

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

13360 VALLEYHEART DRIVE, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91423

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, AUGUST 09, 2026



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH

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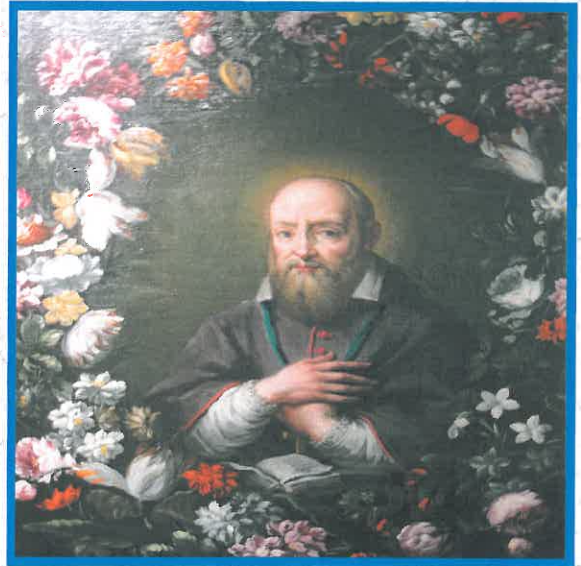
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St. Francis de Sales ~ Pray for Us

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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 09, 2026

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Psalms 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

SFDS PARISH REGISTRATION FORM

FAMILY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: CA ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

PARISHIONER INFORMATION

ADULT NAME: _____ BAPTIZED CATHOLIC: YES _____ NO _____

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CHILD NAME: _____ BAPTIZED CATHOLIC: YES _____ NO _____

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	August 08
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Sid Petersen</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Daniel Mc Nicoll</i>
SUNDAY	August 09
8:00 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Loreto Mesina</i>
10:00 AM	<i>In Memory of Lucille C. & John Gaudio</i>
12:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Josephine J. Button</i>
MONDAY	August 10
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Maria Hernandez</i>
TUESDAY	August 11
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Lucille Virginia Galanty</i>
WEDNESDAY	August 12
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Salvador Orastes Lammatao</i>
THURSDAY	August 13
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Grace Shunker</i>
FRIDAY	August 14
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Teddy Punzalan</i>
SATURDAY	August 15
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Eduardo & Toribia Tagle</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Vivian Kodding</i>

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 08/09	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, 08/10	<i>St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr</i>
Tuesday, 08/11	<i>St. Clare, Virgin</i>
Wednesday, 08/12	<i>St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i>
Thursday, 08/13	<i>St. Pontian, Pope</i> <i>and St. Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</i>
Friday, 08/14	<i>St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</i>
Saturday, 08/15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CONTRIBUTIONS to the CHURCH

Not available due to early printing of the Bulletin.

Thank you for your generous contributions.

**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:

Maria Hernandez, 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 Blees, Kerry Wyse, Louise Brancale, Charlie Ho,
Jackie Ward-Smith, Ann Murcia, Rosemary Schreiber, Deb Marsdale,
Linda Lucas, Vickie Council, Joan Gore, 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, 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

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St. Francis de Sales School — Student Non-Discrimination Policy

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.]

Religious Education Registration 2026 – 2027

Elementary — CRE

High School Confirmation

Little Church / Sunday Pre-school

Registration for RE Elementary and Confirmation and Little Church

Sunday, September 13 from 9:00 AM 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 AM to 9:50 AM
- **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 AM to 9:45 AM
- **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 AM to 11:00 AM.

Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Into Heaven

Saturday, August 15

The feast celebrates Mary's bodily and spiritual ascent to heaven, a mystery of great hope and devotion.

When the Assumption of Our Lady falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

This year, the Assumption falls on a Saturday, so it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

National Needs Combined Collections

August 15 - 16, 2026

This annual second collection is for: Catholic University of America, Catholic Communications Campaign, Catholic Home Missions Appeal, and Catholic Relief Services

The Catholic University of America (CUA): The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Founded in 1887, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The collection for the Catholic University of America underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA. See: [National Collection | Catholic University Advancement](#)

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC): This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And 50% of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message!

To learn more, visit: www.usccb.org/ccs

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA): Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory, because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

More information can be found at: www.usccb.org/home-missions

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection: For more than 80 years, Catholic Relief Services has delivered life-saving emergency assistance to our most vulnerable sisters and brothers around the world, from Africa to Latin America. CRS is committed to working with global partners toward more peaceful and just societies.

To learn more, visit: www.crs.org

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 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

Catholic Cemeteries and Mortuaries Job Fairs

Date: **Wednesday, August 26, 2026**

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: **Calvary Cemetery & Mortuary**
4201 Whittier Blvd., Los Angeles 90023

Date: **Wednesday, September 02, 2026**

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: **Holy Cross Cemetery & Mortuary**
5635 W. Slauson Ave., Culver City 90230

We are currently hiring for positions including:

- Embalmers (must be licensed)
- Funeral Service Assistant (both full-time and part-time)
- Support Staff
- Specialty Grounds
- Ground-worker

Whether you are looking to start a new career or grow in your current field, we would love to meet you!



St. Maximilian Kolbe

1894 - 1941

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan friar, priest, and martyr who sacrificed his life at Auschwitz to save another prisoner, and is venerated as a saint for his heroic charity and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Early Life

Maximilian Maria Kolbe was born Raymund Kolbe on January 08, 1894, in Zduńska Wola, Poland, then part of the Russian Empire.

He was the second son of Julius Kolbe, an ethnic German weaver and Maria Dąbrowska, a Polish midwife. He had four brothers, two of whom died young from tuberculosis.

His family moved to Pabianice shortly after his birth.

At age nine, Kolbe experienced a vision of the Virgin Mary, who offered him two crowns: A white crown symbolizing purity and a red crown symbolizing martyrdom.

He accepted both, a vision that profoundly influenced his spiritual path.

Religious Formation

In 1907, Raymund Kolbe and his elder brother Francis joined the Conventual Franciscans, enrolling at the minor seminary in Lwów (now in Ukraine). In 1910, Raymund Kolbe entered the novitiate and took the religious name Maximilian, professing his first vows in 1911 and final vows in 1914, adding the name Maria in honor of the Virgin Mary. He studied philosophy and theology in Rome at the Pontifical Gregorian University, earning doctorates in both disciplines by age 28.

Ministry & Achievements

Maximilian Kolbe was a fervent devotee of the Immaculate Virgin Mary and founded the Militia of the Immaculate, a devotional association aimed at promoting consecration to Mary and the conversion of sinners. In 1918, Kolbe was ordained a priest and returned to Poland, where he established the Catholic periodical *Rycerz Niepokalanej* ("The Knight of Mary Immaculate"). In 1927, he founded Niepokalanów, (The "City of Mary") a monastery and religious center that eventually housed around 700 friars and workers. He also founded sister institutions in Japan and India and started a radio station at Niepokalanów in 1938. During the German occupation of Poland, Kolbe used Niepokalanów to shelter thousands of Polish refugees, many of whom were Jewish, and continued publishing anti-Nazi materials. He was arrested by the Gestapo in 1939 for his anti-Nazi activities but later released. In February 1941, he was arrested again for aiding Jews and the Polish underground, and Kolbe was sent to Auschwitz.

Martyrdom

At Auschwitz, Maximilian Kolbe continued his priestly ministry, hearing confessions and celebrating Mass with smuggled bread, despite beatings from guards. Following the escape of a prisoner, 10 men were selected to die by starvation as punishment. Kolbe volunteered to take the place of Franciszek Gajowniczek, a married man with children. After weeks of starvation, Kolbe and the remaining prisoners were executed by injection of carbolic acid on August 14, 1941.

Canonization

Pope John Paul II canonized Maximilian Kolbe on October 10, 1982, declaring him a martyr of charity. Kolbe is venerated as the patron saint of prisoners, families, journalists, drug addicts, and amateur radio operators, and his feast day is August 14, the day of his martyrdom. Kolbe is remembered as an apostle of consecration to Mary and, a model of self-less love and courage in the face of oppression.

Did You Know?

Characteristics of Developmentally Appropriate Behaviors

It is important to distinguish normal, age-appropriate curiosity from concerning sexual behaviors that may be inappropriate or potentially abusive. In general, developmentally appropriate behaviors will be playful, curious, and will be enacted among similar age groups. While these behaviors are not ideal in play, and should be discussed with children, they are typically not causes for concern. These moments can also serve as opportunities to talk about boundaries, appropriate behaviors and safe adults. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "*Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior and abuse in elementary aged children*" at: lacatholics.org/did-you-know