



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**Those who pray from the heart
and do not think about the prayer
they are saying
but about the God
to whom they pray.**

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026

INVITE ONE PERSON

Who is one person you could invite?

Maybe it is someone who has not been to Mass in a long time. Maybe someone who was baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation. Maybe a friend, spouse, coworker, or neighbor who has wondered about becoming Catholic but has never known where to begin.

Your invitation could make the difference.

You do not need to know all the answers. You do not need to convince anyone of anything. You simply need to invite.

Say, "Come to Mass with me this Sunday."

Ask, "Have you ever thought about completing your sacraments?"

Or simply say, "If you ever want to learn more about the Catholic Church, I can introduce you to someone who would be happy to talk with you."

Then take the next step with them. Sit with them at Mass. Introduce them to someone. Help them make contact with the parish. Invite them for coffee afterward. Sometimes walking through the door is much easier when someone walks beside you.

There are people all around us who may be waiting for an invitation — people who want to return to the Church, complete their sacraments, explore becoming Catholic, or simply reconnect with God. They may never walk into the parish office on their own, but they may respond to someone they already know and trust.

Welcoming others into the life of the Church is not only the work of the priest, parish staff, or a committee. It belongs to all of us. Each of us can help someone take that first step.

This week, think of one person. Pray for them. Look for the opportunity. And invite them.

Do not worry about what happens next. God takes care of that.

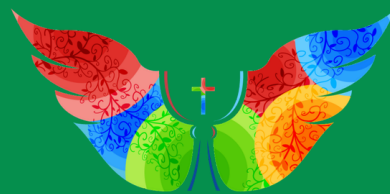
We can open the door. We can offer the welcome. We can say, "Come and see." Who will you invite?

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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 16, 2026

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

11am-Joanne Moore (D)
Maria Figueroa Romero (D)

12:30pm-En accion de Gracias para las almas
en purgatorio

Monday, Aug 17, 2026

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

Tuesday, Aug 18, 2026

8:30am-Jose Crews (D)

Thursday, Aug 20, 2026

8:30am-

Friday, Aug 21, 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 4th-August 10th

\$6,460.91 online debit giving

\$1,814.00 Sunday collection basket, mailed in Checks

TOTAL \$8,274.91



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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 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

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Contact Pat Latona at
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

GRUPO DE JOVENES ADULTOS

18 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.



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

Give Online. Keep Summer Strong.

Your gift supports worship, ministry, faith formation, and the everyday life of our parish — even while summer schedules change.



Summer Giving

When travel, vacation, and changing routines pull us in different directions, online giving helps you stay connected in support of the parish.



Ways to Give



Give anytime, anywhere



Make a one-time gift or set up recurring giving



Support the parish even when you are away



Online giving is available through Tithely



*Thank you
for your generosity.*



Questions? Contact the parish office. 5

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

JOIN THE MESSENGER TEAM WRITERS AND EDITORS NEEDED

We are looking for a few writers and editors for the next edition of The Messenger, our parish magazine. Writers will prepare a one- to two-page article on an aspect of parish life, while editors will help review articles for clarity, grammar, and flow.

Topics may include summer vacation and faith, the Parish Council, new parishioners, parish ministries, and stories from our community.

You do not need to be a professional. Bring your ideas, your eye for detail, or your love of writing, and help us tell the story of our parish.

THE MESSENGER

Newsletter of Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Manhattan



Interested in working on the Messenger, use the QR code or contact Joe Long at joelong@sfdsnyc.org

God is calling. Will you answer?

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BE A LITURGICAL MINISTER

Communion Minister

Sharing the Body and Blood of Christ that nourishes souls

Lector

Proclaiming the living Word of God that changes hearts



Usher/Greeter

Creating a welcoming place where everyone finds a home

Server

Assisting at the altar where heaven and earth unite

Be part of something bigger.
Be part of God's work.
The Church needs you — today.



Training provided. No experience necessary. Scan the QR code if interested or contact Joe Long at joelong@sfdsnyc.org



Sometimes a warm greeting, a familiar face, or a few kind words can make all the difference.

Working with members of the Parish Council, we are forming a **Welcome Ministry** to greet visitors, welcome new parishioners, and offer special care to those who are far from home or visiting loved ones in nearby hospitals.

You do not need special training—just a friendly spirit and a desire to help people feel that they belong.

Be the reason someone says, “I’m glad I came today.”



Interested in welcome ministry, use the QR code or contact Joe Long at joelong@sfdsnyc.org



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

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



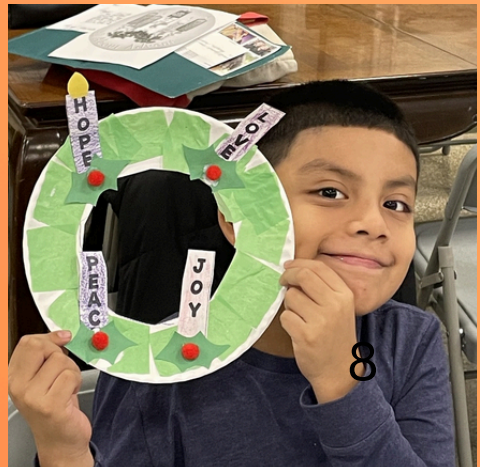
Time to
REGISTER

Sundays, August 23
and September 13
after all the Masses

or visit stfrancis96.org

More information: Joe Long joelong@sfdsnyc.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

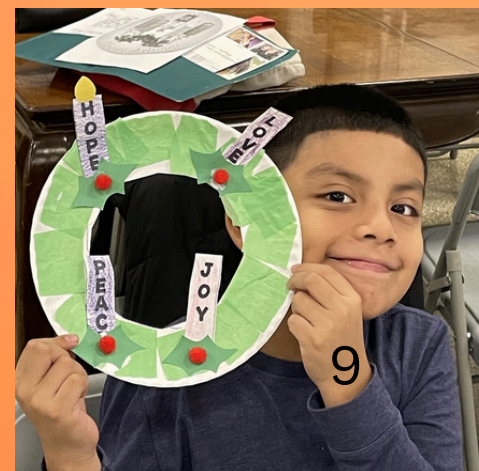


Tiempo para
REGISTRARSE

Domingos, 23 de agosto y
13 de septiembre
después
de todas las Misas

o visita 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.

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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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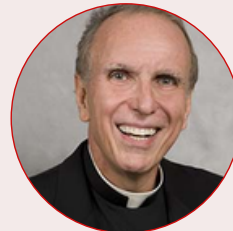
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Weekend Associates

OUR PARISH COUNCIL * NUESTRO CONSEJO PARROQUIAL



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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

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