



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**“Do not lose your inner peace
for anything whatsoever,
even if the world seems upset”**

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 12, 2025

HAIL MARY

The Hail Mary is probably the most popular prayer known by Catholics outside the Mass. It forms part of the Rosary, the Angelus, Night Prayer, and certain otherwise hopeless situations involving a football. It took us hundreds of years to write the Hail Mary. The first part came easy. It draws from the angel Gabriel's annunciation to Mary that she would give birth to Jesus: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). When Mary visited Elizabeth, pregnant with John the Baptist, Elizabeth greeted her with the next phrase we use in the prayer, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). Over a period of centuries, Catholics combined these two greetings of Mary and made them our own. If Gabriel and Elizabeth could get Mary's attention this way, maybe we could too. We strung these greetings together with our own prayer for Mary's intercession. Part Scripture, part Tradition, the Hail Mary runs deep in Catholic spirituality. Two popular prayer forms use the Hail Mary: the Rosary and the Angelus. In the Rosary, it serves as a mantra, a repetitive sequence of words, thoughts, and rhythms that draw the believer into a prayerful trance before the mysteries of our salvation. In the Angelus, it reminds the faithful three times a day of the Incarnation, the Word of God becoming flesh. In liturgical prayer, the Hail Mary has never staked out territory in the Mass. The Scripture quotations it borrows from Luke's Gospel do occur at Mass as antiphons and responses on feasts of Mary, but we usually substitute a hymn to Mary in their place. However, among liturgical prayers, we find the Hail Mary at Night Prayer. The Liturgy of the Hours is the official Catholic prayer form marking the principal hours of the day: morning, daytime, evening, and night. The brief service that ends the day concludes with a prayer to Mary. The Church offers us several options here, but the most familiar of them is the Hail Mary, the last prayer of the day.

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**Because of the Columbus
Day Holiday on Monday,
Mass will not be celebrated
and the Office
will be closed**

PRAY WITH US

MASS~LA MISA

SUNDAYS:

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

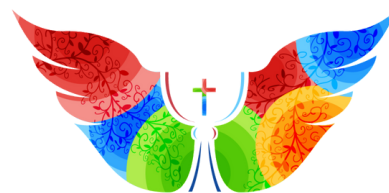
MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY FRIDAY:
8:30am

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, October 12, 2025

9:00am- Andrew Cavanagh (D)

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

12:30pm- En Accion de Gracias Eva leroux
(Cumpleanos)

Monday, October 13, 2025

8:30AM- **NO Mass-Office Closed**
Columbus Day Holiday

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

8:30am- Liam Lee (D)

Thursday, October 16, 2025

8:30am-Ryan Lee (D)

Friday, October 17, 2025

8:30am- Sean Lee (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

Sept 30th-Oct 6th

\$5,200.00 online debit giving
\$2,517.00 Sunday collection basket
Mailed in Checks
TOTAL \$7,717.00

ONLINE GIVING



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<https://bit.ly/crsgaza>

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

Next Meeting on Zoom is
Monday, October 20 at 8:00pm
Contact Mary Braza at brazamary@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT GROUP -20 and 30 year olds

Next meeting will be October 22

GRUPO DE JOVENES ADULTOS

14 de octubre **de 7:00-8:30 PM**
en la salón parroquial

THE ASSOCIATION (Daughters) OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Next meeting is
Sunday, November 9

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
Family Meetings Oct 12
First Session- Oct 19
10:00-11:00 AM

YOUTH GROUP/YOUTH NIGHT

Use the QR code
to join the group
**Open to youth
ages 13-18**



SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Contact Pat Latona at latonapal@gmail.com

HOPE WALK

Saturday, October 18
10:45 AM in the Parish Hall

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For more information
contact Joe Long
joelong@sfdsnycorg





Share Your Stories/Offer Ideas

Have any of the following issues affected you or someone you know: *Caring for the vulnerable; or * Racism/Discrimination; or * Economic Inequality ?

Our Social Justice Ministry is interested in learning your story; sharing ideas at one of the Group Chats listed below. *"Together we can do great things"*
Mother Teresa

October 19 - Racism & Discrimination

October 26 - Economic Inequality

**November 2 - Caring for the Vulnerable
(the poor, immigrants, the elderly)**

Groups meet in the church hall
10:00 am to 10:45 am
(after 9/before 11 Masses)
Refreshments served



Scan code or email
Pat
latonapal@gmail.com

Training for New Liturgical Ministers



ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, October 25
at 10:00 AM

LECTORS

Sunday, October 26
at 2:00 PM

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Tuesday, October 28
at 7:00 PM



SCAN ME

Questions, contact
Joe Long at
joelong@sfdsnyc.org

To register
bit.ly/sfds-liturgy



HOPE WALK

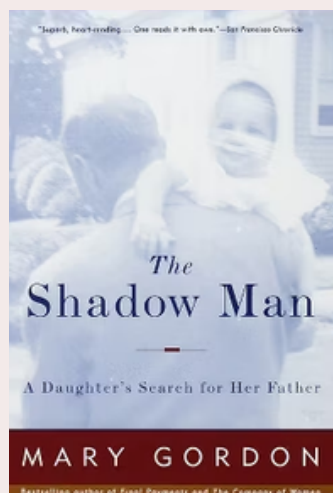
Join us on a walk
through the neighborhood
-- reaching out and greeting those
on the streets.

Saturday, October 18 at 10:45 AM
Parish Hall



THIS MONTH'S BOOK:

"The Shadow
Man"
by
Mary Gordon



BOOK CLUB

OCTOBER 20
8:00 PM



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

Everyone is welcome

online



Having a faith conversation with old and new friends is as easy as setting the table.

THE ROSARY

Sunday, October 19
7:00-8:00 PM

Faith Feeds is a chance to meet **online**, reflect, and share faith together. This conversation will focus on The Rosary—a prayer that draws us closer to Jesus through Mary. Guided by two articles from Boston College’s C21 Center—“Hail Mary” (on the prayer itself) and “How the Rosary Teaches Us to Pray”—we’ll explore the beauty, meaning, and power of the Rosary, and how it can shape our daily lives.



Scan the QR code or use the link
for the Zoom link and articles.
bit.ly/SFDS-FaithFeeds

Grab a beverage, log in, and join us **online** for a faith-filled conversation!

CROSS TALK

*conversations
exploring
Catholic faith,
life and
meaning*

THE MASS

unplugged



Have questions about the Mass—why we go, what it means, or why we do and say certain things? Join us for The Mass Unplugged, a conversation exploring the meaning, mystery, and mission of what we celebrate—bring your thoughts, questions, and ideas with you.

Monday, October 27
7:00-8:30 PM in the parish hall.

OCTUBRE ES EL MES DEL SANTO ROSARIO

Celebración Especial del Santo Rosario

Jueves, 23 de octubre 23, 2025

6:30 PM


Iglesia de San Francisco de Sales

ACOMPÁÑANOS PARA ALABAR A DIOS

Para honrar a la
Santísima Virgen y
orar por la paz en
nuestro mundo,
nos reuniremos para
rezar el Rosario el
jueves 23 de
octubre
a las 6:30 p.m.
en la iglesia.

Todos son
bienvenidos.





*an evening of
sacred remembrance,
hope and beauty*

ETERNAL ECHOES

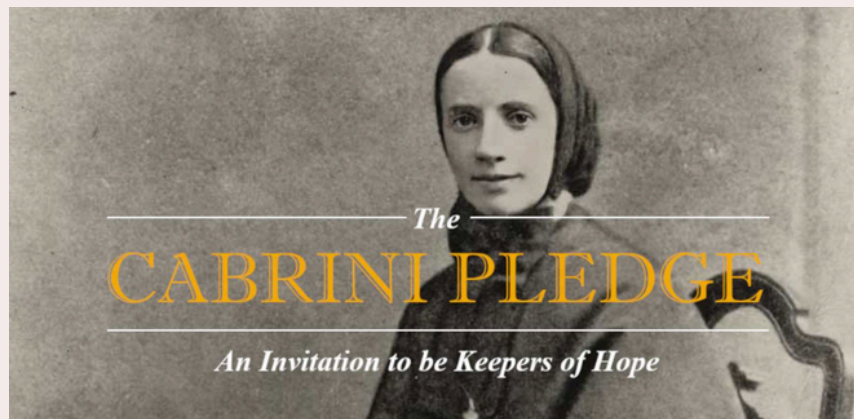
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

*Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
All Souls' Day*

*5:30-5:55 PM Preview of Art Exhibit
6:00-7:00 PM Evening Prayer
Sacred Music
7:00-8:30 PM Art Exhibit,
Meet the Artists,
Reception*

*St. Francis de Sales Church
135 East 96th Street
New York
stfrancis96.org*

Sign the Cabrini Pledge to add your name to the Catholic commitment to care for immigrants in the United States, in the spirit of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, patron saint of immigrants.



The Cabrini Pledge is both a reminder of our immigrant heritage and a call to deeper engagement with our faith in response to current events. At a time when our culture is dominated by deep political divisions and reasonable disagreements about immigration policy, progress can feel impossible. But by witnessing to the God-given dignity of every person, including the migrants and refugees in our midst, we pave the way for an approach rooted in mercy, justice, and the common good. And together, like Mother Cabrini, we can be keepers of hope.

I PLEDGE:

- ***To affirm, in word and deed, the inherent dignity of every person**, regardless of immigration status or country of origin, seeing each as a child of God before all else.
 - ***To engage with Scripture and the Church's social teaching**, reflecting on the role of migration in salvation history, the history of the United States, and the history of my own family.
 - ***To listen and learn about the circumstances facing migrants and refugees**, including those in my community, with an open heart and mind.
 - ***To seek opportunities for encounter**, so as to grow in deeper understanding and communion that leads to an authentic solidarity with those in need.
 - ***To consider what it means to be a good neighbor** and how I am called to reflect the love and hope of Christ to others.
 - ***To encourage civic dialogue that places the human person and the sanctity of families at the center of policymaking**, especially toward the end of meaningful immigration reform.
- *To join with Pope Leo in praying for all migrants and refugees** as fellow travelers on the journey to our true homeland

To Sign Pledge - Go to USCCB website OR Scan QR code

<https://www.usccb.org/cabrinipledge>



The Liturgy of The Hours

Part 2

O Radiant Light



Why is it that notoriously late sleepers who usually need to be dynamited out of bed in the morning will get up early on vacation to climb a mountain or go to the beach to watch the sunrise?

Why is it that twentieth-century men and women of all ages will make special efforts to go to a bay or a cliff to watch in silence as the sun slowly sets below the horizon?

Why will people who could not imagine life without electricity spend money to camp in the woods where they live by the light and heat of the sun and the campfire?

And why will children express a special sense of excitement when a storm cuts off power to their homes and their parents need to light candles?

In one sense we will never be able to get to the bottom of these experiences because God's gift of the sun and our God-given power to make fire will never be completely understandable. We call these realities mysteries—not because we can't figure them out but because they affect our lives so deeply that their meaning is boundless.

It is these natural mysteries that Jesus and the Church have established as signs of God's life among us. When the word of God brings another level of meaning to the natural mystery of its setting, these daily events in the heavens and in our places of prayer are seen to be symbols of Christ the Sun of Justice, the true light that can

never be extinguished. Morning and Evening Prayer are rooted in these mysteries and their power to communicate Christ's life.

Morning and Evening Prayer always open with a hymn of praise. One of the oldest hymns known to us, *O Radiant Light*, praises Christ, the image of God's heavenly light. This hymn has been used at Evening Prayer in the Eastern Churches for more than 1300 years.

Psalms, the poetic music of the Bible, are a very important element in the celebration of the Hours. They are perhaps the best expression of the wide range of religious sentiments which form part of our ongoing conversation with God.

The first psalm of Morning Prayer almost always makes reference to the dawn; the third is always a song of praise. At Evening Prayer the first psalm frequently contains some sentiment of repentance which expresses our awareness that we have not responded perfectly to the graces of the day. The psalm helps us celebrate the loving forgiveness of God. Both Morning and Evening Prayer normally use two psalms and another biblical canticle: one from the Old Testament in the morning and one from the New Testament in the evening.

After the chanting or recitation of the psalms and canticle there is a reading from the Scriptures. This is

followed by silent reflection and/or a responsory. On special occasions there can also be a brief homily.

In the Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Word leads into the center and summit of the entire celebration, namely, the assembly's proclamation of the eucharistic prayer. At Morning and Evening Prayer our proclamation of the word climaxes in the assembly's chanting of canticles from the Gospel of Luke: the Cantic of Zechariah at Morning Prayer; the Cantic of Mary at Evening Prayer. As for all proclamations of the Gospel, we stand for this event. In more solemn celebrations incense may be used to reverence the altar and the assembly during these proclamations of the Gospel canticles.

As in the Eucharist, our remembrance of God's story in the scriptural readings leads to intercession for the welfare of all creation. Remembrance of God's mighty deeds gives birth to confidence, and confidence gives rise to petition. One of the most important theological reasons for the restoration of the Liturgy of the Hours is the Gospel command that we express our union with Christ the High Priest interceding forever for the life of the world at the throne of God's mercy. The world needs our prayers. We need to pray for the world in order to become more attentive to working for the peace and healing for which we pray.

The last intercession at morning and Evening Prayer is that prayer which is the rule and guide for all intercession, the prayer which Jesus taught us, the Our Father.

We conclude with the prayer of the day, a final blessing and dismissal which sends us out to continue our liturgy of praise and intercession in the world. Thus the basic shape of Morning and Evening Prayer is:

- Introductory Verse and Response
- A Hymn of Praise
- Psalmody (2 psalms and a cantic)
- A Reading from Scripture
- Silent Reflection
- Optional Responsory
- Optional Brief Homily
- Gospel Cantic
- General Intercessions
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Prayer of the Day
- Blessing
- Dismissal

In the next supplement we will look more closely at the biblical texts we use to celebrate God's gift of Christ, the Light of the world. This might give you the impression that the Liturgy of the Hours is simply a matter of singing or reciting hymns, psalms, canticles, other texts of scripture and prayers of the Church. Not if it is good liturgy. The work of the people is truly work if it engages the whole person. We pray with our bodies as well as with our minds. In the fourth and last supplement, we will look at other symbols and gestures that help to make Morning and Evening Prayer authentic liturgy.

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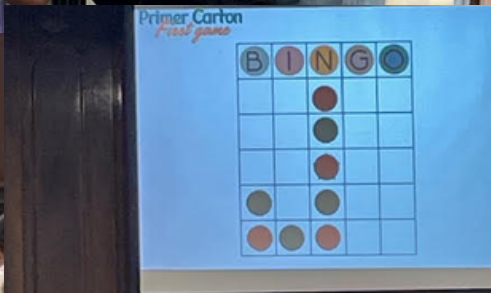


Praised be You, my Lord, with all your creatures
BLESSING OF ANIMALS
Saturday, October 4





El Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos



TARDE DE BINGO!



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