



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**Love is not just a feeling
but an action;
it is what we do.**

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 26, 2025

An All Hallows Triduum

The “All Hallow Triduum”—October 31, November 1, and November 2—is one of the most profound and beautiful observances in the Catholic year. These three days form a sacred rhythm that moves from vigil to celebration to remembrance—honoring the saints in heaven, praying for the faithful departed, and renewing our faith in Christ’s victory over death.

The word Halloween comes from All Hallows’ Eve—the night before All Saints Day. “Hallow” means “holy,” and just as Christmas Eve prepares us for Christmas, All Hallows’ Eve was originally the vigil of the great feast that honors all God’s holy ones. Its origins trace back to the early centuries of Christianity, when the Church began commemorating martyrs and saints who had no specific feast day. By the eighth century, Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel in St. Peter’s Basilica to all the saints and established November 1 as their feast. The evening before naturally became a time of prayer and preparation—All Hallows’ Eve.

As Christianity spread through Europe, local customs of the harvest season—such as lighting bonfires, sharing food, and remembering the dead—were integrated into the Christian vigil. These traditions expressed the same truth: that light conquers darkness, life triumphs over death, and we remain united with all who have gone before us in faith. Over time, popular and folk customs developed, some of which later became secularized. Yet, at its heart, Halloween remains profoundly Catholic—a reminder that holiness is our calling, that death has been defeated by Christ, and that joy and hope ultimately prevail.

On November 1, the Church celebrates All Saints Day, honoring every soul who shares eternal life with God. On November 2, we mark All Souls Day, praying for the departed who are being purified in God’s mercy.

Together, the “All Hallow Triduum”—Halloween, All Saints, and All Souls—draws heaven and earth together in one great communion of love, light, and everlasting life.

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PRAY WITH US

MASS~LA MISA

SUNDAYS:

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

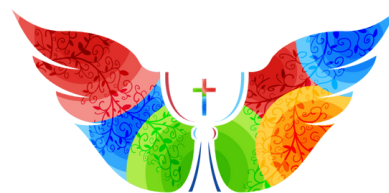
MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY FRIDAY:
8:30am

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, October 26, 2025

9:00am- Guillermina Alvarez (D)
Socorro Dagat (D)

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

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

Monday, October 27, 2025

8:30AM- Kate Lee (D)
Roman Nikiporenok (D)

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

8:30am- Bridget Lee (D)

Thursday, October 30, 2025

8:30am-Robinson Barranda, Sr. (D)

Friday, October 31, 2025

8:30am- Karen Lee (D)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Zulma Perez
Marian Uceta
Earline Scott,
Blessing Cannon,
Kathy Renaldi,
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

Jack Kanet
Marcella Kelly
Robert McDonough



STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY GIVING

Oct 14th-Oct 20th

\$3,733.25 online debit giving
\$1,418.00 Sunday collection basket
Mailed in Checks
TOTAL \$5,151.25

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.

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

Contact Mary Braza at brazamary@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT GROUP -20 and 30 year olds

Next meeting will be November 5

GRUPO DE JOVENES ADULTOS
28 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

Session: October 26

Session, November 2

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, November 8
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



LECTORS

Sunday, October 26
at 2:00 PM

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Tuesday, October 28
at 7:00 PM



Questions, contact
Joe Long at
joelong@sfdsnyc.org

To register

bit.ly/sfds-liturgy

SCAN ME

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.



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

for those in their 20's and 30's

Next Meeting for
Prayer, Reflection and
Fellowship
Wednesday, November 5
at 7:00 PM
Parish Hall

Remembering Our Loved Ones in November

November is the Month of All Souls—a sacred time when the Church remembers and prays for all who have died. As a sign of our love and faith in the communion of saints, you are invited to bring a photo of your deceased loved ones to display at the St. Joseph Shrine beginning November 1 (All Saints Day) and November 2 (All Souls Day).

These photos will remain on display throughout the month, reminding us that those who have gone before us are still united with us in Christ's love. Please write the name of the deceased and your own name on the back of each photo. Pictures may be placed at the shrine anytime between November 1 and November 23.

Let us honor their memory and give thanks for the gift of eternal life promised to all who believe.

GRUPO DE JOUENES ADULTOS

para aquellos en sus 20 y 30 años



Próxima Reunión
martes, 28 de octubre
7:00-8:30 PM
Salón Parroquial

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
MASS AT 10:00 AM



*Come celebrate the great family of saints
—known and unknown—
who show us the beauty of holiness and
remind us that heaven is our true home;
join us at Mass to give thanks
for their witness
and to renew our own call to sainthood.*



*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*

Film & Discussion

Thursday, November 13 6:30PM



presented by
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



Faith in Film Series
Seeking Justice & Inclusion for All



Experience an unforgettable film
about William Wilberforce, a young
member of the British Parliament
who dedicated his life to ending the
slave trade in England...and
Succeeded!!

St. Francis de Sales Church
Lower Church Hall aka Frank's Cafe
135 E. 96 St, NYC
(between Park & Lex Ave)

6:30 pm - Registration & Refreshments
7:00 pm - Film
Reflection & Discussion - After the film

PLEASE RSVP
Christine chrisvaccari@optonline.net
or Scan Code
No later than Monday, Nov 10



Free & Open to All

The Liturgy of The Hours

Part 4

Prayer—A Way of Being

In the previous supplement we took a look at the essentially musical nature of the texts we use in the liturgy. In this final supplement we will look at the engagement of the rest of our body (from the head down) in liturgical prayer in general and, more specifically, in the Liturgy of the Hours.

Prayer is a way of being. Prayer is the way we are in conversation with God. Anything we hold back makes the prayer a less than fully open dialogue. Our emotions and bodies are an essential part of who we are; our bodies express and shape our emotions.

A young man may kneel before a young woman to propose marriage. It is a dramatic gesture, but it speaks as effectively as the words he uses. Similarly the body-at-prayer has traditionally assumed certain fitting postures in connection with particular liturgical prayers.

Let us consider two examples:

1. In the liturgy we are always directed to pray the Lord's Prayer while standing. This suggests that Jesus Christ calls us to pray to our Father in heaven not as slaves but as free children of God.
2. Every time the Gospel is proclaimed among us we stand in a position of attentive listening. All other stories of faith lead to it and flow from this narrative of Jesus' life and teaching. This posture expresses our belief that the Gospel is at the

heart of all our stories. We are seated for all other readings.

In addition to posture there is movement in the body-at-prayer. Catholic worship is processional. At least once in every celebration of the Eucharist most Catholics move towards the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. A procession of ministers usually opens and concludes the celebration of the Eucharist. There is often a procession of gifts. On certain occasions, such as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Ash Wednesday, Passion Sunday and the Easter Vigil, the entire assembly takes part in the procession. More solemn celebrations of the Liturgy of the Hours hold the same possibilities: opening and concluding processions of ministers, the movement of ministers who incense the altar and the assembly, occasionally a Gospel procession and the possible procession of all the assembly to the baptistry on the occasion of the solemn Easter Vigil.

The following schema indicates the postures and gestures suggested by the General Instruction on the Liturgy of the Hours for the celebration of Morning and Evening Prayer.

Opening Versicle and response—stand.

The hymn—stand.

The psalmody—all sit.



The reading, silent reflection, optional responsory and/or homily—all sit.

The Gospel canticle—all stand.

The general intercessions, Lord's Prayer and prayer of the day—all stand.

The blessing and dismissal—all stand.

If prayer is our ongoing conversation with God, then Catholic ritual prayer, the liturgy, is of its nature a dialogue. The dialogue between the assembly and its liturgical ministers mirrors our dialogue with God. This makes some specific demands on the nature of liturgical ministries and worship space.

Since the Liturgy of the Hours is real liturgical prayer, ministries for this liturgy are similar to those for the celebration of the Eucharist. The celebration involves minimally a presider, lector, and cantor(s). Depending upon the circumstances, the list of ministers could also include an assistant to the presider, acolyte(s) and/or liturgical musicians (instrumentalists and schola or choir).

Since the dialogue between the assembly and its ministers is an image of our eternal dialogue with God, the ministers are placed face to face with the assembly. The lector proclaims the reading from the ambo (lectern, pulpit); cantors sing where all can see them; and the presider is situated in a notable place to lead the community in prayer.

Ideally, the members of the assembly should be arranged so that they can face each other while singing hymns, psalms, and canticles. This is most fitting because each individual's performance of these texts is also a proclamation of God's word to the other members.

The primary minister is always the assembly which is, through baptism, the Body of Christ. Particular liturgical ministers are first members of the assembly whose prayer they facilitate by and through their specific liturgical ministry.

We finish where we began—the whole person at prayer. Liturgical prayer is of its nature from and of the body. We pray with our senses, not only with our ears, but with our eyes and hands. Baptism cannot be celebrated without water for bathing; the Eucharist without bread and wine for eating and drinking; anointing of the sick without oil. Baptism, confirmation, reconciliation, anointing, marriage, and ordination call for the laying on of hands.

The revival of the Liturgy of the Hours will not be fully successful without a renewed sense of the sacramentality of matter within its celebration. The vesting of ministers, the lighting of candles at Evening Prayer, and the use of incense at Morning and Evening Prayer are important symbols suggested by the *General Instruction on the Liturgy of the Hours*.

For almost 1300 years the full ritual celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours has been the preserve of monasteries and some cathedrals, though some ethnic traditions are known to have celebrated Sunday Vespers (Evening Prayer) until well into this century.

The full renewal of Catholic worship in our own time cannot rest upon the reformed celebration of the Eucharist alone. Providing for at least Sunday and seasonal celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours as the right and responsibility of all the baptized is part of the unfinished liturgical agenda.

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