



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**“God does not measure our perfection
by the number and greatness
of the works we do for Him,
but by our love for Him.”**

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 6, 2025

The Sign of Peace

The Sign of Peace at Mass is a theologically rich and spiritually significant moment that expresses our communion with Christ and with one another. It is not simply a polite or social gesture, but a sacred action rooted in Scripture and tradition. At this point in the liturgy, the priest says, “The peace of the Lord be with you always,” and the people respond, “And with your spirit.” This exchange reflects our reception of Christ’s peace—His healing, reconciling gift won through the Cross and Resurrection. It is a peace that binds the Church together in unity as the Mystical Body of Christ.

Jesus emphasizes the importance of reconciliation in Matthew 5:23–24, teaching that before we bring our gift to the altar, we must first be reconciled with one another. This highlights the intimate connection between the Eucharist and our relationships with others. The peace we share is not our own, but Christ’s, and it prepares our hearts to receive Him worthily in Holy Communion.

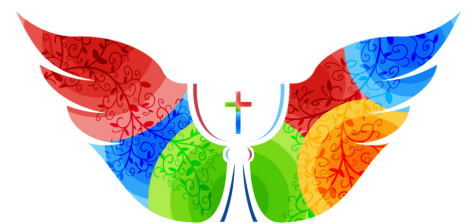
The practice also has deep roots in the early Church. St. Paul and St. Peter urged believers to greet one another with a holy kiss (Rom 16:16; 2 Cor 13:12; 1 Pt 5:14), a sign of mutual love, forgiveness, and unity in Christ. Historically, this “kiss of peace” was exchanged just before Communion to express the community’s unity and reconciliation.

Today, the outward form of this sign may vary by culture—handshakes, bows, hugs, or simple smiles—but its meaning remains unchanged. As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal notes, it is to be done in a sober and respectful manner, offered to those nearby, and never in a way that disrupts the sacredness of the liturgy.

Ultimately, the Sign of Peace is a moment of grace. It invites us to become peacemakers, to forgive and be forgiven, and to affirm that we are one in Christ. In offering that peace, we echo the words of Christ and embody the Church’s mission of unity, mercy, and love—a fitting preparation for receiving the Prince of Peace in the Eucharist.

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**Living Jesus on
96th Street and Beyond**

PRAY WITH US

MASS~LA MISA

SUNDAYS:

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

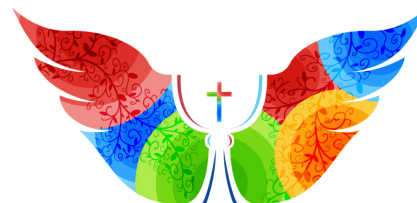
MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY FRIDAY:
8:30am

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, July 6, 2025

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

11am- Eileen Brando (D)

12:30pm Rafael Amable Cruz, Maria Socorro
Ines, Maria Eva Barrionuevo, Xavier Texivor,
Sophia LaTorraca

Monday, July 7, 2025

8:30AM- Celine Fernandez (D)
Rafael Amable Cruz (D)

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

8:30am- Rashmi Patel (D)
Rafael Amable Cruz (D)

Thursday, July 10, 2025

8:30am- Rafael Amable Cruz (D)

Friday, July 11 2025

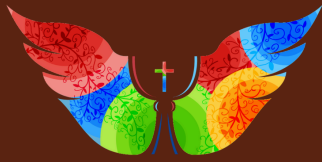
8:30am- Vincent Grasso (D)
Rafael Amable Cruz (D)

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

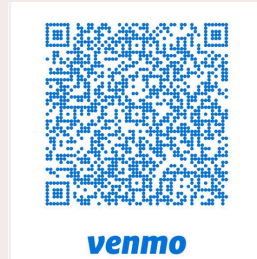
online debit giving
Sunday collection basket

Because of the July 4th Holiday numbers will be publish in the next
bulletin

ONLINE GIVING



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The Five Pillars of Stewardship

Let's look at the five pillars of stewardship: evangelization, formation, hospitality (building community), prayer, and service.

There are many ways to implement a Spirituality of Stewardship. One model of "putting boots on the ground" is these five pillars of Stewardship. These work well since all ministries in a parish fit into one or more of these pillars. A parish with activities in all five areas is a well-rounded parish, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its fullness. In the next few articles in this series, I will look at each pillar.

First: evangelization. Pope Francis wrote in *The Joy of the Gospel* (#19), "Evangelization takes place in obedience to the missionary mandate of Jesus: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you' (Matthew 28:19-20)." We, the baptized, are called to go forth and spread the Gospel message, the Good News of Jesus Christ our Savior. This saving message of the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord is to be joyfully proclaimed to all, by our words and actions. To evangelize is to say, "I love Jesus our Savior." Pope Francis describes a roadmap: to encounter, to invite, to accompany, to bear fruit, and to celebrate (#24). This evangelization makes us true missionary disciples, as we live God's plan for our lives, reaching out to the people in the peripheries. Let us live the Spirituality of Stewardship! Jesus will help us to evangelize, since He loves us more than we can ask or imagine!

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,
July 14 at 8:00pm
Contact Mary Braza at brazamary@gmail.com

PRAYER GROUP -20 and 30 year olds

Wed, July 9 7:00-8:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Ministerio de Grupo de Oración para Personas en sus 20 y 30 años

8 de julio de 7:00-8:30 PM
en la salón parroquial

THE ASSOCIATION (Daughters) OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Upcoming meeting
Sunday, August 10 at 1:45 PM
No meeting in July

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Contact Pat Latona at
latonapal@gmail.com

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Those interested in becoming Catholic,
seeking Confirmation
or maybe just 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



For help or information,
visit www.catholiccharitiesny.org
Catholic Charities is here for you.

**REGISTER IN THE PARISH
BECAUSE FAITH IS ABOUT
BELONGING AND CONNECTING**

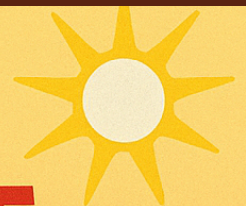


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A STRONGER FAITH COMMUNITY**

**You're Here!
Let's make it official!
Welcome!**

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KEEP THE FLAME OF
FAITH ALIVE –
EVEN ON VACATION**



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- ★ Your support is automatic.
- ★ Keeps donations steady.



Prayer Group Ministry for People in their 20's and 30's

Wednesday, July 9

from 7:00-8:30

in the Parish Hall (Frank's Cafe)



Ministerio de Grupo de Oración para Personas en sus 20 y 30 años

Martes, 8 de de julio
de 7:00-8:30 PM
en la salón parroquial



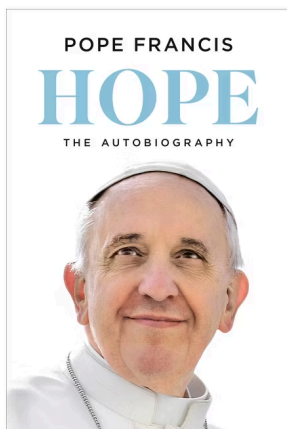
BOOK CLUB

14 JULY 2025

8:00 PM

THIS MONTH'S BOOK:

Hope:
the
Autobiography
by
Pope Francis



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

Everyone is welcome



HOPE WALK

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



Saturday, July 12 10:45 AM
Parish Hall

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Father of all nations and ages,
we recall the day when our country
claimed its place among the family of nations;
for what has been achieved, we give you thanks,
for the work that still remains we ask your help,
and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation,
grant that under your providence,
our country may share your blessings
with all the peoples of the earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect, Roman Missal July 4 (USA)





Our Lady Queen of Angels School

229 East 112th Street East Harlem, New York

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT AT OLQA SCHOOL

Our Lady Queen of Angels School in East Harlem is seeking a volunteer to support its marketing and development efforts. Tasks include preparing quarterly communications to donors, following up with individual supporters, creating marketing materials, and helping develop content for the school's social media.

This is a flexible opportunity (about 4–8 hours per month) for someone with an interest or background in communications, marketing, or fundraising. Join us in supporting a joyful, faith-filled school community serving families in need.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Principal James Sayer (E: james.sayer@olqaeastharlem.org; P: 212-722-9277).

Oportunidad de Voluntariado – Mercadeo y Desarrollo en la Escuela OLQA

La escuela Our Lady Queen of Angels en East Harlem busca un voluntario para apoyar sus esfuerzos de mercadeo y desarrollo. Las tareas incluyen preparar comunicaciones trimestrales para donantes, dar seguimiento individual a colaboradores, crear materiales promocionales y ayudar a desarrollar contenido para las redes sociales de la escuela.

Esta es una oportunidad flexible (aproximadamente 4 a 8 horas al mes) ideal para alguien con interés o experiencia en comunicaciones, mercadeo o recaudación de fondos. Únase a nosotros para apoyar una comunidad escolar alegre y llena de fe que sirve a familias necesitadas.

Para más información o para ofrecerse como voluntario, comuníquese con Principal James Sayer (E: james.sayer@olqaeastharlem.org; P: 212-722-9277).

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER – OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS SCHOOL

OLQA School is looking for a caring and reliable volunteer to support our school library 1–2 afternoons a week. Responsibilities include reading to elementary students, helping them select books, and assisting with checkouts and basic library organization.

If you love books and enjoy working with children, this is a meaningful way to serve our joyful school community.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Principal James Sayer

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VOLUNTARIO PARA LA BIBLIOTECA – ESCUELA OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS

La escuela OLQA busca un voluntario responsable y amable para apoyar en la biblioteca escolar 1–2 tardes por semana. Las responsabilidades incluyen leerles a los estudiantes de primaria, ayudarlos a escoger libros, y colaborar con el préstamo y organización básica de los libros.

Si te gustan los libros y disfrutas trabajar con niños, esta es una manera significativa de servir a nuestra alegre comunidad escolar.

Para más información o para ofrecerse como voluntario, comuníquese con Principal James Sayer (E: james.sayer@olqaeastharlem.org; P: 212-722-9277).

AFTERSCHOOL CLUB VOLUNTEER – OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS SCHOOL

OLQA is seeking a creative and enthusiastic volunteer to help lead or assist with afterschool clubs for upper elementary and middle school students, 1–2 times a week from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Volunteers can support a club of their choice—art, music, games, STEM, or more. We are especially looking for someone interested in leading an Art Club.

This is a great opportunity to share your talents and make a positive impact on our students outside the classroom.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Principal James Sayer (E: james.sayer@olqaeastharlem.org; P: 212-722-9277).

VOLUNTARIO PARA CLUBES ESCOLARES – ESCUELA OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS

La escuela OLQA busca un voluntario creativo y entusiasta para ayudar a dirigir o asistir en clubes extracurriculares para estudiantes de grados superiores de primaria y secundaria, 1–2 veces por semana de 4:00 a 5:30 p.m. Los voluntarios pueden apoyar un club de su elección—arte, música, juegos, ciencia, entre otros. Estamos especialmente interesados en alguien que desee liderar un Club de Arte.

Es una excelente oportunidad para compartir tus talentos y tener un impacto positivo en nuestros estudiantes fuera del aula.

Para más información o para ofrecerse como voluntario, comuníquese con Principal James Sayer (E: james.sayer@olqaeastharlem.org; P: 212-722-9277).



Our Parish Social Justice Ministry is planning for the next 12 months.

We would like your input as to what issues or concerns you have that might be addressed in our programming, events, or resources.

Scan the QR code to complete the survey.

Visit <https://bit.ly/sjmsurvey2025> or complete it below.



Please complete and return to the baskets on the tables at the entrance of the church.

1. Choose THREE social justice focus areas/topics that are of interest to you:

- ☐ Care for the Earth (Individual Action) & Climate Change (effects on health)
- ☐ Care of the Vulnerable - Immigrants & the Poor
- ☐ Racism & Discrimination - sex, race, color, social conditions, language, religion
- ☐ Advocacy – Promoting interests of our community & beyond (lobbying, grassroots, activities, communication)
- ☐ Artificial Intelligence as a challenge for working people and human dignity
- ☐ Economic Injustice – Government budgets. Poverty, Inequality of Workers

2. Considering your selections, what is the best method of delivery that you would be interested in? (check as many as you would like)

- ☐ speakers
- ☐ service projects
- ☐ group or individual volunteer opportunities
- ☐ small group discussions
- ☐ film and discussion
- ☐ prayer experiences around the issues
- ☐ social media resources
- ☐ regularly suggested reading or links to visit
- ☐ Other:

3. Other social justice issues you would like to see addressed?

Comments:

Name: _____ Email: _____



LITURGY & JUSTICE: MAKING THE CONNECTION

Part 4

The Dismissal Rite: The Liturgy of the World

I don't know if a survey was ever done among Catholics inquiring about what they think the high point of the Mass is. My guess is that most would consider it to be the Consecration. While not negating its importance, the reality is that the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist lead to and find their culmination in the Dismissal Rite, or what some have named the "Commissioning Rite". The General Instruction # 90c says that the people are dismissed "so that each may go out to do good works, praising and blessing God." In Latin *Ite Missa est* (Go you are sent!) is the imperative command given by the priest or deacon. The Latin word *Missio*, which translates as "sent", is the root of our word "mission". We are sent "to love and serve the Lord." This is more than being nice in the parking lot as we leave. We discussed in the first article of this series that liturgy is the public work of both giving worship to God and of building God's Kingdom of justice and peace in the here and now of our lives and of our world. In our second article, we emphasized that the proclamation of the scriptures, God's Just Word, gives us God's vision or sketch of what that would look like along with the instructions for carrying out the project. And, as we noted in our third segment, the very reason Christ becomes "substantially" present in the consecrated bread and wine we consume is so that we might become more fully His very Body "sent" into the world, to "become what we eat" as the familiar adage goes.

So the Dismissal Rite is not about the Mass being ended, but rather about the Liturgy of the World beginning. This was brought home to me once when I visited a Church that had this sign posted as you leave its parking lot: *You are now entering mission territory.*

It is sad that often the dismissal rites are insipidly performed and thus people leave Mass with little sense of the Church's mission in the world. We have work to do here. Perhaps, we might start by changing the name of the concluding hymn or recessional to the "Entrance Song" into the world? This song is rightfully the beginning of the Liturgy of the World. It is meant to inspire us to go forth as the Body of Christ and continue that "public work" (liturgy) of Kingdom building. I wonder what would be conveyed if the priest or deacon did the dismissal at the Church's exit doors, leading everyone out towards the end of the recessional hymn: something worth pondering. Of course, we can't put everything upon the liturgy. We also need strong adult faith formation and active parish social ministry teams that can teach and help folks learn the concrete ways they can become involved in charitable actions and engaged in advocacy around the many social issues facing us.

Yes, we come to Mass to worship and give thanks to our God. But we also are “gathered to be scattered”, to get our “marching orders” and the supportive strength of the Eucharist and one another to do the privileged and yet daunting work of bringing God’s justice to the world.

Dorothy Day once put it this way:

To be in church isn’t to be calmed down, as some people say they get when they are at Mass. I’m worked up. I’m excited by being so close to Jesus, but the closer I get, the more I worry about what He wants of us, what He would have us do before we die.

Catherine de Hueck Doherty said it another way:

The Mass, fully participated in, will open us to the mind of Christ, and we will radiate Him in our lives. And then we shall be able to go forth and fight the good fight of Christ against poverty, misery, injustice.

And the great liturgical renewal pioneer Virgil Michel, whom I mentioned earlier, gave us this exhortation over eighty years ago:

Go, live the Mass and you will restore the social order and world to Christ. You will be His hands, His feet, His eyes, His voice, His heart. He will walk the earth again in you.

These are inspiring words, but we all need help and guidance to do this in practice. The good news is that we can draw upon our rich tradition of Catholic Social Teaching, another “best kept secret” of our Catholic Faith. Just as the General Instruction provides us instruction and rubrics for the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, Catholic Social Teaching gives us the instructions and rubrics for the “Liturgy of the World”.

As we conclude this series, I would encourage us to think of liturgy as a kind of continual circle. From the Liturgy of World where we are scattered on Monday, we are gathered again on the following Sunday; back to the Liturgy of Word, back to the Liturgy of Eucharist, and back to being commissioned and sent once again to be Christ for the world.



HELP THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES JUNIOR BOARD SUPPORT THE ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT

The Catholic Charities Junior Board is excited to invite you to our annual benefit,
Christmas in July.

All proceeds from the benefit support the St. Nicholas Project,
a year-round initiative that provides winter essentials and critical supplies to more than
9,100 individuals in need.

Christmas in July will take place at The Ivory Peacock, an elegant cocktail bar in Flatiron
with a stunning VIP lounge.

The evening will feature an open bar, passed hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, DJ, and more!

Christmas in July



WHERE

THE IVORY PEACOCK

WHEN

JULY 17TH | 6:30 – 9:30 PM



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