



# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**“Place all your hope  
in God alone,  
and  
you will never be disappointed.”**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 7, 2025**

## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

“The Immaculate Conception” is a title for Mary, the mother of Jesus. The expression means that Mary was conceived without sin. The conviction that Jesus was born of a virgin is a distinct belief, even though many Catholics erroneously think that the Immaculate Conception refers to Jesus. Contributing to the confusion is the celebration of the Immaculate Conception during the season of Advent. While the faithful are preparing to honor the birth of Jesus, we commemorate the conception of Mary. The choice of December 8 for the Immaculate Conception does not directly relate to Advent; it corresponds more to the traditional date for the Feast of the Birth of Mary, September 8, which coincides with the dedication of a Jerusalem church in honor of the mother of Mary. The feast for the conception of Mary is backed up from that day nine months. In a similar way, we celebrate the Annunciation on March 25, nine months before the birth of Jesus. Belief in the Immaculate Conception asserts that God preserved Mary from all sin from the moment of her conception, thus preparing a pure vessel for the Incarnation of the Son. This belief is not expressly contained in the Scriptures, but it enjoys a wide spread following in the Church’s tradition. Although the Immaculate Conception of Mary has been affirmed since the earliest centuries of Christianity, it was not formally proclaimed a dogma of the Church until 1854. December 8 is now a holyday of obligation in the United States, which is placed under Mary’s patronage with this title. When Mary is depicted as the Immaculate Conception, she is often shown wearing a crown of stars as the woman in Revelation 12 and standing on a snake, reversing the temptation of Eve. Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is the exalted Queen of Heaven who manifests God’s power over sin.

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# PRAY WITH US

## MASS~LA MISA

SUNDAYS:

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

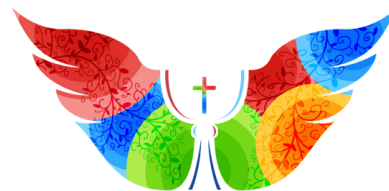
MONDAY, TUESDAY,  
THURSDAY FRIDAY:  
8:30am

## 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, December 7, 2025

9:00am- For the Parish of St. Francis de Sales

11am- Steve Argonza (D)

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

### Monday, December 8, 2025

8:30AM- Mark Lee (D)

### Tuesday, December 9, 2025

8:30am- Luke Lee (D)

### Thursday, December 11, 2025

8:30am-Hugh Lee (D)

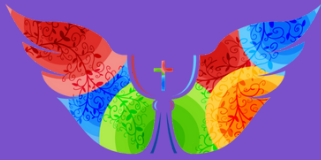
### Friday, December 12, 2025

8:30am- Roseanne Nicklass & Family

## 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



# 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.

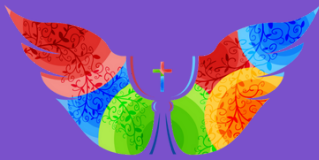
## COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

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 25th-Dec 1st**

\$4,227.97 online debit giving

\$2,096.00 Sunday collection basket

Mailed in Checks

**TOTAL \$6,323.97**

## 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

Session on December 7  
Session on December 14  
Session on December 21  
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

**Coffee Hour** December 7 after 9 AM  
and 11 AM Mass  
**Prayer, Reflection and Fellowship**  
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

9 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)





# CELEBRATING THE BLESSED MOTHER THIS MONTH



## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8  
Mass at 8:30 AM

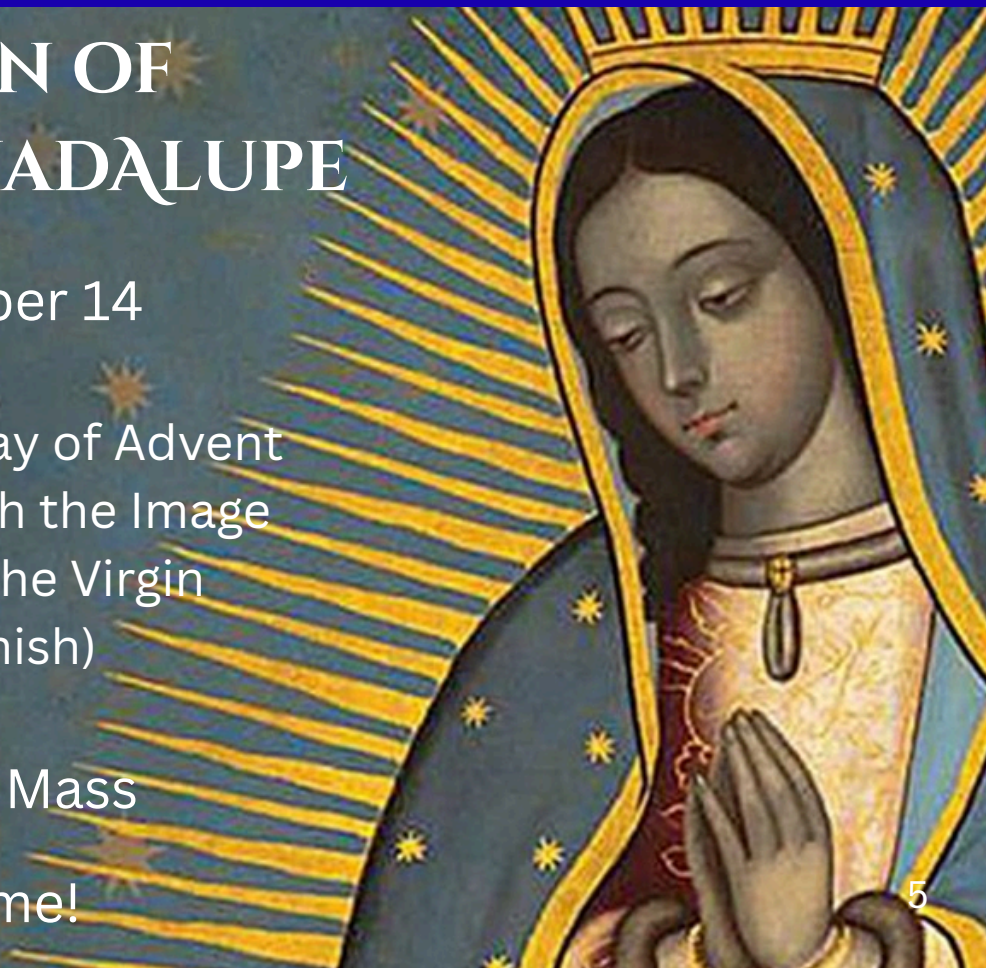
## CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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!







# Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Domingo, 14 de diciembre

**MISA DEL TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO  
CON LA PROCESIÓN CON LA IMAGEN  
Y MÚSICA EN HONOR A LA VÍRGEN  
A LAS 12:30 (EN ESPAÑOL)  
FIESTA DESPUÉS DE LA MISA**

**¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!**

# Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe~Virgin of Guadalupe

A los 53 años de edad Juan Diego tuvo la aparición milagrosa que daría inicio a la devoción a la Virgen de Guadalupe en México. La historia fue así: Juan Diego vivía con su tío Juan Bernardino en Tlupetac, lugar donde no había iglesias por lo cual tenían que ir a misa hasta la Santa Cruz de Tlatelolco.

El sábado 9 de diciembre de 1531 Juan Diego se encaminaba hacia ahí y al pasar por el cerro del Tepeyac oyó un canto que no era de esta tierra. Se detuvo a gozar de él y cuando miró arriba vio un sol resplandeciente y en medio a una señora en actitud de oración, él fue a saludarla y ella le dijo que era su deseo que le construyese un templo en ese llano y le encomendó también que le comunicara ese deseo al señor obispo.

El obispo, Juan de Zumárraga, no lo tomó en serio y le pidió que volviese otra vez al lugar a ver si sus ojos no lo habían traicionado. Regresó desconsolado Juan Diego y la Santísima Virgen se le apareció otra vez para decirle que volviera el domingo a ver al señor obispo. Así lo hizo Juan Diego, pero el obispo le pidió una señal comprobatoria de la voluntad de la Virgen. La señora se le apareció de nuevo y le pidió que volviera al día siguiente.

El lunes, día de la cita, se enfermó de cuidado el tío Juan Bernardino y hasta el martes pudo salir Juan Diego que se dirigió la ciudad a buscar a un sacerdote, eludiendo el encuentro con la Virgen, para que le administrara los últimos sacramentos. Iba por ahí, ese día 12 de diciembre, cuando al pasar de nuevo por el Tepeyac se le volvió a aparecer la Virgen y le preguntó qué le pasaba. Él le contó lo de la enfermedad de su tío y ella le dijo que no se preocupara porque su tío ya estaba sano, después le pidió que subiera al cerro a recoger unas flores.

Fue Juan Diego y en efecto encontró muy bellas rosas de las que no era temporada y que nunca se habían dado allí. Ya con ellas en su ayate, la Santísima Virgen dijo que las llevara donde el señor obispo pero que no desplegara su ayate ni lo mostrara a nadie más. Así lo hizo Juan Diego.

Después de conseguir entrar en el obispado, le dijo a Zumárraga, el obispo, que ahí le llevaba la prueba que le había pedido. En ese momento soltó su ayate y apareció en él pintada como por los ángeles, la imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

(Tomado de:

<http://www.fluvium.org/textos/lectura/lectura17.htm>  
del sacerdote Luis de Moya).

On December 9, 1531, a 57-year-old Aztec, Juan Diego, saw the Blessed Mother on a hill in Mexico City. She told Juan to have a church built in her honor. When Juan went to ask Bishop Zumarraga about this, the bishop did not understand the Indian dialect—and he did not believe in the vision Juan described.

Three days later, on December 12, Mary appeared again to Juan Diego, and this time she gave him a sign for the bishop. “Take these roses to the bishop,” she said, as she arranged in his cloak beautiful roses she had Juan Diego pick from the hillside although it was winter. When he was admitted into the bishop’s room, Juan Diego opened his cloak, and out dropped the roses. On the cloak there remained an image of Mary as she had appeared to Juan Diego.

The image of Mary on the cloak is known as Our Lady of Guadalupe for an interesting reason. On that same day, Mary appeared to Juan’s uncle and cured him, giving him a message for the bishop, saying that she would “crush the serpent’s head.” The bishop did not understand the Indians’ language. The Indian word for “crush the serpent” sounded to him like “Guadalupe,” the name of Mary’s shrine in Spain. Thinking that the Virgin wanted the new shrine to have the same name, the bishop called her Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Mary appeared to Juan Diego dressed as an Aztec woman to show her love and compassion to an oppressed group of people. Mary had heard the prayers and pain of these people, and she came to give them hope.

Mary’s visit to Guadalupe is a reminder that God will remember his mercy for all people. In Mary’s song of joy, the Magnificat, she praised God because he has put down the mighty, exalted the lowly, filled the hungry, and sent the rich away empty. People honor Our Lady of Guadalupe because they recognize her motherly concern for them.



# BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8  
8:00 PM



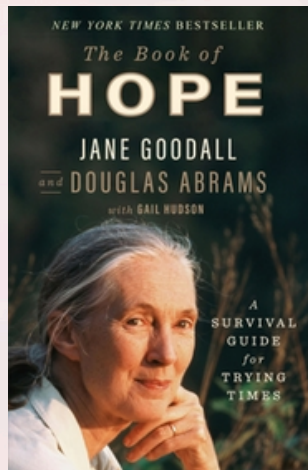
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND TO GET THE ZOOM LINK  
CONTACT MARY BRAZA AT  
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**Everyone is welcome**

## Our Next Book:

### The Book of Hope

by  
Jane Goodall  
and  
Douglas Abrams



# Thank you

to the

## Barranda Family

for the gift of this ciborium  
for use during our parish Masses.

It is in loving memory of  
**Robinson Barranda, Senior**



A ciborium is a covered sacred vessel used to hold the consecrated hosts during Mass and for reservation in the tabernacle.

# HOPE WALK



Saturday, December 13  
10:00 AM

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



## PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, December 15  
6:45 PM

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*





# 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 our meeting:**

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

**Please email [haydee@sfdsassociation.org](mailto:haydee@sfdsassociation.org)  
for more information and to attend.**

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

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



### Prayer and Fellowship

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

## GRUPO DE JOVENES ADULTOS

*para aquellos en sus 20 y 30 años*



Próxima Reunión  
martes, 9 de diciembre  
7:00-8:30 PM  
Salón Parroquial

*Behold the Light...*

*Wonder at the Mystery*

## **Christmas Eve**

Festive Concert & Carols – **3:30 PM**

*Procession with the Christ Child*

Mass – **4:30 PM**

## **Christmas Day**

Festive Christmas Prelude – **9:45 AM**

Mass – **10:00 AM**

Wherever you are  
on your journey,  
come celebrate with us.

Experience  
the beauty of Christmas  
at St. Francis de Sales.



*Contempla la Luz...*  
*Maravíllate ante el Misterio*

## **Nochebuena**

Concierto festivo y villancicos – **3:30 PM**

Procesión con el Niño Jesús

Misa – **4:30 PM**

## **Navidad**

Preludio navideño festivo – **9:45 AM**

Misa – **10:00 AM**

**Dondequiera que estés  
en tu camino,  
ven a celebrarlo con nosotros.**

**Vive la belleza de la Navidad  
en San Francisco de Sales.**







# THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:

# Thank you!



Our parish collected over 1000 food items for our November food drive and with additional donations from a parishioner, we were able to make 25 complete Thanksgiving Dinners with lots of food left over. Thanks for all who donated, those who sorted food and made baskets and the LSA Family Services for picking up and distributing the food.



# 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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