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21 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2026

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St. Francis de Sales ~ Pray for Us

MASS Times:

Monday thru Saturday: 8:15 a.m.
Saturday → Anticipated Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12-Noon

Confessions: 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays

Baptisms and Weddings:

Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026
Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalms 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

SFDS PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	August 22
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Holly Olivia Emily Santiago</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Dave Anthony McIntosh</i>
SUNDAY	August 23
8:00 AM	<i>In Memory of Yrma Aragon</i>
10:00 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Brandon Christopher Tipping</i>
12:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Louis Bufalini</i> <i>In Memory of Michele Lombardo</i>
MONDAY	August 24
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Jane Letch Taylor</i>
TUESDAY	August 25
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Patricia Jimenez</i>
WEDNESDAY	August 26
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Grace Schunker</i>
THURSDAY	August 27
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Aniela Gulowska</i>
FRIDAY	August 28
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of David Briggs</i>
SATURDAY	August 29
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Daniela Fita</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Joseph Barkovich</i>

**Pray For
The Dead**



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
and let Your perpetual light shine
upon them. May the souls of all
the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:

Kathleen Wheeler, Mary Lena Waldheim, Alberto Chavando,
Sonia Hernandez Chavando, Sean Aguirre, Gisele Hayek, Susan Ho,
Angela Samona, Denise Loren, Leticia Romero, Carmel Rattigan,
Kathy Molloy, Glenn J. Lawlor, Jr., Olga Oshiro, Maria Berreondo,
Tanya Valazquez, Catherine Crews, Deana Domsten, Mary Ann Bleses,
Kerry Wyse, Louise Brancale, Charlie Ho, Jackie Ward-Smith,
Ann Murcia, Rosemary Schreiber, Deb Marsdale, Linda Lucas,
Vickie Council, Joan Gore, William Moultrie, 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, Nina Barnes, Jana Rattigan,
Jezebel Todd, Lauren Britton, Jen Welch, Bob Dixon,
Tony Guadagno, John Proscetto, Dexter Gray, Annie Salazar,
Jim Earnhart, Joseph Stockert, Rose Ang, Sheila van der Veen,
Leonila Siga-an, Jonathan Jacobs, Sammi Petri,
Georgina Nicoletti, Lindsay Dean, Saverio Barbieri, Davis Weld,
Kevin Hogan, Catherine Sweeney, Jeffrey Paynton,
Tommy Fitzpatrick, Doris McNary, Marilyn Sidley,
Karin Quinn Forward, Susan Maria, Kevin Patrick, Sean Kevin,
Bruce Johnson, Virginia Johnson, Fran Hurton, 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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 08/23	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, 08/24	<i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>
Tuesday, 08/25	<i>St. Louis, Priest;</i> <i>St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest</i>
Thursday, 08/27	<i>St. Monica</i>
Friday, 08/28	<i>St. Augustine, Bishop</i> <i>and Doctor of the Church</i>
Saturday, 08/29	The Passion of St. John the Baptist

CONTRIBUTIONS to the CHURCH

Weekend: 08/14 - 08/16/2026

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The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities, and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

[Note that this school *Student Non-Discrimination Policy* does not provide nor imply that the LA Archdiocese waives any legal exceptions or exemptions that may apply to it as a religious non-profit organization.]

Registration for 2026 - 2027 — Catholic Religious Education (CRE)

Elementary — CRE
High School — Confirmation
Little Church / Sunday Pre-school

Sunday, September 13 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00-Noon

in the School Auditorium located at 13368 Valleyheart Drive, Sherman Oaks



- 1) **Registration forms** are available online at the parish website.
- 2) Go to the parish website: www.sfdsparish.com and click on **Religious Education for all Ages**.
- 3) **Print-out** the proper registration form for Elementary and/or Confirmation, **completely fill-out the forms**.
- 4) **Bring completed reg forms and fee(s) by check or cash to the CRE Registration on Sunday, Sept. 13.**

For Questions?

Please contact **Mr. Jack Lathuras** at (818) 782-7846 or E-mail: jlathuras@sfdsparish.com
Parish Center telephone #: (818) 784-0105

Religious Education Elementary: Grades 1 – 8 for those who do not attend a Catholic school.

- Fee is \$80.00 for all grades; Except for Grade 2, which the fee is \$100.00
- Bring a copy of student's Baptismal Certificate to register
- Sessions are on Sunday morning from 9:00 A.M. to 9:50 A.M.
- **Sessions for elementary will begin on Sunday, September 20**

Confirmation: Freshman and Sophomore high school students in every high school

- Two-year high school program with two semesters every year
- Fee is \$125.00 per year
- Bring a copy of student's Baptismal and First Holy Communion Certificates to register
- Sessions are on Sunday morning from 8:45 A.M. to 9:45 A.M.
- **Sessions for Teen Confirmation will begin Sunday, October 18**

Little Church / Sunday Pre-School (Ages 3 - 6):

Promotes religious enrichment of children in prayers, scriptures, songs, music, and crafts.
Little Church is on Sunday mornings from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

**Do you wish to become a Catholic?
Do you know someone who wishes to become a Catholic?**

Now is the time.

Christian Initiation of Adults, sometimes called OCIA, is an invitation to encounter the crucified and risen LORD JESUS through a new or renewed interest in private prayer, our public prayer (Sunday Mass), and study. By engaging in the prayer and worship life offered by the Catholic Church and through studying those truths revealed by Christ and handed down by the Apostles and their successors, our bishops. Participants are invited to enter more deeply into a relationship with the LORD, the Most Holy Trinity.

Christian Initiation of Adults is the typical way that those who are interested to begin learning more about the Catholic Church, its prayers, teachings, and spirituality. It is an introduction to the Catholic understanding of GOD and creation and to the relationship into which GOD invites each of us, both with the LORD JESUS and with one another.

Adult Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation or who simply want to learn more about their faith may also benefit from participating in OCIA.

**The first session of our Christian Initiation of Adults is Wednesday, August 26th at 7:00 P.M.,
in the Parish Center – 13360 Valleyheart Drive, Sherman Oaks 91423.**

For questions/information, please call the Parish Center at (818) 784-0105
or E-mail: **Stella Rivera: stella_riv@yahoo.com** or **Donna Casey: donnacasey@kw.com**

Did You Know?

Back to School with a Culture of Safety

When it comes to schools and programs that serve children, it is critical to have a culture of safety that protects children from sexual abuse. Examine your child's school or programs for evidence of this culture — look for values that emphasize child safety and decisions that put children at the center while allocating resources for safety. This can look like compliance with federal and state laws, professional ethics and standards, and a culture that encourages youth and families to get involved.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article

"High Stakes: A Culture of Safety for Every Child" at: lacatholics.org/did-you-know

Information about the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' efforts and protocols to protect children and vulnerable adults in our churches, schools, and ministries is available at: <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>

Mass in Recognition of All Immigrants

Sunday, September 20th at 3:30 P.M.

at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles 90012

All are welcome to attend. Pre-procession begins at 3:00 P.M.

This celebration is a joint effort with the Dioceses of Orange, San Bernardino, and San Diego.

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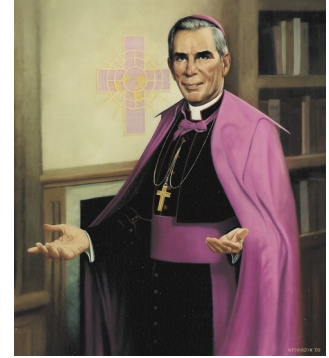
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Bishop Fulton J. Sheen to be declared Blessed

The name of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen was for several generations of Americans a household name. Bishop Sheen appeared on the radio program, *The Catholic Hour* from 1928 – 1952. Bishop Sheen then moved to television with *"Life is Worth Living"* from February 12, 1952 to April 08, 1957. Bishop Sheen's brilliant mind, disarming smile, down-to-earth manner, keen insights and dramatic delivery made him gifted teacher and preacher.

Bishop Sheen appeared opposite Milton Berle on Tuesday nights, the only person to be competitive with Berle. Sheen drew as many as 10 million viewers each week. Bishop Sheen and Berle enjoyed a friendly rivalry. Berle is reported to have joked, "We both work for the same boss, *'Sky Chief Supreme'*", referring to a grade of gasoline produced by Texaco, his sponsor. Later, when Bishop Sheen won an Emmy, Berle quipped, "He's got better writers – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John!" As a take-off on Berle's nickname *"Uncle Miltie,"* Bishop Sheen once opened his program by saying, "Good evening, this is Uncle Fultie."

- Born Peter John Sheen on May 08, 1895 in El Paso, Illinois and he took his mother's maiden name "Fulton" as his first name
- Ordination on September 20, 1919
- Consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of New York on June 11, 1951
- Named Bishop of Rochester on October 21, 1966
- On October 06, 1969, Sheen resigned as bishop of Rochester
- Appointed archbishop of the titular see of Newport, Wales on October 15, 1969
- Died on December 09, 1979 in New York City
- Buried at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City 1979 – 2019
- Buried at St. Mary Cathedral in Peoria, Illinois since 2019



Bishop Fulton Sheen will be declared "Blessed" on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at The Dome of America's Center in St. Louis.

While serving Mass as an 8-year old altar boy for Bishop John L. Spalding of Peoria, young Sheen dropped a wine cruet on the floor and it shattered. After the Mass, Bishop Spalding spoke to the frightened boy and made two bold predictions about him. First, the bishop said he would one day study at Louvain in Belgium; second, he told the young Sheen, "Someday you will be just as I am." (Bishop Spalding's last four years of the seminary were at the American College of the Immaculate Conception in Louvain, Belgium. Bishop Spalding was also a co-founder of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.)

A year after his ordination, Father Sheen went to The Catholic University of America to continue his studies. After one year, he left to advanced study in philosophy at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. Five years later, he returned to The Catholic University of America to teach for 23 years. Bishop Spalding was made a monsignor by Pope Pius XI at age 39.

Father Sheen's first experience in broadcasting was in 1926 when he was invited to record a series of Sunday evening Lenten sermons on a New York radio station. Four years later, the young priest was asked to be a Summer fill-in for two weeks on *The Catholic Hour* radio program. The audience response was so positive that he was asked to continue as a weekly speaker on the show.

From 1930 to 1950, Father (then monsignor) Sheen's weekly radio talks on *The Catholic Hour* presented Catholic teaching.

On Easter Sunday, March 24, 1940, Monsignor Sheen appeared on the world's first broadcast of a Catholic religious service. He spoke on *"The Spiritual Symbolism of Television."* Monsignor Sheen left Catholic University in 1950 to become the National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

He was consecrated an Auxiliary Bishop of New York on June 11, 1951. In the Fall of that year, he began his famous television series, *"Life is Worth Living"*. It was a tremendous success, eventually reaching an estimated 30 million viewers each week, which would make it the most widely-viewed religious series in the history of television. He won an Emmy Award for Most Outstanding Television Personality, was featured on the cover of Time Magazine, and became one of the most influential Catholics of the 20th century.

Bishop Sheen is credited with raising many millions of dollars to support Catholic Missions through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For 16 years, he led this effort for 129 dioceses throughout the United States and influenced the lives of tens of millions of people all over the world.

Bishop Sheen attended all the sessions of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). He worked closely with then Father Joseph Ratzinger, who was a theological expert on the commission for mission and who later became Pope Benedict XVI (2005-2013). In a 2012 interview with Vatican Radio, the Pope re-called how "Fulton Sheen ... would fascinate us in the evenings with his talks."

In 1966, Sheen was named Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester. One month after celebrating his 50th Anniversary as a priest in 1969, Bishop Sheen submitted his resignation to the Holy Father, Pope Paul VI. In his resignation letter, Bishop Sheen wrote, "I am not retiring, only re-treading." Pope John Paul VI named him Archbishop of the Titular See of Newport, Wales. Archbishop Sheen remained active, spending the last years of his life chiefly in writing and preaching.

A consistent theme in Archbishop Sheen's preaching throughout his life, especially in his later years, was the benefits of making a holy hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Many people who worked closely with him over the years attest that he never failed to keep his holy hour from the day of his priestly ordination until his death on the floor of his private chapel in Our Lord's presence on December 09, 1979.

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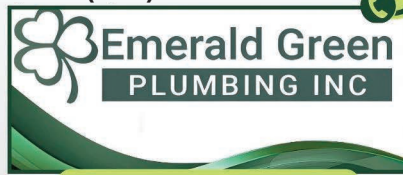
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