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St. Francis de Sales - Pray for Us

1st Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

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Mass Times

Monday thru Saturday: 8:15 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Anticipated Mass
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.

SFDS Parishioner Resgistration & Information Form

FAMILY NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE #: (_____)_____ E-MAIL: _____
ADULT NAME: _____ BAPTIZED CATHOLIC: Yes _____ No _____
ADULT NAME: _____ BAPTIZED CATHOLIC: Yes _____ No _____
CHILD'S NAME: _____ BAPTIZED CATHOLIC: Yes _____ No _____
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(If you wish to become a parishioner, please register online via our website
or by filling-out this form and drop-it in the Collection Basket.)



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday - Nov 29	*1st Sunday of Advent*
Monday - Nov 30	*St. Andrew, Apostle*
Thursday - Dec 03	*St. Francis Xavier, Priest*
Friday - Dec 04	*St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD

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

Amen



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:

Rick Monroe, Catherine Burkhimer, Rosie Wys, 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, Deanna Domsten, Mary Ann Blees, Kerry Wyse, Louise Brancale, Charlie Ho, Jackie Ward-Smith, Ann Murcia, Rosemary Schreiber, Deb Marsdale, James Armstrong, Sr., Catherine Mwamba, Kathy Polk, Pat Yahnke, 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, Leonila Siga-an, Jonathan Jacobs, Sammi Petri, Georgina Nicoletti, Lindsay Dean, 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, Amaud Gregori, Mary Henriksen, Dominic Mantel, 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, & Blake Cline

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday - Nov 28
8:15 AM *In Memory of Gerardo C. Dellosa*
5:00 PM *In Memory of Lucero Villalba*

Sunday - Nov 29
8:00 AM *For the Intentions of Peñaloza Family*
10:00 AM *For the Intentions of Nathaniel Nolasco Tipping*
12:00 PM *In Memory of Mitzi Beggs*

Monday - Nov 30
8:15 AM *For the Intentions of Joshua Tyler Plattner*

Tuesday - Dec 01
In Memory of Gerardo C. Dellosa

Wednesday - Dec 02
8:15 AM *For the Intentions of Neon Cinco*

Thursday - Dec 03
8:15 AM *In Memory of Noelle Mazza*

Friday - Dec 04
8:15 AM *In Memory of Shirley O. Ambanta*

Saturday - Dec 05
8:15 AM *In Memory of Mario Padilla*
5:00 PM *In Memory of Hugh Overbaugh*

CONTRIBUTIONS to the CHURCH

Weekend: 11/20 - 11/22/2026

Collections posting not available due to early printing of the Bulletin for Thanksgiving Holiday.

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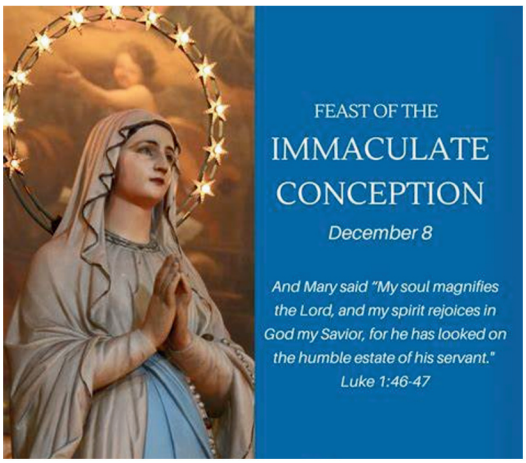

Tuesday, December 8th

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass are at 8:15 a.m., 12:05 Noon-time, and 7:00 p.m.

There are four things about the Blessed Mother,
all of which cast light on the Lord Jesus, Her Divine Son.

1. The perpetual virginity of Our Blessed Lady.
   This informs and reminds us that this Child is God's absolute initiative generated by the Holy Spirit.
2. Our Lady is the Mother of God.
   This clarifies that the Lord Jesus has two natures, human and divine, united in one person.
   Thus, the Blessed Virgin is not only the Mother of Jesus' human nature,
   but the Mother of both natures of Jesus --rightly called Mother of God.
3. Our Lady was conceived without sin --The Immaculate Conception.
   It is not that Our Lady had original sine and that original sin was removed - no - Our Lady at Her conception in the womb of Her mother, St. Anne, was never touched by original sin. Thus, the Lord Jesus, in Our Lady's womb for nine months, was never touched nor tainted by original sin. Our Lady was a vessel of grace through which the Word takes flesh and is born into our world.
4. The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. When Her earthly life came to an end, Our Lady was taken, body and soul, into the eternal glory of heaven. Our Lady's entry into heaven, as well as our hope of entry into heaven, was done by the life-giving death and glorius resurrection of Her Divine Son.

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We will honor ***Our Lady of Guadalupe*** on **Saturday, December 12th**

You are invited to be a part of this lovely tribute to the Mother of God.

Mariachi will begin Las Mañanitas with a musical beginning at 7:00 a.m. in Church.
About 8:00 a.m., we will have a brief narrative/pageant recounting the beautiful and tender story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the four times Our Lady intercepted St. Juan Diego.
And when he asked for a sign, left Her Image on St. Juan Diego's Tilma which hangs, after all these centuries, on the wall of the Basilica atop Tepeyac Hill, northeast of the center of Mexico City in Mexico.
At 8:15 a.m., the mariachis will introduce the Mass.

After Mass, stay and enjoy some refreshments.
If you would like to add to these festivities, donations are happily accepted.
You may donate any of the following: Tamales, pan dulce, champurrado, cupcakes, cookies, coffee & condiments; paper plates, plastic utensils, napkins, paper cups-for hot and cold beverages.

Please let us know if you would like to help, by calling the Parish Center at: (818) 784-0105

Volunteers and Donations are very much appreciated.

To donate to SFDS/Guadalupe Celebration, please call **Lupe Finley (818) 371-4751** or **Nellie Ho (818) 339-4833**

Retirement Fund for Religious December 12 - 13, 2026

This annual second collection is for those women and men who belong to religious communities/orders such as: St. Joseph of Carondelet, Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Franciscans, Benedictines, Holy Names, Passionists, Carmelites, Dominicans, and so on.

Why We Ask?

- In 1988, Catholic Bishops of the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious to address the significant lack of retirement funding for Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.
- For most of their lives, elder religious worked for little to no pay. There were no 401(k) plans or pensions.
- Only 6% of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office are adequately funded for retirement; 48% have fewer than 25 members. Many small communities struggle to care for elder members due to a lack of financial resources and personnel.
- Religious communities are financially responsible for the support and care of all members. Income, earnings, and expenses are managed separately from the parish and diocesan structures of the Catholic Church.
- Today, retired religious out-number wage-earning religious by more than two and a half to one.
- There are 18,931 religious age 70 or older living in the United States. In 2025, the average annual cost for their care was roughly $62,000 per person; skilled nursing care averaged about $102,000 per person.
- Since 2009, the annual total cost to support senior women and men religious has exceeded $1.1 billion.
- In 2025, 69% of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office had a median age of 70 or older.
- The average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is $9,390, whereas the average lay US beneficiary receives $24,856.

How Donations Help?

- Each year, hundreds of US religious communities receive financial assistance made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. Communities can use this funding for immediate retirement expenses or invest it for future needs. Since the first collection, US Catholics have donated more than $1 billion.
- Since the collection began, nearly $940 million has been distributed to support the day-to-day care of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. An additional $103.9 million has been allocated toward self-help projects initiated by religious communities, including collaborative health-care facilities.
- In addition to supplying direct financial assistance, proceeds from the annual collection underwrite educational programming, services, and resources that enable religious communities to evaluate and prepare for long-term retirement needs.
- Support from the Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities care for senior members while continuing their important ministries to the people of God.

Lighting of Our Parish Christmas Tree The Ligthing of Our Parish Christmas Tree in front of the Church, at the corner of Moorpark and Dixie Canyon, kicks-off the Christmas Season for St. Franis de Sales. The day is the Monday after Thanksgiving and the time is at 6:30 that Monday evening. We will have some ornaments that children can hang on the tree. We will also have some refreshments. You are welcome to bring an ornament and hang it on the tree. We will sing some Christmas songs --- after the count-down, we will light the tree --- sing some more Christmas songs, and call it a night!!!



Did You Know?

The Importance of Being A Trusted Adult

According to research, children who have been victims of abuse are more likely to first disclose this abuse to adults other than their parents. Educators, volunteers, or other employees who work with children are, thus, essential to a child making a disclosure of abuse, and it is critical that these trusted adults address any suspected abuse immediately. Research strongly indicates that child abuse is linked to an increase in trauma throughout a victim's life, and the first step in mitigating that increase is for trusted adults to act immediately when they learn of abuse.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "*Disclosures Part 1: Why Are Disclosures Important?*" at: lacatholics.org/did-you-know

BEWARE OF SCAMS

So Easy to Fall for Scams!!!

Please remember to:

- Be cautious of unsolicited calls requesting any money, cash, gift cards, wire transfers, or sensitive information.
- Do not assume a request is legitimate simply because the caller knows the names of priests, parishes, or Archdiocesan offices.
- Never provide cash or financial information based solely on a phone call.
- If you receive a suspicious call, end it, and verify the request using a trusted phone number.
- Report suspicious calls or scam attempts to your supervisor immediately or authorities.

Upcoming Events at SFDS

Mid-November through Christmas is a very busy time.

- Our parish Knights of Columbus will host a Thanksgiving meal to the clients of Loaves and Fishes on Thanksgiving Day at 12-Noon. Donations of frozen turkeys, canned and dry traditional Thanksgiving foods are greatly appreciated.
  Please bring to the Parish Center by Thursday, November 19th
- **Lighting of our parish *Christmas Tree*** on Monday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m.
- "**Merry and Bright**" by the Burbank Corale on Sunday, December 6th at 4:00 p.m.
- **Solemnity of the *Immaculate Conception*** on Tuesday, December 8th
- ***Advent Penance Service*** on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m.
- ***Our Lady of Guadalupe*** celebration on Saturday, December 12th beginning at 7:00 am followed by Mass at 8:15 a.m.
- "**The Christmas Story**" presented by The Wagner Ensemble and Orchestra on Saturday, December 12th at 7:30 p.m.
- Collection for Retirement Fund for those belonging to religious orders/communities on December 12th - 13th
- Our parish Knights of Columbus host "**Pancakes with Santa**" Sunday, December 13th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- ***Simbang Gabi*** on Friday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Red Cross *Blood Drive*** on Sunday, December 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24th

Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Mass at 6:00 p.m. with Cantor and Organ

Mass at 10:00 p.m. with SFDS Choir

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25th

Mass at 8:00 a.m. with Cantor and Organ

Mass at 10:00 a.m. with SFDS Choir

Mass at 12-Noon with Cantor and Organ

(there is **NO 5:00-afternoon Mass** on Christmas Day)

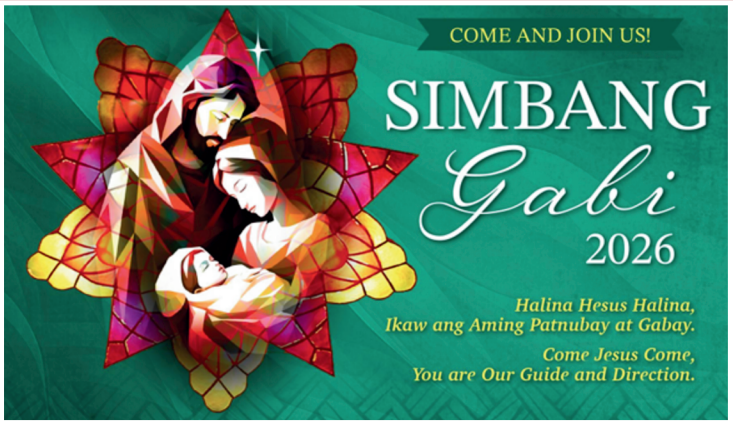
New Year's Day

Friday, January 1, 2027

Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 8:15 a.m.

(Not a Holiday of Obligation)



Friday, December 18th

7:00 p.m.

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Advent 2026 Penance Service Schedule

Parish	Day & Date	Time
Our Lady of Grace	NO SERVICE	
St. Mel	NO SERVICE	
St. John Eudes	Monday December 7	7:00pm
St. Cyril of Jerusalem @ St. Francis de Sales	Wednesday December 9	7:00pm
St. Bridget of Sweden	Thursday December 10	7:00pm
St. Catherine of Siena	Friday December 11	7:00pm
Our Lady of the Valley	Monday December 14	7:00pm
Our Lady of Lourdes	Tuesday December 15	7:00pm
St. Bernardine of Siena	Wednesday December 16	7:00pm
St. John Baptist De La Salle @ St. Euphrasia	Thursday December 17	7:00pm
St. Joseph the Worker	Friday December 18	7:00pm

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The Wagner Ensemble, under the direction of Jeannine Wagner, presents Christmas Favorites, a festive concert honoring Roger Wagner, featuring The Christmas Story according to St. Luke arranged by Roger Wagner with narration from the Gospel, along with works by Giovanni Gabrieli and Daniel Pinkham.

Tickets:

$25 General admission | $15 Students & Seniors

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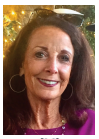
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