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January 24th

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

Thank you.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

MASS Times

Daily: 8:15 AM, Monday thru Friday

Saturday: 8:15 AM and
5:00 PM → Sunday Anticipated Mass

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

Confessions: 4:00 PM on Saturdays

Baptisms and Weddings:

Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	January 18, 2025 8:15 AM 5:00 PM	<i>For the Intentions of the Parishioners In Memory of Dylan Thinnis</i>
SUNDAY	January 19, 2025 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Dennis Kotzman In Memory of Wayne Fonfield In Memory of Franco Serra</i>
MONDAY	January 20, 2025 8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Joanne</i>
TUESDAY	January 21, 2025 8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Mary Ellen Greaney Kirst</i>
WEDNESDAY	January 22, 2025 8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Barkely Heuser</i>
THURSDAY	January 23, 2025 8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of St. Expedite</i>
FRIDAY	January 24, 2025 8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Carolina Punzalan Schlander</i>
SATURDAY	January 25, 2025 8:15 AM 5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Naheel Totah In Memory of Gerry Coffey</i>

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 01/19	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Monday, 01/20	<i>St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr; Dr. Martin Luther King - Holiday</i>
Tuesday, 01/21	<i>St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i>
Wednesday, 01/22	<i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i>
Thursday, 01/23	<i>St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin</i>
Friday, 01/24	<i>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>
Saturday, 01/25	<i>The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle</i>

CONTRIBUTIONS to the CHURCH

Weekend: 01/10 - 01/13/2025
Collections: \$10,213.00
Faith Direct: \$ 3,850.00
Total: \$14,063.00

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The Dead**



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Did You Know?

January 19, 2025

Small Actions To Take For Safety

Being a safe adult is more than just taking some classes on abuse prevention and filling in the right answers. Adults who model healthy behaviors are a strong example for children, helping them distinguish safe from unsafe adults. Basic actions, like wearing a seatbelt, obeying school rules and ministry guidelines, and always acting in a way that supports children can help build a safe community.

For more ideas, read the VIRTUS® article,

"Modeling healthy behaviors" at: lacatholics.org/did-you-know

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Church in Latin America

Second Collection on January 18th – 19th

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa helps African bishops' conferences and regional associations of conferences expand pastoral ministry and evangelization, improve church administration, prepare more people for church leadership, and even to help end conflicts.

This Solidarity Fund sponsors the formation of clergy, religious and lay leaders. It also supports construction projects, mostly to repair and renovate essential church infrastructure that has deteriorated – critically important in a region where the Catholic faith is growing rapidly. The Fund also improves church communications, promotes justice and peace, provides continuing education for clergy and religious, supporting evangelization, buttressing religious education and Catholic schools, and strengthening child protection programs.

Some examples:

- In Zimbabwe: A grant supported skills training for 120 ministry leaders to provide spiritual and emotional support to people who remain traumatized by the impact and isolation of the COVID pandemic. Each of these leaders will train others so the program will multiply until it reaches every parish and community.
- In Sudan: A Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa grant helped a diocesan vocations outreach effort to thrive and raise up more priests and religious for the Diocese of El Obeid, which covers a territory one third larger than the state of Texas.
- In the Central African Republic: Gifts from U.S. Catholics underwrote youth education for peace and good citizenship in a diocese that has experienced violence and instability for decades. At a conference in the Diocese of Bossangoa, 300 young Catholics learned about human dignity, the responsibilities of citizenship, and how to live in harmony with their neighbors, then went home to share these concepts in their communities.
- In Uganda: At a sprawling refugee settlement for those who have fled conflict in the region, the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa sponsored discussions to ease tensions and build respectful relationships between refugees and nearby Ugandan communities.

More information on the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa may be found on the USCCB website:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-africa>

The Collection for the Church in Latin America distributes funds to help cover pastoral needs, disaster relief and supporting vocations and the formation of clergy and religious.

The following are examples of some of the projects that benefited from the collection:

- In Haiti, 330 lay leaders were trained in Catholic social teaching on ecology, combined with practices to improve soil and water, and reforestation to prevent erosion.
- In Honduras, the Diocese of Choluteca received support to serve migrants from Latin America, Asia, and Africa as part of a program that integrates evangelizing the poor with respect and social sensitivity.
- In the Dominican Republic, 18 young women who joined the Poor Clares are receiving support as they pray for the world from their cloistered convent.
- In Ecuador, the International Eucharistic Congress, held in September, 2024 with participants from 40 countries in attendance, was subsidized.
- In Brazil, the Archdiocese of San Salvador de Bahía implemented a social program that included converting cooking oil into cheap fuel and a World Day of the Poor Festival with food, music, and a Eucharistic procession through impoverished neighborhoods.

More information, including content for social media and diocesan/parish websites, may be accessed at:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america>

Wildfire Disaster Relief

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Catholic Relief Agencies are offering various resources and opportunities for people to support victims of the fires.

Below are some of the ways to help. The list will be updated as more assistance is available.

- The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has set-up a donation portal to provide financial assistance to help victims with food, clothing, and other needs related to the fires.
Donate or find other fire-related resources and information at: lacatholics.org/california-fires
- Anyone interested in donating directly to the ADLA Wildfire Victims Emergency Relief Fund can do so at this link: <https://lacatholics.org/california-fires/>
- The Los Angeles Chapter of the **Red Cross** is providing evacuation shelters, as well as accepting donations. Learn more at: redcross.org/local/california/los-angeles.html

Fire Emergency

Fraud Alert from the LAPD: The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has issued several warnings about scams targeting fire victims. Here are some key resources and tips that the LAPD is providing to help avoid falling victim to these scams. Please share this information with your communities:

- False Job Solicitation Scams:** Be cautious of job offers related to fire recovery circulating on social media. These offers may claim to be from the government or reputable agencies but are often fraudulent. Do not provide personal information like your Social Security number or bank account details.
- Fake Government Employees:** Do not trust anyone claiming to be a city, county, or federal employee without proper identification. Government workers will not ask for payment on the spot or pressure you into making immediate decisions. Verify their credentials by contacting the relevant agency directly.
- Phone and Text Message Scams:** Beware of unsolicited phone calls or text messages asking for donations or offering assistance. Legitimate organizations will not cold-call you for donations. Always verify the authenticity of such requests by calling back using verified contact details.
- Unsolicited In-Person Solicitations:** Be cautious of people approaching you in person offering free help with repairs, insurance claims, or government assistance. Ask to see their identification and verify their credentials.
- Charity Scams:** Scammers may pose as charities or non-profits aiding fire victims. Verify the legitimacy of any organization by researching them on websites like Charity Navigator or the Better Business Bureau. Avoid cash donations and opt for secure, traceable payment methods.

The LAPD urges everyone to “Be cautious when donating to fire relief efforts. Always verify the legitimacy of the charity or organization, especially if they reached out to you directly. Use trusted platforms like Charity Navigator to check the legitimacy of organizations before making a donation.” To ensure that any charities or organizations are legitimate, the LAPD says you can reach out to the department by calling: **1-877-275-5273**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the fire emergency and resources: We have put together the attached Frequently Asked Questions document on the wildfire emergency that we hope will provide you with key information to assist those that may come to you with questions or looking for help. This information can also be found at:

<https://lacatholics.org/california-fires/>

This web portal is our central location for updates, resources, donations and other key information regarding the fires and the relief efforts in our communities. Please share this link widely to make sure that everyone knows where to find this important information.

Exodus 90

January 20th - Easter

“For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” (Galatians 5:1) God wants it for us even more than we do, and He is willing to bring about all that needs to be done to accomplish it. In the Exodus, God visited His people, enslaved by Pharaoh in Egypt, to set them free. He desired an uncommon freedom for Israel: To embrace the reality of sonship within a life of communion with Him in the land He provided. To free His people, God over-turned the most powerful ruler in the world, sending plagues upon Egypt, and He led His people through the sea. He overcame a host of nations arrayed against them and settled them in peace, free from their enemies.

This is God’s plan for us as well. He wants us to come out of what enslaves us to discover our true identity as His sons. He will free us from what oppresses us—if we allow Him. But we cannot come to this freedom on our own. He calls us into His freedom through a commitment to prayer, asceticism, and fraternity. First of all, we need to encounter Him as the source of true freedom through daily prayer. Next, we must break the chains of what binds us, offering our attachments and distractions to Him as a sacrifice. Finally, we need the help of our brothers, other men who also have received the call to freedom and with whom we will make this journey.

The next ninety days—and the years that follow—will offer you the chance to a different kind of life. It’s time for a new beginning, a new Exodus into God’s promises. As we follow Israel out of darkness and into the promised land, we will encounter Jesus as the one who can set us free and bring us to become the man who intends for us to be, living a life of uncommon freedom.

If we are not intentional, we will gradually conform to the ways of the world.

But, we who have been called into faith in Jesus Christ, have been called to so much more. We must break from the world to embrace the freedom of the sons of God for those we have been called to love.

With the Exodus 90 app, you’ll follow a simple structure grounded in the traditions of the Catholic Faith that keeps you focused, committed, and accountable to personal growth every day. The tools of Exodus 90 are the tried and true ones of prayer and fasting, reading scripture.

For more information, reach out to either:

Andy Wright (andy.c.wright@me.com) or Brian Campaign (briancampaign@gmail.com) or Miguel Diaz (mickd70@yahoo.com)

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For more information, visit: oppeace.org/become-a-sister
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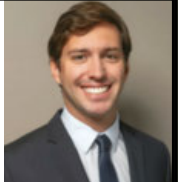
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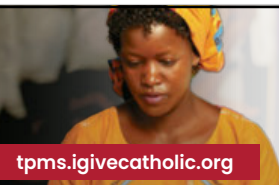
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