of God. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. These consist of a long series of invocations to Our Lady, which follow in a uniform rhythm, thereby creating a stream of prayer characterized by insistent praise and supplication.

Consecration and Entrustment to Mary

The Roman Pontiffs have frequently expressed appreciation for the pious practice of "Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary" and the formulas publicly used by them are well known.

The Brown Scapular and other Scapulars

The *Scapular* is an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to Her protection, who have recourse to Her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.

Medals

These are witnesses of faith and a sign of veneration of the Holy Mother of God, as well as of trust in Her maternal protection. The Church blesses such objects of Marian devotion in the belief that "they help to remind the faithful of the love of God, and to increase trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary."

Pentecost

Sunday, May 19, 2024

With the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into heaven, Jesus' work to make possible our redemption/salvation is complete. That ending yields to a beginning, the era of the Holy Spirit to work in and through humanity and our world until the Lord returns a second final time.

The Jewish History of Pentecost

"Pentecost" is from the Greek word *Pentekoste* meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the Jewish Festival of Shavuot celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. Shavuot is also known as the "Feast of Weeks" and the "Feast of 50 days". On this day, the first fruits of the grain harvest were offered to the Lord (Lev. 23:15-21 and Deut. 16:9-11). The second chapter of Acts begins with the 12 Apostles together in one place on Pentecost (the Feast of Weeks) when suddenly a sound like the rush of a mighty wind was heard and tongues as of fire resting on each apostle (Acts 2:1-3).

Miracles the Apostles Experienced

When the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles as tongues of fire, they received the courage to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone. Miraculously, the people of many different languages and nations crowded in Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks could understand the Apostles in their own languages. This miracle reflected God's desire for the Gospel to be preached to all, and for all the peoples of the earth to be united in faith.

The Most Important Effect of Pentecost

The miraculous tongues of fire, along with the Apostles' ability to speak in different languages, is impressive. However, the most important and most lasting effect of Pentecost surpassed those. Pentecost marks the point from which the apostles carried the message of Christ to the whole world. The authority that Christ gave his Apostles through the Holy Spirit extends through the bishops today. The Holy Spirit guides the Church. In fact, St. Augustine said that the Holy Spirit was the soul of the Church. Just as the soul gives life to the body, so also the Spirit gives life to the Church.

The Spirit Continues to Make Christ Present

"No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:3).

After the Ascension Jesus is no longer physically present on earth. However, Jesus has not left us alone. Indeed, Jesus is still present to us in other ways. Jesus has left us the sacraments through which the Holy Spirit conveys the grace of God in a physical and tangible way. Pentecost marks the beginning of this new, sacramental era in which we live today.

What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Wisdom is both the knowledge of and judgment about "divine things" and the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth.

Understanding is penetrating insight into the very heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation—in effect, the ability to "see" God.

Counsel allows a person to be directed by God in matters necessary for his/her salvation.

Fortitude denotes a firmness of mind in doing good and in avoiding evil, particularly when it is difficult or dangerous to do so, and the confidence to overcome all obstacles, even deadly ones, by virtue of the assurance of everlasting life.

Knowledge is the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action, so as to never wander from the straight path of justice.

Piety is, principally, revering God with filial affection, paying worship and duty to God, paying due duty to all people on account of their relationship to God, and honoring the saints and not contradicting Scripture. The Latin word *pietas* denotes the reverence that we give to our parents and to our country; since God is God of all, the worship of God is also called piety.

**SAVE THE DATE: Wagner Ensemble Presents
Spring Concert**



The Wagner Ensemble, under the direction of Jeannine Wagner, presents *The L.A. Connection*, *A Concert of Los Angeles Composers* featuring works by Adrienne Albert, John Biggs, Keith Clark, Morten Lauridsen, and Danaë Xanthe Vlasse. The Wagner Ensemble will be accompanied by noted keyboardist Mark Holmstrom.

**TICKETS: \$20 General Admission
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Memorial Day Mass at Mission Cemetery

Twice a year, on All Souls Day and on Memorial Day, Holy Mass is offered at our 11 cemeteries in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Bishop Albert Bahhuth, our Regional Bishop, will offer Mass at the San Fernando Mission Cemetery on Monday, May 27th at 10:00 AM.

You are welcome and invited to join this Mass on Memorial Day at the Mission Cemetery.

A Spiritual Journey to Greece

In the Footsteps of St. Paul & St. John and the Early Christian Community, including a Greek Isle Cruise

Under the Spiritual Direction of: Fr. Mike Wakefield
Group Coordinator: Ms. Carla Kazimir

13-Day Itinerary: May 12 to 24, 2025

Arrive in Thessaloniki, Philippi and Kavala, Byzantine monasteries of Meteora, Delphi, Athens, cruise to Mykonos, Ephesus and Patmos, Rhodes, Crete & Santorini, return to Athens & Corinth and fly home.

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For information, please contact the Group Coordinator: Ms. Carla Kazimir at carla.kazimir@gmail.com or call/text at **818-468-7068**

Did You Know?

"Myth-busting" Abduction Statistics

News sources hyper-focus on abductions by strangers, generating fear and anxiety that these abductions happen often and everywhere. According to data from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), however, about 100 children per year are abducted by strangers nationwide. It is far, far more likely that a missing child ran away from home or was enticed to leave home by someone he knows or trusts. More than 80% of missing children reported to NCMEC have left home under their own power, even if their decision to leave was coerced.

For more information about missing children, read the VIRTUS® article

"Know the Facts: Abductions and Human Trafficking" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/

**Calling All Campers!
SVDP Summer Camp**

The SFDS Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a week's stay at the beautiful Circle V Ranch Camp in Santa Barbara for children that otherwise would not have an opportunity. This camp is operated by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and is a wonderful experience for children 7 – 13 years old. Through our Conference, we can sponsor a camper for \$300.00 for a week. We would love to extend this experience to as many children as we can. Can we count on you to contribute to SVDP and make someone a Happy Circle V Ranch Camper?

For any questions?

Please email us at: svdp@sfdsparish.com
or Call **818-784-8825** or go to circlevranchcamp.org

St. Francis de Sales Swim Team!

Our swim team is open to all children who are parishioners of St. Francis de Sales:

- K - 8th Grade
- Practices held at a nearby pool
- Non-mandatory Summer practices start in mid-June; Fall practices begin when school starts
- Try-out consists of swimming freestyle stroke length of the 25-yard pool (two lengths); if swimmers are 9 years and older, and demonstrating proper side breathing
- 4 Fall swim meets
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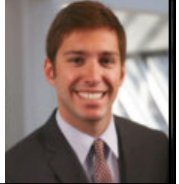
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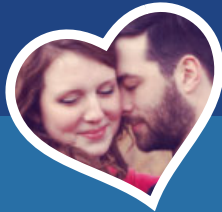
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