

The Sunday Encore



More News and Announcements from St. Francis de Sales Parish

Sunday, November 28, 2021
The First Sunday Of Advent

A Thanksgiving Prayer

As we have celebrated Thanksgiving this weekend, please join with the greater Marianist Family in praying this prayer of thanksgiving offered to us by the Marianist Mission Office.

Good and gracious God, we come before You today united with all who give You thanks and praise. Fill us with gratitude for Your many blessings both physical and spiritual.

We thank You in particular this day for the gifts of food and community/family. Bless this food, Lord, that it may nourish our bodies. Bless our family, especially those who can't be with us today. Also today, we remember those who have gone to be with You.

Grant us Your spiritual blessings and help us pray daily for the grace to serve You in response to Your abundant gifts to us. Bless all who serve You throughout the World.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, Your Son, Our Lord who gives all things freely according to our needs. Continue to bless us and give us Your peace.

Amen.

Substitute Teachers Needed

Are you interested in making a real difference to SFDS students and staff? Consider becoming a substitute teacher. St. Francis de Sales School is still seeking a fourth grade teacher and is always in need of substitute teaching. All that is required is a Bachelor's Degree, and a background check, and a genuine concern for students. Please reach out to Joanne Browarsky at browarsky_j@desalescincy.org or contact the school office at 513-961-1953. Thank you.

Marriage Moments: Food For Thought And Actions

"...on earth nations will be perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves..." (Luke 21:25). Whether you interpret this biblically or connect it with what scientists are saying about climate change, bad weather can be frightening. Agree on one step to take to befriend planet earth this week.

New Pastoral Council And Finance Council Members

The St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council and Finance Council are seeking additional members for each council. If you have interest in Pastoral Council and discussing the life and direction of the parish or the Finance Council to address the parish finances, your willingness to serve would be greatly appreciated. For those who are interested in the Pastoral Council, please see Phil Louis for more detailed information. For those interested in the Finance Council, please see John Mitchell.

Christmas Unwrapped

The Institute of Advanced Catholic Studies is presenting an online discussion entitled: *Christmas Unwrapped: The Holiday's Real Origin And How Different Cultures Celebrate It.*

Christmas is so popular that it's celebrated by 85% of Americans and approximately two billion Christians and non-Christians in 160 countries. But what is the origin of this holiday and how is it uniquely celebrated by different cultures here and around the world? Also, who was the real St. Nick and why is he associated with Christmas?

Join this live discussion and bring your questions for our panel of scholars: the Rev. Dorian Llywelyn, president of the USC Dornsife Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies; the Rev. Najuma Smith Pollard, assistant director of community and public engagement at the USC Dornsife Center for Religion and Civic Culture; Carlos Garcia Alayon, PhD theology student, University of Notre Dame.

This event will take place on Thursday, December 9 from 12 Noon to 1:00 P.M. PT **(3:00-4:00 P. M. ET)**. Please register at dornsife.usc.edu/acs

Healing Service By Encounter Ministries

Make this Advent a time of healing! On **Wednesday, December 1st at 7:00 pm in St. Ignatius Church**. 5222 North Bend Rd., Monfort Heights there will be a most powerful Healing Service presented by Encounter Ministries. It will include a **Teaching on God's desire to heal, a prayer for that which blocks healing, corporate healing prayer and Healing Teams for personal prayer ministry**. The Healing Service concludes at 9:30pm.

Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center.

For more info visit our website at www.LRC1.org or on Facebook or call **513-471-LITE (5483)**.

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“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

*First Letter of St. Paul To The Thessalonians
5: 16-18*