



# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**“From time to time,  
we need to give  
both mind and body  
some relaxation and recreation.”**

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

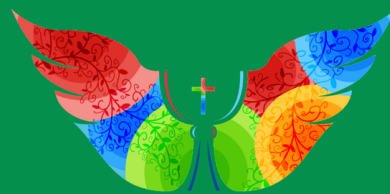
The weekly collection humbly expresses the community's faith. The silent routine accompanies the spirit of selflessness that unites believers. Whether your gift is large or small, the collection expresses what we have in common, a desire to share. In the Mass, the collection occurs at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Its placement is significant. It is not an admission fee to get into the building. It is part of the heart of the Mass. Every Mass celebrates the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. That sacrifice unfolds before our eyes as the gifts we bring, the bread and wine, are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, and offered to God. This sacrificial action begins when we carry bread and wine to the altar during the Preparation of the Gifts. With them, we bring our gifts for the poor. This procession moves through the community because these gifts come from us and represent us. They represent our offering to God and our communion with God. Just as the Body and Blood of Christ bring heavenly nourishment to our community, so the collection brings material aid. That material aid is no small matter. Your church depends on your gift. Parishes receive money like beggars, not like clerks. People give not to receive a product; they give to make a gift. The charity that underlies the collection results from faith. We believe that what we have comes from God, and we know it was given for the enjoyment of all. A habit of giving comes from a heart that has learned the satisfactions of generosity. A habit of giving offers us peace that we are doing our part to make the world a better, more generous place. The Scriptures recommend a tithe—giving ten percent of what we earn to charities. By giving from what we receive, we share God's love with the world.

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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, Aug 23, 2026

9:00am--Geraldo Tavarez (D)

11am-Victoria Castle (D)

Nicole Everhart (D)

12:30pm-Maria Villegas (D)

### Monday, Aug 24, 2026

8:30AM--Roman & Vasiliy Nikiporenok (D)

### Tuesday, Aug 25, 2026

8:30am-Steve Rocklin (D)

### Thursday, Aug 27, 2026

8:30am-Jose Crews (D)

### Friday, Aug 28, 2026

8:30am-

## FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

**Peter Ney**  
**Kathleen Schultheis**

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

**Robert Petitto, Sr.**  
**Miguel Cruz**  
**Jose Crews**





# 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 before and after Mass or by appointment for a quiet, prayerful, and personal encounter with God's mercy.

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



# STEWARDSHIP

## WEEKLY GIVING

**August 11th-August 17th**

**\$4,734.35 online debit giving**

**\$1,477.00 Sunday collection basket, mailed in Checks**

**TOTAL \$6,211.35**



Tithely

## 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.

## FAITH TALKS

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

## PARISH CHOIRS

11:00 Mass Choir rehearses  
Sunday at 10:00 AM  
El coro de la misa de 12:30  
contact Travis Bloom  
at [travisbloom@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:travisbloom@sfdsnyc.org)

## CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is open  
Onsite Registration is August 27 and  
September 13

## BOOK CLUB

Monday, September 14  
"Go Tell It on the Mountain" James Baldwin  
Contact Mary Braza at  
[brazamary@gmail.com](mailto:brazamary@gmail.com)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Contact Pat Latona at  
[latonapal@gmail.com](mailto:latonapal@gmail.com)

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP -20 and 30 year olds

Bible Study and Fellowship  
7:00 PM  
Wednesday, August 26

## HOPE WALK

resumes in September

## NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

## GRUPO DE JOVENES ADULTOS

25 de agosto de 7:00 PM  
en la salón parroquial

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

Next Meeting  
Sunday, September 13, 2026  
1:45 PM in the Church Office

## USING THE RESTROOMS

Because the safety and well-being of our children are important to us, we remind parents and guardians to accompany young children to and from the restroom.

This helps us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone and follows the Archdiocese of New York's Safe Environment Guidelines.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation.



When the saints  
go marching in...

# REGISTER in the Parish!

You are part of our faith family.  
Registering helps us know that you are here.



## WHY IT MATTERS



### STRONGER TOGETHER

Helps us build a vibrant parish community and plan for the future.



### SUPPORT OUR MISSION

Enables us to serve, minister, and share God's love with others.



### REPRESENTS OUR PARISH

The number of registered parishioners helps the Archdiocese assess our ministry needs and provide support.



### STAY CONNECTED

Receive important updates, invitations, and news about parish life and opportunities.



### LIVE YOUR FAITH

A visible sign of your commitment and active participation in our parish family.

Thank you

for being part of  
St. Francis de Sales!

## BE THE

# Spark

THAT IGNITES FAITH  
in a child.

BECOME A  
**CATECHIST**  
for Children

*You're Invited!*

Join a community of faith-filled adults who walk with children and their families, helping them encounter Jesus and grow in His love.

Your yes can make  
an eternal difference.



Training,  
support &  
resources  
provided!

## LET'S TALK!



Contact Joe Long



212-289-0425



Text 910-354-9674



joelong@sfdsnyc.org



# Summer

## GIVING ONLINE

FAITHFUL GIVING. LASTING IMPACT.

Your generosity helps us continue our mission all summer long and beyond. *Thank you!* 



### CONVENIENT

Give anytime, anywhere.



### SECURE

Your information is always protected.



### IMPACTFUL

Your gift makes a difference.



*Thank you for*  
INVESTING IN WHAT MATTERS MOST. 







**Looking for good conversation, new friendships, and more opportunities to enjoy parish life?**

**Companions in Hope  
brings older adults together for faith,  
fellowship, learning, service, and fun.**

**Come share your interests, meet others,  
and help shape activities you would enjoy.**

**Whether you are looking to reconnect,  
get more involved, or simply spend time  
with good people, there is a place for you  
in Companions in Hope.**

*Interested in joining the Companions,  
use the QR code or contact  
Joe Long at  
[joelong.@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:joelong.@sfdsnyc.org)*





# PARISH FELLOWSHIP *Ministry*

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER  
IN FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP



*Help with:*

RECEPTIONS

COFFEE HOURS

PARISH DINNERS

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

BUILD COMMUNITY. • MAKE FRIENDS. • WELCOME OTHERS.



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH  
WHERE THE UPPER EAST SIDE  
AND EAST HARLEM MEET

*Interested?*

CONTACT JOE LONG

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**WE NEED YOU!**

# BE AN ALTAR SERVER



**CONFIRMED TEENS  
14 – 18 YEARS OLD**



**ADULTS  
OF ANY AGE**



**TRAINING  
PROVIDED**

- SERVE OUR PARISH.**
- MINISTER AT THE LORD'S TABLE.**
- SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS IN OFFERING OUR PRAYER.**

**INTERESTED?**

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ST. FRANCIS  
DE SALES



LSA FAMILY  
HEALTH SERVICE

# YOUNG MINDS LAPTOP DRIVE

DONATE LAPTOPS FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EAST  
HARLEM STUDENTS

NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER!



SCAN TO DONATE!

QUESTIONS? WANT TO DONATE IN PERSON? CONTACT [DEVELOPMENT@LSAFHS.ORG](mailto:DEVELOPMENT@LSAFHS.ORG)

OR CALL 646-672-5236 EXT. 236!





— ★ 9/11 ★ —  
REMEMBRANCE

PRAYER  
— and —  
SACRED MUSIC

*featuring the SFDS Chamber Choir*

*We come together in faith to  
remember, to pray, and to find hope  
in God's peace.*

Friday, September 11, 2026  
7:00 PM

St. Francis de Sales Church  
135 E. 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan

*Free Will  
Offering*

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# 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



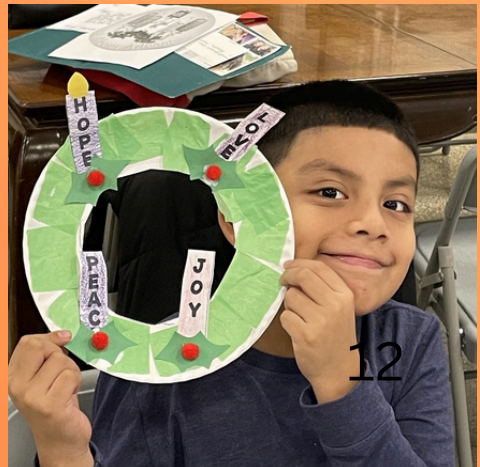
*Time to*  
**REGISTER**

Sundays, August 27  
and September 13  
after all the Masses

or visit [stfrancis96.org](http://stfrancis96.org)

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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

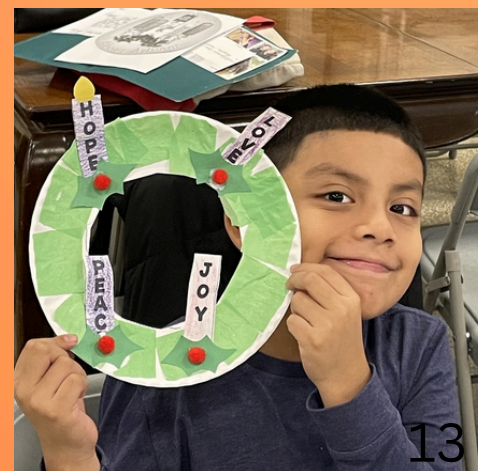


*Tiempo para*  
**REGISTRARSE**

Domingos, 27 de agosto y  
13 de septiembre  
después  
de todas las Misas

o visita [stfrancis96.org](http://stfrancis96.org)

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**ST. FRANCIS  
DE SALES**

*Initiation Ministry*

# HOMECOMING DINNER

Monday, September 21, 2026

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://forms.gle/8PHXkJnc7VHSsxb6>

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# Faith Talks

*A place for questions,  
conversation, and discernment.*

## WHO IS FAITH TALKS FOR?



People thinking about  
becoming Catholic



Baptized Christians wondering  
about the Catholic Church



Catholics who never completed  
Confirmation or First Communion



Catholics returning  
after being away



Parishioners wrestling  
with questions of faith



Someone simply curious  
and not ready to make  
any commitment



**Come as  
you are.  
Leave with  
more  
understanding.**

Ask your questions.  
Share your thoughts.  
Listen to others.  
Grow in faith together.



**MONDAY NIGHTS  
7:00 PM**



**IN THE  
CHURCH OFFICE**



## OUR PARISH STAFF \* NUESTRO PERSONAL PARROQUIAL



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Weekend Associates

## OUR PARISH COUNCIL \* NUESTRO CONSEJO PARROQUIAL



James Sayer  
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Mike Aleman  
Joe McQuarrie

Francisco Gallegos  
Pamela Robinson  
Lisa Kelly  
Fr. Phil Kelly

### 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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