



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**"Do everything for God,
uniting yourself to him
in word and deed.
Walk very simply
with the Cross of the Lord
and be at peace with yourself."**

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

The Cross could have become a symbol of shame for Christians. It brought about the death of Jesus Christ. However, faith in the Resurrection made the Cross a symbol of pride. The worst weapon of Jesus' enemies could not overpower him. Through the Cross, Jesus triumphs over death. Pride in the Cross soon turned to veneration of the Cross. Since no record from the time of the apostles indicates that the Cross of Christ was preserved, zealous Christians later searched for its remains. They had already honored the general location of Calvary and the Sepulcher, so new basilicas were built over those sites under the reign of Constantine in the early fourth century. Around this same time, people believed they had identified relics of the Cross of Christ, and these diffused throughout the Christian world. John Calvin sarcastically noted that if all the splinters of the Cross were gathered together, they would fill a ship—three hundred people could not carry the Cross which one person carried up to Calvary. It is difficult to verify splinters of the true Cross of Christ. However, legend has it that in 322, Helena, the mother of Constantine, uncovered three Crosses in the excavations for the new basilicas in Jerusalem. She assumed them to be the Crosses of Jesus and the two wrongdoers. Macarius, the bishop of Jerusalem, brought in a dying woman and had her touch the Crosses. The third one cured her, and that Cross was proclaimed the Cross of Christ. It became an object of veneration in Jerusalem until it was stolen in the seventh century, but Heraclius of Constantinople captured and returned it in 629, bringing it into the city, where it was lifted up for all to venerate again. This "exaltation" of the Holy Cross gave us a feast day on September 14 every year.

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PRAY WITH US

MASS~LA MISA

SUNDAYS:

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

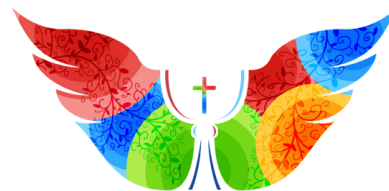
MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY FRIDAY:
8:30am

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 14, 2025

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

11am- For the Parish of St. Francis de Sales

12:30pm- Maria Eva Barrionuevo, Xavier
Texivor, Sophia La Torraca

Monday, September 15, 2025

8:30AM- Myrta Vargas (L)

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

8:30am- Felix Delfi Trinidad (D)

Thursday, September 18, 2025

8:30am-Evelyn Lloyd (D)

Friday, September 19, 2025

8:30am- Roselgail Rivas (L) B'day

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

Sept 2nd-Sept 8th

\$4,884.40 online debit giving
\$1,401.00 Sunday collection basket
Mailed in Checks
TOTAL \$6,285.40

ONLINE GIVING



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Who is a Christian steward?

Who then is a steward? Who practices stewardship in the biblical sense? Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, the pastoral letter of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, gives a comprehensive definition.

"Who is a Christian steward?"

"One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes them and tends them in a responsible manner, shares them in justice and love with all, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

This definition," rooted in biblical and church tradition, corresponds with Almighty God's decision to entrust to humanity the universe God had created [Genesis 1:26-31] and with Jesus Christ's famous parable of the talents [Matthew 25: 14-36]".

"For disciples of Christ—everyone who responded to Jesus' invitation, 'Come follow me', Christian stewardship holds every individual accountable to God for personal care of the universe. At the time of judgment, God will have the right to ask: 'What did you do with my world?'"

"Christian stewardship, therefore applies to everything—all personal talents, abilities, and wealth; the local, national and worldwide environment; all human and natural resources wherever they are; the economic order, governmental affairs; and even outer space. This stewardship does not tolerate indifference to anything important in God's world."

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, October 20 at 8:00pm
Contact Mary Braza at brazamary@gmail.com

PRAYER GROUP -20 and 30 year olds

Next meeting will be September 24
Fr. Tony Ciorra is the guest speaker

**Ministerio de Grupo de Oración
para Personas en sus 20 y 30 años**
16 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
Family Meeting
September 26 10:00 AM
Class begins: October 5 at 10:00 AM

HOPE WALK

Saturday, September 13
Saturday, October 11
10:45 AM in the Parish Hall



**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
joelong@sfdsnyc.org
call: 212-289-0425 text: 910-354-9674

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

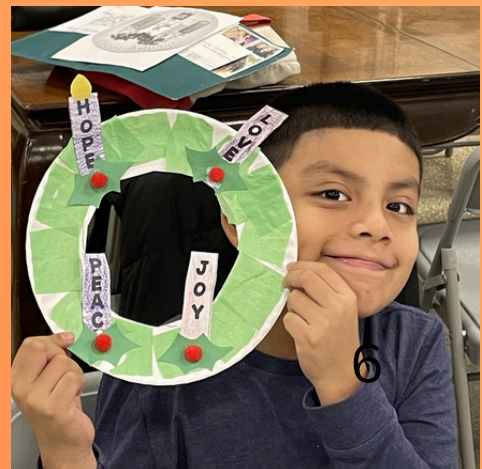


Time to
REGISTER



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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

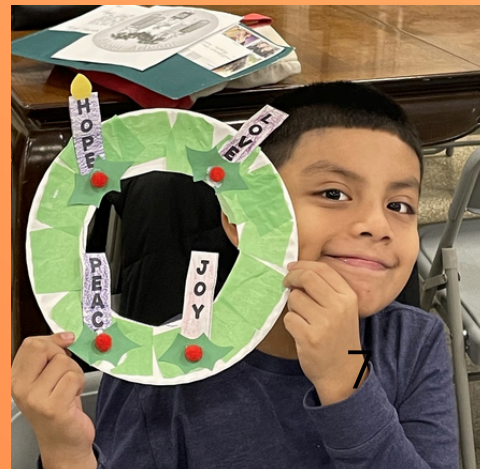


Tiempo para
REGISTRARSE

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



Más información: Joe Long joelong@sfdsnyc.org
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Save The Dates

Pat Latona , Social Justice Ministry chair, invites you to one of the following Group Chats :

October 5 - Care for the Vulnerable
(the poor, immigrants, the elderly)

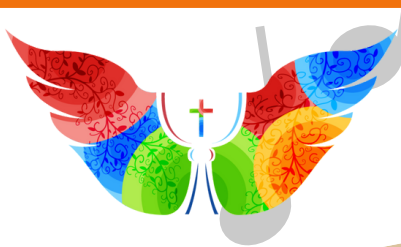
October 19 - Racism & Discrimination

October 26 - Economic Inequality

These 3 issues stem from parishioners' response to a recent SJM survey...Now we want to know if you or someone you know is affected by this issue...And what do you see as possible solutions.

All groups will meet in the church hall - 10:00 am to 10:45 am
(after the 9am Mass/before the 11am Mass)

Refreshments served



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 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!**

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

Jubilee Pilgrimage of HoPe for Creation 2025



Meet at St. Francis Xavier
at 9:15 am
Cost is \$25
(subsidies are available.)

Please wear comfortable
walking shoes.

RSVP required
SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.org

*from St. Francis Xavier Church
55 W 15th St.
via the F train to
Thomas Berry Place
in Jamaica, Queens
Saturday, September 20, 2025
9:30AM - 3:30PM*

***Join us as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of
Laudato Si' and The Season of Creation
with a pilgrimage to Thomas Berry Place,
an integral ecology center. We will...***

- ***Journey together with song
& poetry***
- ***Pass out leaflets on***
 - ***The Season of Creation,***
 - ***The Jubilee of Hope for Creation***
 - ***& The SUN Day solar campaign***
- ***Learn about Integral Ecology***
- ***Have a special lunch***
- ***Learn about the eco-spirituality
of Thomas Berry***
- ***Take a meditative walk on the
center's grounds***
- ***Learn about the trees &
the solar installation at the center***
- ***Celebrate a Mass for Creation,
outside, if weather permits***

CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
A JESUIT APOSTOLATE IN NEW YORK CITY



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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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