



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**Great occasions
for serving God
come seldom,
but little ones
surround us daily**

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

TABERNACLE

... The tabernacle houses the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus Christ is God. Catholics before a tabernacle quickly find themselves at the nucleus of their faith. Tabernacles got their start for a very practical reason. Christians prized the Eucharist, so central to their faith. If some member was unable to participate in the weekly gathering because of illness, the healthy community sent a representative to the home to bring part of the sacred meal to its ailing member. We continue this custom today when Communion ministers bring Communion to the sick. To make the idea work, it became necessary to create a place to store the Eucharist. The tabernacle was born. Earlier, the community simply consumed the Body and Blood of the Lord at every Eucharist, except for what they brought immediately to the sick. Later, as Christians realized that the tabernacle housed the most precious object of our faith, a devotion grew up around the tabernacle itself as a place for divine worship. It made sense, but the original idea was to reserve Communion for the sick, not to foster adoration. Gradually, the tabernacle began to serve a further function. It provided extra hosts for Mass. When Communion time came, the priest could always rely on the reserves in the tabernacle. First, a storehouse for the sick, then an object of adoration, now it became a source of feeding the community gathered for Mass. Secondarily, it deserves our devotion, but apart from the celebration of Mass. We should avoid feeding the faithful who attend Eucharist from the contents of the tabernacle (see GIRM, 85). The tabernacle serves the sick at home; the altar serves the assembly at church.

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PRAY WITH US

MASS~LA MISA

SUNDAYS:

9:00am, 11:00am,
12:30pm Spanish

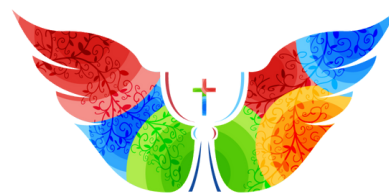
MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY FRIDAY:
8:30am

THE ROSARY

prayed
after the 8:30 AM Mass
during the week.
All are welcome to pray with us.

VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(Praying in Church)
WEEKDAYS 9am - 4pm



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 7, 2025

9:00am- Roseanne Nicklass & Family (D)
Frank Hernandez (D)

11am- Kathleen Kelly (D)

12:30pm-En acción de gracias a la Santa Cruz
Rosalio Ramirez-Ruano (D)

Monday, September 8, 2025

8:30AM- Daniel Sammon (D)

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

8:30am- Mary Greene (D)

Thursday, September 11, 2025

8:30am-Ayalew Kebede (D)

Friday, September 12, 2025

8:30am- Stefan & Bernice Cavallo (D)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

for our loved ones
for those in hospitals
for those in nursing homes
for those who have no one
to pray for them

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Enrique Gomez,
Nelsi Payan,
Michael Lucarelli
Pope Francis



STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY GIVING

August 26th-Sept 1st

\$4,662.87 online debit giving
\$6,844.00 Sunday collection basket
Mailed in Checks
TOTAL \$ 11,506.87

ONLINE GIVING



Tithely



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Summer is winding down, vacations are wrapping up, and the new school year is beginning. With so much going on, it's easy to forget envelopes or checks on Sunday—but your parish giving doesn't have to take a break!

That's why we encourage all parishioners to use Tithely Online Giving. It's quick, secure, and convenient—whether you're at home, traveling, or simply on the go. You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations that continue automatically, even if you're away.

Many of our families already use Tithely, and it's made giving simpler and more consistent for them—and for the parish office, it means better record-keeping and faster processing.

As we head into a busy fall, consider switching to online giving and make stewardship one less thing to worry about.

👉 Try Tithely today and see how easy it is to stay faithful in your generosity!

PARISH MEETINGS AND MINISTRIES

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed
after the 8:30 AM Mass during the week.
All are welcome to pray with us.

PARISH CHOIRS

Interested in joining the choir,
contact Travis Bloom
at travisbloom@sfdsnyc.org

BOOK CLUB

Next Meeting on Zoom is
Monday, September 8 at 8:00pm
Contact Mary Braza at brazamary@gmail.com

PRAYER GROUP -20 and 30 year olds

Next meeting will be September 10

Ministerio de Grupo de Oración para Personas en sus 20 y 30 años

9 de septiembre **de 7:00-8:30 PM**
en la salón parroquial

THE ASSOCIATION (Daughters) OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Next Meeting:
Sunday September 14 at 1:45 PM

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 18
at 6:30 PM
Contact Pat Latona at latonapal@gmail.com

CONNECT & ENCOUNTER

Those interested in becoming Catholic,
seeking Confirmation
or anyone with have questions
Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Church Office

YOUTH GROUP/YOUTH NIGHT Open to youth ages 13-18

Use the QR code
to join the group



NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For more information
contact Joe Long
joelong@sfdsnycorg



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is open
For more information
contact Joe Long joelong@sfdsnycorg

HOPE WALK

Saturday, September 13
10:45 AM in the Parish Hall

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Time to Learn, Grow and Live Jesus



**Groups for those who are
5 years old through Middle School**
providing: personal attention in a warm,
welcoming environment

Engaging Activities:

crafts, music, service project and prayer experiences

Sacramental Preparation:

first Penance, First Communion and Confirmation

Living Our Faith:

Helping participants to live Jesus in their daily lives

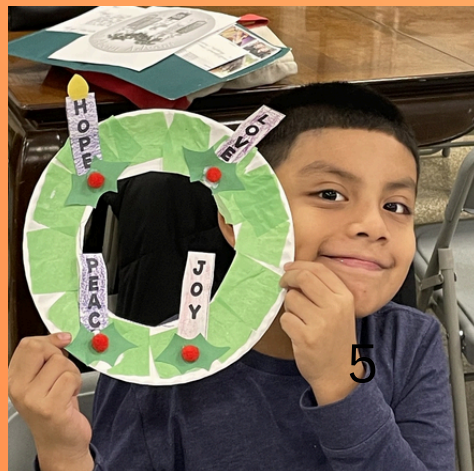


Time to
REGISTER



<https://bit.ly/25-26RELED>

More information: Joe Long joelong@sfdsnyc.org
call: 212-289-0425 or text: 910-354-9674



IGLESIA DE SAN FRANCISCO DE SALES FORMACIÓN DE FE PARA NIÑOS Y JÓVENES

Tiempo para Aprender, Crecer y Vivir a Jesús



**Grupos para aquellos que tienen
5 años hasta la escuela secundaria**
proporcionando atención personal
en un ambiente cálido y acogedor

Actividades Atractivas:

manualidades, música, proyectos de servicio
y experiencias de oración

Preparación Sacramental:

primera Penitencia, Primera Comunión y Confirmación

Viviendo Nuestra Fe:

Ayudando a los participantes a vivir a Jesús en su vida diaria

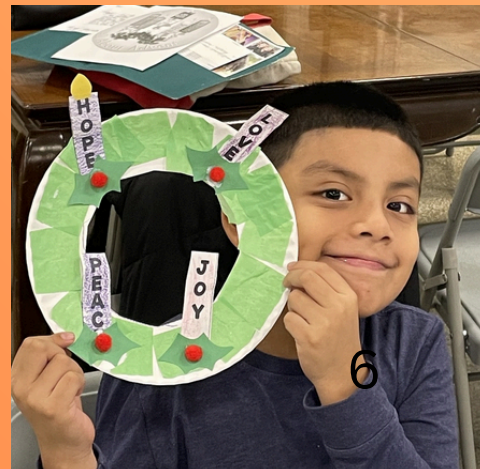


Tiempo para
REGISTRARSE

<https://bit.ly/formacion2025-26>



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ST. FRANCIS DE SALES MUSIC MINISTRY



Come Sing with Us

Choir for the 11:00 Mass
rehearses this Thursday
at 6:00 PM
in the parish hall.

Ven a Cantar con Nosotros

El coro de la misa de 12:30
ensaya
este jueves a las 6:00 PM
en el salón parroquial.



ST. FRANCIS
DE SALES
Initiation Ministry

HOMEcoming DINNER

Monday, September 29, 2025
6:45 PM

If you became Catholic,
went through RCIA,
celebrated
Baptism, Confirmation,
or Eucharist
as an adult,
—THIS NIGHT IS FOR YOU!
No matter the parish.
No matter the year.

Join us
for an evening of connection,
feasting, and faith.
Good food.
Good people. Great stories.

To respond, scan the QR code or use the link.



<https://bit.ly/rcia-homecoming>

For more information contact Joe Long at
joelong@sfdsnyc.org
call: 212-289-0425 text: 910-354-9674



HOPE WALK

Join us on a walk
through the neighborhood
-- reaching out and greeting those
on the streets.

Saturday, September 13 10:45 AM
Parish Hall



**SOCIAL
JUSTICE**
MINISTRY



BOOK CLUB

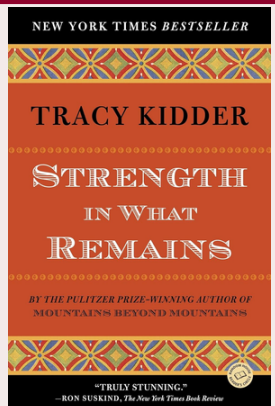
8 SEPTEMBER
8:00 PM



FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO GET THE ZOOM LINK
CONTACT MARY BRAZA AT
BRAZAMARY@GMAIL.COM

Everyone is welcome

**THIS MONTH'S
BOOK:**
Strength
in What Remains
by Tracy Kidder



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ASSOCIATION

WWW.SFDSASSOCIATION.ORG

**A spiritual family for Catholic women
who desire to live a devout life.**



The Association offers an answer for those seeking to live their faith more fully, find a source of joy in spiritual friendship, and solidarity within a spiritual family, locally and globally.

To learn about Salesian spirituality
and the St. Francis de Sales Association,

Come to one our meetings:

Sunday, September 14 at 1:45 in the Parish Office

or

Join us in a virtual open house via Zoom video.

Sundays, from 8:00-9:00 p.m. ET.

September 28, and November 23.

**Please email haydee@sfdsassociation.org
for more information and to attend.**



El Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos

invita a todos a

TARDE DE BINGO!



5 DE OCTUBRE
EN EL SALÓN PARROQUIAL
DESPUÉS DE LA MISA

CONNECT WITH CATHEDRAL!



JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE!

Wednesday, October 1st

from 5-7 p.m.

Sunday, October 19th

from 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

Scan to register today!



**Scan the QR to receive
school updates and
deadline reminders!**



APPLY TODAY!



GO BEARS!

**Scan to start your
application!**

20 & 30 YEAR OLDS FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Let's build a community in this big city
by learning, praying and growing together
in a supportive and loving atmosphere
at St. Francis de Sales Church.



10 SEPTEMBER



7:00-8:30 PM



FOOD PROVIDED





PEACE WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2025

"Praise be to you, my Lord."

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord." These are the words that open Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and care for God's creation. These words, quoting St. Francis of Assisi's beautiful canticle, remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

Pope Francis addresses *Laudato Si'* to "every person on the planet," for we all share a common home—the earth. He focuses on a number of important themes.

- **A Moral and Spiritual Challenge.** The ecological crisis, Pope Francis writes, is a summons to profound interior conversion—to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world.
- **Care for God's Creation.** God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. Now we have the responsibility to care for and protect it and all people, who are part of creation. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation.
- **We are All Connected.** We are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations.
- **Impact on the Poor.** People in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are disproportionately impacted by it. As a result of excessive use of natural resource by wealthy nations, those who are poor experience pollution, lack of access to clean water, hunger, and more.
- **Called to Solidarity.** We are one human family and have a shared responsibility for others and for creation. Wealthy countries have a responsibility to reduce consumption of non-renewal resources and should help poorer nations develop in sustainable ways.
- **Technological and economic development must serve human beings and enhance human dignity,** instead of creating an economy of exclusion, so that all people have access to what is needed for authentic human development.
- **Supporting Life, Protecting Creation.** Concern for nature is incompatible with failure to protect vulnerable human beings, such as unborn children, people with disabilities, or victims of human trafficking.
- **A Time to Act.** Pope Francis calls for a change in lifestyle and consumption. We can make important changes as individuals, families, and communities, and as civil and political leaders.
- **Hope and Joy.** "Injustice is not invincible" (no. 74) and we act knowing that we seek to live out God's vision of renewed relationships with God, ourselves, one another, and creation.

How You Can Respond

Each of us are called to take concrete steps – from reducing consumption to working for political change – to better care for creation. Here are some ideas.

1. Become more aware of our connectedness. Care for one another and creation includes understanding that "everything is connected" (no. 91) and that the economy, politics, community involvement, and technology all affect the future of the planet and humankind. How can we become more aware of our connectedness?

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2. **Changes to lifestyle and consumption habits can make a big difference.** For example, get a re-usable water bottle, take shorter showers, walk, bike or take public transportation instead of driving, recycle, compost food waste, and buy energy efficient appliances.
3. **Make changes institutionally at your parish, school, or workplace.** For example, start recycling and composting, use washable dinnerware in cafeterias, share electronically instead of printing, do an energy audit, and install solar panels.
4. **Support local efforts to solve environmental problems.** Community groups around the country are working to make city, county, and state-wide changes that can make a big difference. Find out what is going on locally and get involved.
5. **Contact your members of Congress** to share Pope Francis’ message and urge action to address climate change.

Prayer

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you
in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.

Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined
to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good,
advance the weak, and care for this world in
which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you!
Amen.

Excerpted from “A Christian prayer in union with creation,”
in *Laudato Si’*, no. 246

For More Information

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops webpage on Environment and Environmental Justice (www.usccb.org/environment)
- Catholic Climate Covenant (www.catholicclimatecovenant.org)



Department of Justice, Peace
and Human Development

Mass for Care of Creation



The Church of St. Francis Xavier
in collaboration with the Archdiocese of New York
& Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement

Invite you to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical

Laudato si': Care for Our Common Home

Let us commemorate together, in this Season of Creation, the work of our
parishes and congregations in caring for God's creation over the last ten years.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

6:30PM Mass

followed by a reception

Church of St. Francis Xavier

46 West 16th Street in NYC

Accessible entrance: 55 West 15th Street

All are welcome!

An RSVP to mnyccm@gmail.com is appreciated but not required

Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement's Season of Creation Event
Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation



Saturday, September 20
9:30AM – 4:00PM



Journey together with us on the train from 14th St. in Manhattan
to Thomas Berry Center in Jamaica, Queens,
for an introduction to Thomas Berry's spirituality, a meditative walk on the grounds, lunch,
a briefing on the solar panels, and an outdoor Mass.

We will link this event to GreenFaith's SUN Day campaign for renewable energy
All are welcome!

For more information email: mnyccm@gmail.com

SaveLives

YOUR SUPPORT, THEIR SURVIVAL

Urgent: Families in Gaza are in Dire Need!

Please give a vital gift today!



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MONDAY - FRIDAY 9am - 5pm

SUNDAY 10am - 2pm

CHURCH HOURS

WEEKDAYS 9am - 4pm

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WITH US**



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en las redes sociales**



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