



# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**Bearing the image of God  
in ourselves,  
all of us are consequently  
the image of each other.  
Together we constitute  
the image of one portrait,  
that of God.**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

## **ADVENT GOSPELS**

On the four Sundays of Advent, the Catholic lectionary presents a series of Gospel readings that prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Christ. The Sunday Advent readings all rotate on a three year cycle, but they always follow the same pattern. The Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent always tells of the reign of Christ at the end of time. It echoes the theme of the previous Sunday, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Advent starts with the message that we await the Second Coming of Christ. This entire season is not just a reminder of a past birth but also an anticipation of future glory. The Second and Third Sundays of Advent always have Gospel readings about John the Baptist. John is an adult in these passages, proclaiming the nearness of the Kingdom of God and serving as the prophet who bridges the Old and New Testaments. John foreshadows Jesus in his birth, his preaching, and his death. John's message on these two middle Sundays of this season inspires us to follow Christ. The Fourth Sunday of Advent always tells part of the story that just precedes the Birth of Christ. These familiar episodes set the stage for one of the Bible's best-known passages, the story of Christmas. The Gospel readings of the four Sundays of Advent come to us in reverse chronology. We start with the end of time. We continue to the period when Jesus was an adult. We end in the days before his birth. Like a funnel, Advent opens with a giant theme, the grandness of Christ the King, and it ends with a specific one, the child lying in a Bethlehem manger.

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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

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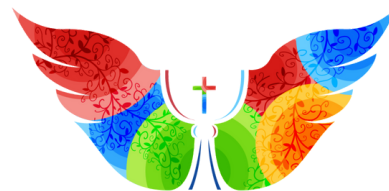
after the 8:30 AM Mass  
during the week.

All are welcome to pray with us.

## VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(Praying in Church)

WEEKDAYS 9am - 4pm



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, November 30, 2025**

9:00am- Robinson Barranda, Sr. (D)

11am- Robinson Barranda, Sr. (D)

12:30pm- Para la parroquia de San Francisco  
de Sales

**Monday, December 1, 2025**

8:30AM- James Casey P. McKee (D)

**Tuesday, December 2, 2025**

8:30am- John Lee (D)

**Thursday, December 4, 2025**

**8:30am**-James Lee (D)

**Friday, December 5, 2025**

8:30am- Mathew Lee (D)

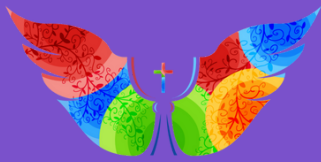
## FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Brittany Parker

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

## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Rinaldo Cola



# SACRAMENTS

## BAPTISM OF INFANTS

The Baptism of a Child is an important event in the life of a family and the life of the Church.

We encourage registered active members of the parish to contact us to begin preparation.

We ask that this begins two months before the intended Baptism date.

Baptisms are celebrated at Sunday Mass once a month.

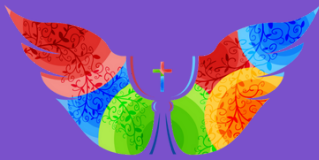
## COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you love is unable to attend Mass due to serious illness or limited mobility, and are homebound, our parish ministers are ready to bring Holy Communion to them with prayer and care.

## PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION (Confession)

If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, our priests are available by appointment for a quiet, prayerful, and personal encounter with God's mercy.

***For more information, please contact the Parish Office***



# STEWARDSHIP

## WEEKLY GIVING

**Nov 18th-Nov 24th**

\$4,279.94 online debit giving

\$1,427.00 Sunday collection basket

Mailed in Checks

**TOTAL \$5,706.94**

Second Collection-Campaign for Charity and Justice (Catholic Charities)-\$648.00

## ONLINE GIVING



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# 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.

## CONNECT & ENCOUNTER

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

## PARISH CHOIRS

11:00 Mass Choir rehearses  
Thursday at 7:00 PM  
El coro de la misa de 12:30 ensaya  
los jueves a las 6:00 en el salón parroquial.  
contact Travis Bloom  
at [travisbloom@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:travisbloom@sfdsnyc.org)

## CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is open  
No session on November 30  
Session on December 7  
10:00-11:00 AM

## BOOK CLUB

Monday, December 8 at 8:00 PM  
Contact Mary Braza at [brazamary@gmail.com](mailto:brazamary@gmail.com)

## YOUTH GROUP/YOUTH NIGHT Open to youth ages 13-17

First Meeting  
Sunday, December 7  
2:00-4:00 PM  
in the parish hall

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP -20 and 30 year olds

**Young Adult Mass:** December 4 at 7:30 PM  
St. Patrick Cathedral  
**Coffee Hour** December 7 after 9 AM  
and 11 AM Mass  
**Prayer:** December 10 at 7:00 PM

## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Next meeting-  
Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 PM  
Contact Pat Latona at [latonapal@gmail.com](mailto:latonapal@gmail.com)

## GRUPO DE JOVENES ADULTOS

2 de diciembre **de 7:00-8:30 PM**  
en la salón parroquial

## HOPE WALK

Saturday, December 13  
**10:00 AM** in the Parish Hall

## THE ASSOCIATION (Daughters) OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Next meeting is  
Sunday, December 14 at 1:45 PM  
Church Office

## NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For more information  
contact Joe Long  
[joelong@sfdsnycorg](mailto:joelong@sfdsnycorg)





# SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH COUNCIL



## Members

James Sayer  
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Francisco Gallegos  
Pamela Robinson  
Lisa Kelly  
Fr. Phil Kelly



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**HELP**  
CREATING  
**HOPE** | **OUR  
SECOND  
CENTURY**

Need Assistance?

Visit

<https://catholiccharitiesny.org/>



Our urgent response to global funding cuts, ensuring that families facing crisis still receive the essential support they need—food, water, shelter and care to survive.

**Save Lives**  
YOUR SUPPORT, THEIR SURVIVAL

<https://www.crs.org/>

# CROSS TALK

conversations  
exploring  
Catholic faith,  
life and  
meaning

## The Christmas Story You Thought You Knew

*Exploring Advent and Christmas in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke*

Monday, December 8

7:00-8:30 PM in the parish hall.

Discover the deeper meaning and rich differences in the Christmas stories told by Matthew and Luke—stories we hear every year but may never have truly explored. In this engaging Advent conversation, we'll look at how each Gospel portrays Jesus' birth, what these narratives reveal about God's love, and how they can shape the way we prepare for Christmas today. A fresh, faith-filled look at the Scriptures behind the season.



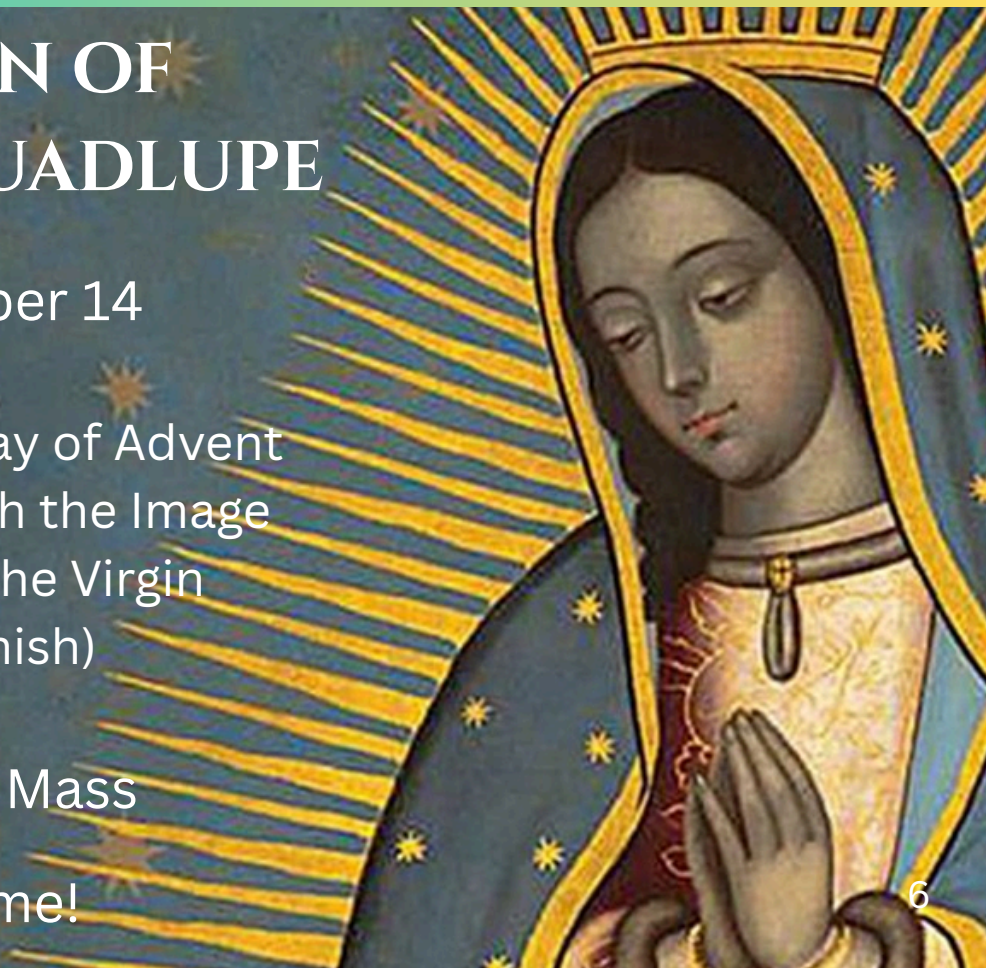
## CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Sunday, December 14

Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent  
with the Procession with the Image  
and Music honoring the Virgin  
at 12:30 (in Spanish)

Fiesta following Mass

All Are Welcome!





# BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8  
8:00 PM



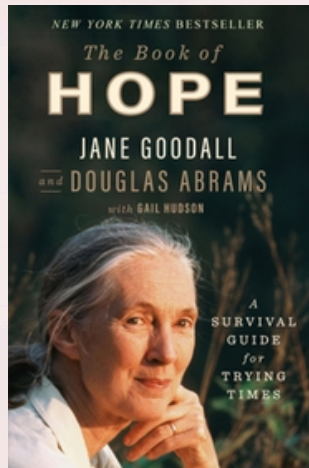
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND TO GET THE ZOOM LINK  
CONTACT MARY BRAZA AT  
[BRAZAMARY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BRAZAMARY@GMAIL.COM)

**Everyone is welcome**

## Our Next Book:

The Book of Hope

by  
Jane Goodall  
and  
Douglas Abrams



# HOPE WALK

Saturday, December 13  
10:00 AM  
Church Hall

Join us on a walk  
through the neighborhood  
-- greeting those on the streets, .  
offering food and sharing a prayer





# YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

*for those in their 20's and 30's*

## Coffee Hour

Sunday, December 7  
after the 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
Masses in the Parish Hall

## Prayer and Fellowship

Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 PM  
in the parish hall

# GRUPO DE JOUENES ADULTOS

*para aquellos en sus 20 y 30 años*



Próxima Reunión  
martes, 2 de diciembre  
7:00-8:30 PM  
Salón Parroquial



# YOUNG ADULT MASS

*with* CARDINAL DOLAN

**Thursday, December 4 @ 7:30pm**

*Holy Hour & Confessions at 6:30 PM*

SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL  
NEW YORK CITY

Hosted by the Office of Youth Ministry & Young Adult Ministry  
& the University Apostolate of the Archdiocese of New York

**Social after Mass**

We invite all the young adults of parish to join us at this Advent Young ADult Mass with Cardinal Dolan. We'll meet at St. Francis de Sales at 6:45 PM and head to the Cathedral together. If it is easier for you, meet us at St. Patrick Cathedral. Invite others to join us.



# Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is a beloved Christian tradition that helps us mark the four weeks of Advent as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Its circular shape symbolizes God's unending love; the evergreen branches remind us of hope and life; and the four candles—one lit each week—invite us to watch, pray, and grow in joyful expectation. As the light increases week by week, we are reminded that Christ, the Light of the World, draws near to dispel darkness and bring peace.

## Simple Directions to Make an Advent Wreath

Use a round base (foam, wire, or grapevine) and cover it with fresh or artificial evergreen branches, securing them with floral wire or hot glue. Place four candle holders evenly around the wreath—traditionally three purple candles and one rose candle for the Third Sunday of Advent. Add simple decorations if you wish, such as pinecones or small ribbons, keeping the design prayerful and safe. Set the wreath on a stable surface, light one candle each week of Advent, and pray with your family as you wait in hope for Christ's coming.

## Blessing of the Advent Wreath (© USCCB.org)

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All respond: Who made heaven and earth.

God's Word

Then the Scripture is read: (choose one)

Isaiah 9: (verses 1-2 and 5-6)

Isaiah 63 (verses 16-17 & 19)

Isaiah 64 (verses 2-7)

At the end, the reader says: The word of the Lord.

And all respond: Thanks be to God.



## Prayer

Leader: Lord our God,  
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:  
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,  
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,  
he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,  
let your blessing come upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath.  
May the wreath and its light  
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.  
May he come quickly and not delay.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of humankind;  
bid ev'ry sad division cease  
and be thyself our Prince of peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

### **Suggested Prayer for Each Week while Lighting the Candles**

Begin each week's prayer with:

All make the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All respond: Who made heaven and earth.

#### Second Week of Advent (Two purple candles are lighted)

Leader: Lord God, as we light this second candle, open our hearts to receive your Son. Stir in us  
a deeper longing for your presence, that we may notice the gentle signs of your coming  
throughout our days.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Third Week of Advent (Two purple and the rose candle are lighted)

Leader: Lord God, as we light this third candle, make us ready for the coming of Christ.  
Strengthen our hope and steady our steps, that we may recognize your nearness even in simple,  
hidden moments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Fourth Week of Advent (all four candles are lighted)

Leader: Lord God, as we light this fourth candle, prepare us to welcome Jesus with renewed  
hearts. Awaken in us a spirit of wonder and generosity, trusting that you are guiding us even  
when the path is dim. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Local Food Pantries



## LSA FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE

333 East 115th Street  
New York, NY 10029  
Phone: 646.672.5200

Wednesdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our food pantry is open to residents of zip codes 10029 and 10035.

Due to the holidays, our food pantry will be closed on

Wed, November 26th (OPEN 10am-12pm. CLOSED 12pm-2:30pm)

Wed, December 24th

Emergency assistance continues to be available for anyone without an appointment.

If you need assistance please call 646-672-5200 and press 1.

La despensa de alimentos distribuye comida los miércoles, de 10:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. y de 1:00 p.m. a 2:00 p.m.

Nuestra despensa de alimentos está abierta a los residentes de los códigos postales 10029 y 10035.

Debido a los días festivos, nuestra despensa de alimentos permanecerá cerrada los siguientes miércoles en 2025:

Miércoles, 26 de noviembre (ABIERTO DE 10 a.m. a 12 p.m. CERRADO 12pm-2:30pm)

Miércoles, 24 de diciembre

La asistencia de emergencia sigue estando disponible para cualquier persona sin cita previa.

Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al 646-672-5200 y presione 1.



## Catholic Charities/ Parish Services

St. Cecilia Parish

125 E. 105<sup>th</sup> Street,

212-348-0488

Pantry open

Wednesdays from 9:00 AM until Noon



8 East 109th Street, East Harlem Location

Wednesday – Saturday, 10:00AM-2:00PM

To register for Choice Pantry Manhattan and to receive an emergency grocery bag at this location, visit us:

Monday – Saturday, 10:00AM-2:00PM

Please bring photo ID for all adults in the household, ID for all children in the household, e.g., birth certificate, school letter, and proof of address, e.g., rent receipt or lease.

# OUR PARISH STAFF

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### WEEKEND ASSOCIATES

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REV. JOHN SWOPE, S.J.

### OFFICE HOURS~HORARIO DE OFICINA

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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