



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Do not hurry along and say many things, but try to speak from your heart. A single "Our Father" said with feeling has greater value than many said quickly and hurriedly.

SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Jesus Christ is king of all creation. At the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (28:18). The Book of Revelation calls him, "King of kings and Lord of lords" (19:16). People wanted to make Jesus a king after he worked the miracle of the loaves, but he went away by himself instead (John 6:15). They wanted a secular king to govern their land. Jesus wanted to rule their hearts. The Catholic Church celebrates the kingship of Christ on the last Sunday of the Church year. The liturgical year reaches its climax in a celebration that honors the supreme command of Christ. He has dominion over all creation, and he rules every person who believes in him. The Solemnity of Christ the King entered the Catholic calendar in 1925, which Pope Pius XI had set aside as a holy year. Pius thought the feast would bring the year to a solemn close, help combat the forces of secularism, and remind the world that Christ is its ultimate ruler. The pope chose the last Sunday of October because of its proximity to the end of the liturgical year and to serve as a prelude to All Saints Day on Nov. 1. The same day was already being observed as Reformation Sunday in the Protestant traditions. Pope Paul VI moved the observance from the end of October to the very last Sunday of the Church year in order to exalt its theme even more. Now we end the year with an idea that sums up all that we have celebrated and that prepares us to start anew: this Jesus, whose birth we will soon celebrate, is the king of all creation.

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PRAY WITH US

MASS~LA MISA

SUNDAYS:

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

MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY FRIDAY:

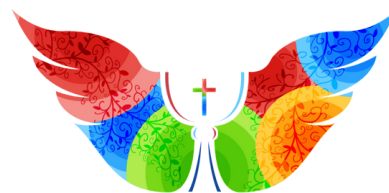
8:30am

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, November 23, 2025

9:00am- Guillermina Alvarez (D)
Susan Ngozi Ononye (D)

11am- Michael Lucarelli (D)

12:30pm- Ana Delia Lopez Familia (D)

Monday, November 24, 2025

8:30AM- Edward Lee (D)

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

8:30am- Eileen Brando (D)

Thursday, November 27, 2025

10:00am-Thanksgiving Day Mass
Office is Closed

Friday, November 28, 2025

8:30am- No Mass-Office is Closed

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 11th-Nov 17th

\$4,250.36 online debit giving

\$1,284.00 Sunday collection basket

Mailed in Checks

TOTAL \$5,534.36

ONLINE GIVING



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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.

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

Save Lives

YOUR SUPPORT, THEIR SURVIVAL



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 27

10:00 AM

Please note that this replaces the 8:30 Mass
and the Office is closed Thanksgiving Day
and Friday, November 27

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

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

BOOK CLUB

Monday, December 8 at 8:00 PM
Contact Mary Braza at brazamary@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT GROUP -20 and 30 year olds

Coffee Hour November 23 after 11 AM Mass

GRUPO DE JOVENES ADULTOS

25 de noviembre **de 7:00-8:30 PM**
en la salón parroquial

THE ASSOCIATION (Daughters) OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

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

CONNECT & ENCOUNTER

Those interested in becoming Catholic ,
seeking Confirmation
or anyone with have questions

Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Church Office

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is open
Session, November 23
No session on November 30
10:00-11:00 AM

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

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

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

HOPE WALK

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

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For more information
contact Joe Long
joelong@sfdsnycorg





Thanksgiving Day Meal Prayers

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: I will give you thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise. (*Psalm 138:1*)

(Optional: Offer personal prayers of intercession and/or thanksgiving: for family, faith, freedom, life, and praying for friends and family alive or departed who are with us in spirit.)

Leader: Let us pray,
Father all-powerful,
your gifts of love are countless
and your goodness infinite;
as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day
with gratitude for your kindness,
open our hearts to have concern
for every man, woman, and child,
so that we may share your gifts in loving service.

All: Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts,
which we are about to receive from thy bounty,
through Christ our Lord. Amen





YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

for those in their 20's and 30's

Coffee Hour

Sunday, November 23
after the 11:00 AM Mass
in the Parish Hall

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, 25 de noviembre
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



"Live + Jesus" was St. Francis de Sales' personal motto—written at the beginning and end of his letters, sermons, and spiritual counsels—as both a blessing and a reminder that every thought, action, and desire should begin, continue, and end in Christ. By using it so consistently, he invited others to let the gentle, humble love of Jesus shape their daily decisions and relationships. For Francis, this brief phrase expressed the whole Salesian way of life: allowing Jesus to live in our hearts and shine through the ordinary.

Our Faith in Film Series: *Seeking Justice and Inclusion*



On Thursday, November 13, we had a great turnout of thirty people in attendance. Everyone loved the film and the large number of people who stayed after to discuss it was testimony to that. People were so moved by the true story of the passion and perseverance of Wilbur Wilberforce's courageous quest to end the British slave trade; and by his reliance on his minister John Newton, who penned the beloved hymn "Amazing Grace", who urged Wilberforce to see the cause through. He inspired social change and had the courage and relationships that all culminated to abolish slavery.



ADVENT

Next Sunday, we begin Advent, the opening of a new Church year and a fresh invitation to deepen our friendship with God. While the world rushes toward the holidays, Advent gently calls us to slow down, breathe, and make room for Christ. It is a season shaped by three movements: remembering Christ's first coming in Bethlehem, recognizing his presence among us now, and renewing our hope for his coming again in glory. The Scriptures of Advent draw us into a world longing for light, healing, and peace. The prophets speak of God's promise; John the Baptist calls us to prepare our hearts; Mary shows us how to wait with trust. Each candle of the Advent wreath marks our journey from darkness to light, reminding us that God is continually at work, even in quiet and hidden ways.

As we begin this new liturgical year, consider taking on one simple practice: setting aside a few minutes each day for prayer, reading the Sunday Scriptures in advance, or choosing a small act of charity each week. Advent isn't about doing more—it's about being more open to the God who comes to meet us. May this season renew our hope, deepen our longing, and bring us to Christmas with hearts made ready.

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

CROSS TALK

*conversations
exploring
Catholic faith,
life and
meaning*



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

*What Catholics Believe about Death, Judgement,
Heaven, Hell, and the End Times*

**Monday, November 24
7:00-8:30 PM in the parish hall.**

Many Catholics wonder what the Church really teaches about life after death and the end of time. Join us for a hope-filled conversation on the Last Things—Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, and the fulfillment of God's plan. Together we'll explore what these teachings mean, why they matter, and how they can deepen the way we live our faith today.

All are welcome.

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.



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. 105th 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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OFFICE HOURS~HORARIO DE OFICINA

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9am - 5pm

SUNDAY 10am - 2pm

CHURCH HOURS

WEEKDAYS 9am - 4pm

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