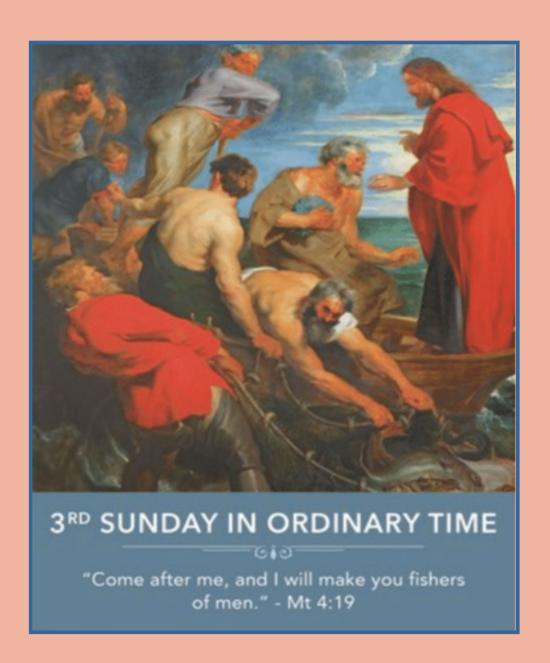
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New parishioners registration or to update your existing information, please complete this form & place it directly in the Collection Basket, hand-it to an Usher, mail-it to or drop-it off at the Parish Center.

You may also call with updates, so we may keep your records current.

Or you may Register on-line at our website: sfdsparish.com

Personalized envelopes will be mailed to you from the printing company in about 8 to 12 weeks, after your registration has been processed.

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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.



St. Francis de Sales ~ Pray for Us

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 26, 2025 Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 15 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

8:15 AM
5:00 PM

January 25, 2025

In Memory of Naheel Totah
In Memory of Gerry Coffey

SUNDAY January 26, 2025

8:00 AM In Memory of Paul Neeson

10:00 AM For the Intentions of Richard Wagner

12:00 PM For the Intentions of Jeff Jones

MONDAY January 27, 2025

8:15 AM In Memory of Francisco Agorilla, II

TUESDAY January 28, 2025

8:15 AM For the Intentions of St. Mark the Lion

WEDNESDAY January 29, 2025 8:15 AM In Memory of Joanne

THURSDAY January 30, 2025

8:15 AM In Memory of Louie Carnevale

FRIDAY January 31, 2025

8:15 AM For the Intentions of Cecilio Botones

In Memory of Placer Pantoja Dabu

SATURDAY February 01, 2025

8:15 AM For the Intentions of the Parishioners 5:00 PM In Memory of Bob & Diane Lindgren



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:

Olga Oshiro, Maria Berreondo, Tanya Valazguez, Catherine Crews, Deana Domsten, Jennifer Ormsby, Mary Ann Blees, Kerry Wyse, Louise Brancale, Charlie Ho, Jackie Ward-Smith, Ann Murcia, Rosemary Schreiber, Deb Marsdale, Linda Lucas, Vickie Council, Joan Gore, Victoria Taylor, 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, Audrey 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, Brett Good, Georgina Nicoletti, Lindsay Dean, Saverio Barbieri, Davis Weld, Kevin Hogan, Catherine Sweeney, Jeffrey Paynton, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Doris McNary, Marilyn Sidley, Karin Quinn Forward, Jack Knight, 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, 01/26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Monday, 01/27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Tuesday, 01/28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday, 01/31 St. John Bosco, Priest

Saturday, 02/01 Saturday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CONTRIBUTIONS to the CHURCH

Weekend: 01/17 - 01/20/2025

Collections: \$12,293.00 Faith Direct: \$3,850.00 Total: \$16,143.00

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Did You Know?

January 26, 2025

Facts About The Missing Children Hotline

Since the Missing Children Hotline (1-800-THE-LOST) launched 40 years ago, countless children have been safely found and brought home. The hotline has received over 5 million calls in the last 40 years. During national emergencies and disasters, the National Center for Missing and Endangered Children has helped find lost children, working with emergency responders to reunite families.

For more info about the Missing Children hotline, visit:

https://www.missingkids.org/blog/2024/millions-of-calls-theimpact-of-1-800-the-lost

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Telephone #: **(818) 895-2500** or E-mail: **norma@pregnanthelp.org**

Together in Mission 2025: Gifts of the Heart Annual Appeal

This year, as we celebrate this once-every-twenty-five-years the *Jubilee Year of the Catholic Church*, we invite you to make a special gift to Together in Mission to mark this sacred time of renewal and hope. Together in Mission 2025 "Gifts of the Heart" Annual Appeal launches with Announcement Weekend on February 01 - 02, Commitment Weekend on February 08 - 09 and Follow-up Weekend on February, 15 - 16, 2025. As one Catholic community of faith, rooted in prayer, let us reflect on how we can support our underserved parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Did you know that one in every five parishes and one in every four Catholic schools rely on financial assistance to continue their vital ministries? Your generosity directly impacts these communities, providing the resources they need to thrive. This year's cumulative Together in Mission goal is \$16.9 million, representing the collective efforts of our Catholic family across all five regions.

Your parish's goal and progress throughout the year can be tracked on the Together in Mission Leaderboard at:

togetherinmission.org

Let us come together to make a difference and bring the love of Christ to those in need. Please consider making a special Jubilee Year gift to Together in Mission today!

St. Francis de Sales School News:

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 26th — Following the 10:00 am MASS

REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

We are now accepting APPLICATIONS for ENROLLMENT in Grades K thru 8th for Fall 2025.

APPLICATIONS are available in the School Office or on the School website.

Please visit the school website to access our online application:

http://saintfrancisdesalesschool.com or request a tour.

If you have any questions, please call the Admissions Office at (818) 784-9573 or email: admissions@stfrancisds.org

Testing will be on Monday, February 3rd for all applicants.

KINDERGARTEN APPLICANTS: Archdiocesan Policy requires that the age of Kindergarten applicants must be five years old on or before September 1st.

Note to current school families: Please bring your applications in ASAP, as we will start assigning testing times!

Religious Education Congress 2025

Youth Day: February 20, 2025 Adult Days: February 21 – 23, 2025 Anaheim Convention Center

Youth Day: You are Enough! You Belong.

"You are enough" came from the idea that teens sometimes see themselves as less than the expectations assumed of them. Knowing we are made in the image and likeness of God brings us reassurance that He sees us as enough and that we belong regardless of all the pressures we feel in our age. No matter how we feel, God will always love us and see us as enough.

So many teenagers don't feel like they belong because of friends, mistakes along the way or our beliefs. But this theme reminds us how our faith consists of a universal community waiting for you no matter who you are. You belong simply because you are made in His image and that is enough.

No matter who they are, whether they realize it or not, our youth belong and are welcome into the Catholic community. God will always love you no matter how you or others feel. He is and will always be there for us, no matter what struggle we are going through and this theme is supposed to express that idea. Remember, "You are enough! You belong."

Adult Days: "Called to Compassion "

Compassion is not a moral emotion, rather, Pope Francis reflects, "compassion is the language of God." Our hope during this Religious Education Congress is that each participant, with a heart open to compassion, might experience this language of God. We pray that we may receive the strength to exercise this virtue as we form families and Church communities that restore human hearts.

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 Campain (briancampain@gmail.com) or Miguel Diaz (mickd70@yahoo.com)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It only seems like last month that I spoke with you about the happenings at our food pantry in Van Nuys. The year started as usual with food drives, gift cards to grocery stores and monthly monetary help from St. Francis de Sales, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, and St. Michael's Antiochian Orthodox Church. We are so appreciative of your love and support.

St. Francis de Sales School makes sure we are equipped with monthly drives of toiletries food, diapers, etc. St Michael's donated many bags of food at Thanksgiving, along with an abundance of grocery stores gift cards. St Cyril's quarterly drives offer us large amounts of food and many other items needed at the time such as back packs, underwear, hygiene items, etc. The Knights of Columbus Council 4956 from St. Francis de Sales host a beautiful Thanksgiving Dinner yearly for all homeless and families in the community. Unfortunately our job has become somewhat harder this coming year. FEMA has suspended all funding indefinitely at the present time! I am doing all I can to continue doing God's work. With your prayers and support I know we will make this happen!

My warmest regards to you and your families for a very Happy New Year! Barbara Ausburn

Scout Sunday

February 02, 2025

The Boy Scouts of America was founded on February 8, 1910. Scout Sunday is celebrated the Sunday preceding February 08. Scout Sunday helps raise awareness about Scouting among people and highlights all Scouts' Duty to God.

Scouting is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness. But the success of our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young people may benefit from our Scouting ministry. As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its anniversary, we salute the splendid volunteers who serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Sea Scout Skippers, and Venturing Advisors, and in other positions of leadership.

World Day of the Sick: Rosary, Mass and Anointing of the Sick

Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral 555 S. Temple Street and Hill Street, Los Angeles

The World Day of the Sick Mass is an extraordinary opportunity to bring the blessings of Our Lady of Lourdes to our communities. The Order of Malta, together with the Cathedral invite you to join us for Rosary, Mass of Healing, and Anointing of the Sick on **Saturday, February 8**th **starting at 10:30AM** at the Cathedral.

All are welcome – especially those in need of this blessing who are suffering in body or spirit. (bilingual: English & Spanish)

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 the to help avoid falling victim to these scams. Please share this information with your communities:

- a. 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.
- a. **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.
- b. **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.
- C. **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.
- d. 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.

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