

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

13360 VALLEYHEART DRIVE, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91423

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 30, 2026



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

SEPTEMBER 4th

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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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

SFDS PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	August 29
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Daniela Fita</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Joseph Barkovich</i>
SUNDAY	August 30
8:00 AM	<i>For the Intentions of AJ Ruffin</i>
10:00 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Corina Carolina Rinkenberger</i>
12:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Don McCann</i>
MONDAY	August 31
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Jimmy Reduta</i>
TUESDAY	September 01
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Mae Cronin</i>
WEDNESDAY	September 02
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Alberto Campain</i>
THURSDAY	September 03
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Lydia Di Tirro</i>
FRIDAY	September 04
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Richard Guzman</i>
SATURDAY	September 05
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Marian Walak</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Earla Quakenbush</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, 08/30	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday, 09/01	<i>St. Vibiana, Virgin and Martyr</i>
Thursday, 09/03	<i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>
Friday, 09/04	Our Lady Queen of the Angels
Saturday, 09/05	Saturday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CONTRIBUTIONS to the CHURCH

Weekend: 08/21 - 08/23/2026

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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.]

Religious Education Registration for 2026 – 2027

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, and **completely fill-out the forms**.
- 4) **Bring the completed reg forms and fee(s) by check or cash to the RE Registration on Sunday, September 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:

Promotes religious enrichment of children, ages 3 - 6, in prayers, scriptures, songs, music, and crafts.

Little Church is on Sunday mornings from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Did You Know?

Back to School Season is a Good Time to Refresh Children & Teens on Internet Safety

Back-to-School season is an ideal time to refresh internet safety rules with the children and teenagers in your care. For example, it is helpful to establish clear guidelines like what types of sites they can visit, apps they can download, and when they can have access to electronics. Families can also consider "blackout" periods that require disconnection – possibly during dinner and leading up to bedtime. Netsmartz (missingkids.org/netsmartz) offers resources for keeping children and teens safe online. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.missingkids.org/content/dam/netsmartz/downloadable/tipsheets/Internet-Safety-at-Home-EN-ES.pdf>

St. Vibiana

Feast Day, September 01

Saint Vibiana is a third-century virgin Martyr. She is a co-patroness of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles along with St. Patrick and Our Lady Queen of Angels. The remains of St. Vibiana were re-discovered on December 09, 1853, in ancient catacombs near the Appian Way.

A marble tablet adorned her tomb upon which was inscribed

"to the soul of the innocent and pure Vibiana", above a laurel wreath.

A wreath was a symbol of martyrdom in the early years of the Church.



Bishop Francisco Mora y Borrell was the third Bishop of Monterey-Los Angeles from 1878 to 1896. At Vatican Council I (1869-1870) Bishop Mora told Pope Pius IX his plans of building a cathedral in Los Angeles. Pope Pius IX presented the newly-discovered relics of St. Vibiana to Bishop Mora and asked that she be the patroness of the new cathedral and her relics placed in the cathedral. The Cathedral of St. Vibiana at the corner of Second and Main was consecrated on April 30, 1876, and remained our cathedral until it was severely damaged in the January 17, 1994 earthquake. Our present Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels was consecrated on September 02, 2002 and the relics of St. Vibiana are now in the mausoleum of the new cathedral.

Our Lady Queen of the Angels

Feast Day (in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles), September 04

Founding of the future city of Los Angeles, September 04

The name of our city links us with St. Francis of Assisi

Everyone knows the "City of Angels," or Los Angeles or LA. But did you know that the name is only the shortened form of the original city name, which grew up around one of the Franciscan Missions?

The original name of the pioneer town was *"El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de los Ángeles de Porciúncula"* ("The City of Our Lady, Queen of the Angels of the little portion").

In 1206, when St. Francis was struggling to determine what it was he was to do with his life, he prayed in the little church of San Damiano just outside the walls of Assisi, Italy. There, he heard the LORD speak from the Altar Crucifix, (the well-known San Damiano Cross) "St. Francis, re-build my church which you see is falling into ruin." Taking that command very literally, St. Francis set about re-building the little church – stone by stone. St. Francis did the same with other abandoned churches in the area. One of them was an abandoned chapel at a corner of a Benedictine Abbey outside Assisi called the *porciúncula* or "little portion," referring to the small plot of land on which stood the chapel.

In 1209, after returning from a visit to Pope Innocent III, during which Francis received permission to form a "religious order," St. Francis and his Franciscan brothers took up residence at the *porciúncula*. The formal name of the chapel was "Our Lady Queen of the Angels." The Porciuncula was the center of life for St. Francis and his Franciscan brothers. So dear to St. Francis was the Porciuncula, that when St. Francis was dying, he asked to be taken to the Porciuncula and placed on the floor in front of the altar.

Exploration of Los Angeles

The European exploration of the Los Angeles region began in the 16th century. In 1542, Spanish explorer Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo was the first European to navigate the California Coast. Although he did not land in what is now Los Angeles, his exploration marked the beginning of Spanish interest in the region.

In 1769, Gaspar de Portolá, a Spanish military officer and explorer, led an expedition through California to establish Spanish missions and presidios (military outposts). Portolá's expedition reached the area near present-day Los Angeles, where they encountered the indigenous Tongva people. This marked the beginning of European contact with the area that would later become Los Angeles.

In the late 1700s, several missionaries, most notably Father Junipero Serra and Father Juan Crespí, traveled through Alta California for the Spanish crown and the salvation of souls, establishing a series of 21 missions and working to evangelize the Native Americans living there.

During their travels through what is now Elysian Park sometime in 1769, Fr. Crespí spotted a site at the confluence of two rivers, now known as the Los Angeles River and the Arroyo Seco, that would make for an ideal settlement. He disregarded the fact there was already a village there — Yanga (or Yangna), the largest Tongva village in the region and petitioned the crown to establish a new mission at this location.

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The Founding of Los Angeles

King Carlos III, the ruling Spanish Monarch declined this request. Spain was in the process of increasing its military presence in the Alta California, primarily as a show of strength against the southward encroachment of the Russians (Ft. Ross in Sonoma County marks the southernmost advance of the Russians).

King Carlos III wanted to establish a commercial supply network to support his troops. So, he mandated that a secular settlement (*pueblo*) be established at the place Fr. Crespi located.

The founding of this pueblo was part of Spain's broader efforts to colonize and integrate California into its empire. Governor Felipe de Neve aimed to create a viable and self-sustaining settlement by bringing together a diverse group of settlers. The founding document included a plan for the city's layout and governance.

Los Probladores (The Settlers)

Governor Felipe de Neve, the 4th governor of the Californias (1775-1782), carried out the king's mandate. Settlers were recruited from the provinces of Sonora and Sinaloa. They traveled north on foot and arrived at the San Gabriel Mission in the summer of 1781. On September 04, 1781, Governor de Neve led these 44 people (men, women, and children, plus, four soldiers and a few priests) from Mission San Gabriel to the location of this settlement on the banks of a river approximately nine miles away. These 44 people – made up of 11 men, 11 women, and 22 children – are known as Los Probladores (The Settlers).

Governor de Neve declared this new pueblo to bear the name, "*El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de los Ángeles de Porciúncula*". The Franciscans honor Our Lady Queen of the Angels on September 2nd. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles received permission to honor Our Lady of Angels on September 4th, the day our city was founded. Eventually, the pueblo became a city and the name was shortened to "Los Angeles".

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.

Our session for the Christian Initiation of Adults are on Wednesday evenings 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

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 in Los Angeles.

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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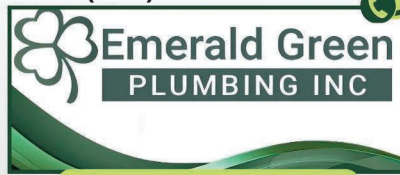
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