



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**Your words
are
an echo of your heart.**

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 31, 2025

Presider's Chair

A chair is more than a piece of furniture. It can also symbolize the person who sits there. In many homes, a family member has a preferred chair, and others won't sit there out of respect. In offices, in boardrooms, and even at the dining room table, some seats are just sacred. At church, the presider's chair is more than a chair. It symbolizes the priest. He doesn't just sit there. He stands there to lead the assembly in prayer. The priest who presides at Mass, stands at the chair for the Introductory Rites, sits in the chair for the Scripture readings, and may stand at the chair again for the Prayer after Communion and the Concluding Rites. He may also preach from the chair if he wishes. A typical sanctuary contains three distinct areas designated by furniture: the altar, the ambo, and the chair. The altar gathers us together for the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. The ambo holds the Scriptures for the Liturgy of the Word. The presider's chair focuses our attention at the beginning and at the end of Mass because it establishes the role of one who leads us in prayer. In the early Church, the chair was positioned in the apse behind the altar. When the altar was moved to the back wall, the chair was relocated to one side of the sanctuary, facing the opposite side. Today the presider faces the assembly from the chair. It may be placed against the back wall. In churches where the tabernacle occupies that space, the chair should stand to the side. The presider's chair should not seem too remote from the assembly because the priest is not a performer to be watched, but a leader engaged with all those gathered together. Ideally, the position and structure of his chair identifies the priest as one with the people, yet also as their leader.

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**Because of
the Labor Day holiday, 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, August 31, 2025

9:00am- Robinson Barranda, Sr. (D)

11am- Robinson Barranda, Sr. (D)

12:30pm-En acción de gracias a Santa Ana

Monday, September 1, 2025

8:30AM- **NO Mass-Church Office Closed
Labor Day**

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

8:30am- Maria Pura & Heliodoro Fiel (D)

Thursday, September 4, 2025

8:30am-In thanksgiving Roni Mendonca

Friday, September 5, 2025

8:30am- Lenor Maria Paez (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

August 19th-August 25th

\$3,916.20 online debit giving
\$1,724.00 Sunday collection basket
Mailed in Checks
TOTAL \$ 5,640.20

ONLINE GIVING



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STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR WHOLE LIFE

Before you read further, stop and list the top five things you value most in life? Then rank them by importance. Go!

All done?

If you're like most people, your top-five list includes family, health, time, God, friends, job, home or community. Does money even show up? For many of us, it doesn't, and yet most of church talk about "stewardship" involves how we use our gifts of money.

Yes, we are "stewards," or caretakers of the material wealth with which God has blessed us, but we are also responsible for nourishing and cherishing all the OTHER blessings that God has put into our lives. That goes especially for the things we value most.

Now refer back to your top-five list. For each, consider these questions:

· Why is this item in the top five?..... How well am I caring for this?..... Am I treating it as one of the most valuable items in my life? Why or why not?..... How could I care even more for this item?..... How would God want me to care for this, and why?..... How would my life change if I really cherished and nourished this gift?

Being a good steward of all the blessings and opportunities God gives to us opens our lives to the full joy and potential that God intends for us. How can you be a better steward of what God has given you?

Rob Blezard

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

PRAYER GROUP -20 and 30 year olds

Next meeting will be September 10

**Ministerio de Grupo de Oración
para Personas en sus 20 y 30 años**
2 de septiembre **de 7:00-8:30 PM**
en la salón parroquial

THE ASSOCIATION (Daughters) OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Next Meeting:
Sunday September 14 at 1:45 PM

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 18
at 6:30 PM
Contact Pat Latona at latonapal@gmail.com

CONNECT & ENCOUNTER

Those interested in becoming Catholic,
seeking Confirmation
or anyone with 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



CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is open
For more information
contact Joe Long joelong@sfdsnycorg

HOPE WALK

Saturday, September 13
10:45 AM in the Parish Hall

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

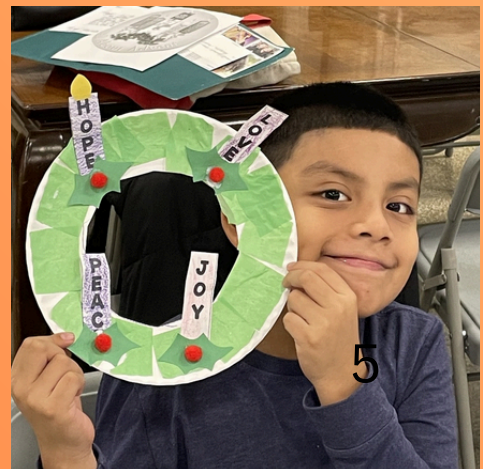


Time to
REGISTER



<https://bit.ly/25-26RELED>

More information: Joe Long joelong@sfdsnyc.org
call: 212-289-0425 or text: 910-354-9674



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

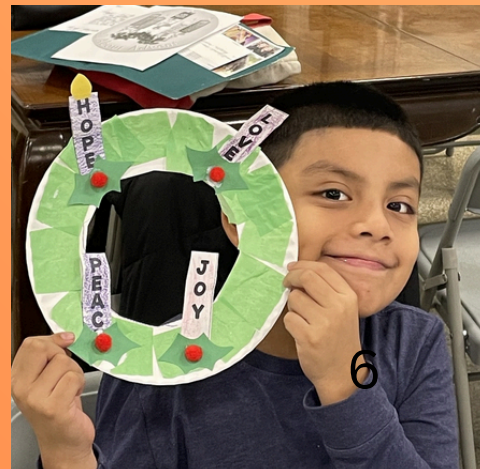


Tiempo para
REGISTRARSE

<https://bit.ly/formacion2025-26>



Más información: Joe Long joelong@sfdsnyc.org
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BLESSING TEACHERS & STUDENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

WE INVITE ALL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS
(AND STAFF MEMBERS) AT ANY SCHOOL,
LEVEL, GRADE OR PROGRAM TO JOIN US

AT ANY MASS

MASSSES ARE 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM,
12:30 PM IN SPANISH

Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement's Season of Creation Event
Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation



Saturday, September 20
9:30AM – 4:00PM



Journey together with us on the train from 14th St. in Manhattan
to Thomas Berry Center in Jamaica, Queens,
for an introduction to Thomas Berry's spirituality, a meditative walk on the grounds, lunch,
a briefing on the solar panels, and an outdoor Mass.

We will link this event to GreenFaith's SUN Day campaign for renewable energy
All are welcome!

For more information email: mnyccm@gmail.com

SaveLives

YOUR SUPPORT, THEIR SURVIVAL

Urgent: Families in Gaza are in Dire Need!

Please give a vital gift today!

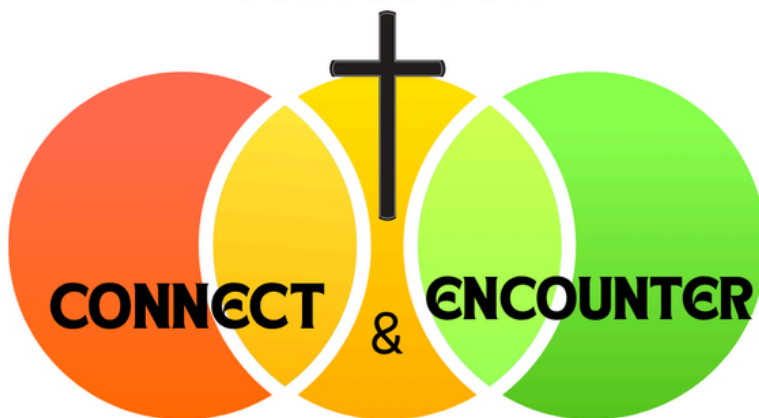


<https://bit.ly/crsgaza>

 **CRS**
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Got questions about God, faith, spirituality?
Raised Catholic and want to learn more about your faith?
Thinking about becoming Catholic? Need to complete your Sacraments?
Been away from the Catholic Church?

JOIN US FOR



MONDAYS 7:00 PM

Parish House/Church Office 135 E. 96th St.

Everyone is welcome. Come as you are. Just show up. No commitment required.

Connect with Others

Encounter Christ



ST. FRANCIS
DE SALES
Initiation Ministry

HOMECOMING DINNER

Monday, September 29, 2025
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://bit.ly/rcia-homecoming>

For more information contact Joe Long at
joelong@sfdsnyc.org
call: 212-289-0425 text: 910-354-9674



HOPE WALK

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

Saturday, September 13 10:45 AM
Parish Hall



BOOK CLUB

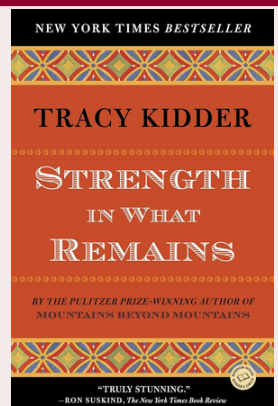
8 SEPTEMBER
8:00 PM



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

Everyone is welcome

**THIS MONTH'S
BOOK:**
Strength
in What Remains
by Tracy Kidder



CONNECT WITH CATHEDRAL!



JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE!

Wednesday, October 1st

from 5-7 p.m.

Sunday, October 19th

from 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

Scan to register today!



**Scan the QR to receive
school updates and
deadline reminders!**



APPLY TODAY!



GO BEARS!

**Scan to start your
application!**



Care for Creation in Action

In 2017 the Diocese of Burlington, Vermont celebrated a Year of Creation. The Year included creation-themed liturgies, a Catholic schools' ecological awareness and action project, an ecological justice conference and an initiative to "Laudato Si'-ify your Advent." [Click here](#) to see how dioceses are engaging the climate crisis with Laudato Si' action plans.

"The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion."

The Season of Creation: *September 1 – October 4*

The Season of Creation spans five weeks between the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** (September 1) and the **Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi** (October 4). This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "*individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.*"¹ Below are some ways to live out these three dimensions of Pope Francis' call, both as individuals and as a community.

1. Reaffirm Our Vocation as Stewards of Creation

As individuals and families: *Counteract the "Throwaway Culture"*

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis brings attention to our "throwaway culture," which "quickly reduces things to rubbish" (no. 22). In your daily life, try to identify the ways in which you can choose reusables, rather than disposables, such as coffee mugs, reusable bags, or cloth napkins, and commit to making one change during this month.

As a community: *Educational Program*

Use the educational program "Let Us Sow Hope" from the Catholic Climate Covenant to reflect on our vocation as stewards of creation. The program is designed to help us become instruments of God's peace and commit to climate actions as a way to avoid climate despair and sow climate hope. [Click here](#) to access this resource.



2. Thank God for His Wonderful Handiwork



As individuals and families: *Meal Prayer*

Before and after meals, say a short prayer of thanksgiving for the lifegiving food that sustains and nourishes us. Briefly consider how all nourishment ultimately comes from the earth, and give thanks for all the human hands that helped bring this food to your table.

May we recognize, as *Laudato Si'* has

taught us, that this "moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life" (no. 227).

¹ Pope Francis, "Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis For the Establishment of the 'World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation,'" September 1, 2015.





Here are a few suggestions from the Diocese of Stockton, California on how to care for creation:

- Buy Fair Trade products to support local artisans and farmers and protect the environment.
- Store food in reusable containers, not plastic wrap or foil, to reduce waste.
- Avoid using Styrofoam at your parish functions. Styrofoam can rarely be recycled, and it takes 500 years to decompose in landfills!

Here are ["10 Ways You Can Make a Difference"](#) by the Catholic Climate Covenant.

"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions."

-Pope Francis *Laudato Si'*, no. 211

As a community: *Eucharistic Adoration*

One of the most meaningful ways we give thanks as Christians is through the sacrament of the Eucharist, a word which means "thanksgiving." As *Laudato Si'* proclaims, through the Eucharist, "the whole cosmos gives thanks to God" (no. 236). To celebrate this sacred reality during the Season of Creation, we recommend hosting a one-hour, care for creation-themed Eucharistic adoration in your parish.

3. Implore God's Help and Ask His Pardon

As individuals and families: *Confession*

In calling for a deep "ecological conversion," Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of examining one's own conscience, of recognizing one's sins against creation, however great or small. Seeing the interconnectedness of our world leads to an understanding that "[e]very violation of solidarity and civic friendship harms the environment" (*Caritas in Veritate*, no. 51). We invite you to bring these sins to confession and to perform a spiritual work of mercy for our common home, such as an act of "grateful contemplation of God's world" (*Laudato Si'*, no. 214).



As a community: *Prayer Service*

One final suggestion for this time is to organize a prayer service in your parish. The *Laudato Si'* Movement has an [official prayer book](#) that can provide inspiration for a service. As we approach the beautiful autumn season, holding this service outside may allow for a rich experience.

*O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
who are so precious in your eyes...
God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness
and convey your mercy throughout our common home.
Praise be to you!
Amen.*

Source: Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1, 2016

For more resources related to care of creation, please visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops webpage on the Environment at usccb.org/environment.

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Secretariat of
Justice and Peace

Mass for Care of Creation



The Church of St. Francis Xavier
in collaboration with the Archdiocese of New York
& Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement

Invite you to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical

Laudato si': Care for Our Common Home

Let us commemorate together, in this Season of Creation, the work of our
parishes and congregations in caring for God's creation over the last ten years.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

6:30PM Mass

followed by a reception

Church of St. Francis Xavier

46 West 16th Street in NYC

Accessible entrance: 55 West 15th Street

All are welcome!

An RSVP to mnyccm@gmail.com is appreciated but not required



Conozca sus Derechos en un Encuentro con ICE

Tiene derecho a

- Permanecer en silencio y negarse a responder preguntas de los agentes de ICE
- Negarse a abrir la puerta de una casa u oficina privada a agentes de ICE, si los agentes no tienen orden judicial, o tienen una orden judicial que no está firmada por un juez
- Negarse a permitir que los agentes de ICE, revisen sus pertenencias, si no tienen una orden firmada por un juez
- Hablar con un abogado

Si es arrestado por ICE

- Tiene derecho a permanecer en silencio, hablar con un abogado y llamar a su consulado
- No es necesario que proporcione ninguna información sobre su estado migratorio, lugar de nacimiento o antecedentes penales
- Primero, hable con un abogado!

Si ICE lo detiene en la calle

- Dígame a los agentes de ICE que no desea hablar con ellos y no responda ninguna pregunta
- Pregunte si puede irse. Si dicen "sí," aléjese. Si dicen "no," no responda ninguna pregunta
- Si revisan sus pertenencias, puede decir: "No doy mi consentimiento para este allanamiento"
- No firme ningún documento
- No entregue a ICE ningún documento falso o extranjero
- No huya ni se resista a un arresto
- No responda preguntas sobre su estatus migratorio o sobre dónde nació
- Solicite una identificación a los agentes para confirmar que son ICE

Si ICE llega a su casa

- Los agentes de ICE solo pueden entrar si alguien en la casa les da permiso (abre la puerta) O si tienen una orden judicial de un tribunal y firmada por un juez
- Una orden de ICE no les da permiso a los agentes para entrar a su hogar
- Mantenga la calma y el respeto
- Pregunté si son de ICE y que le muestren la orden judicial, pasándola por debajo de la puerta
- Si no tienen una orden judicial, diga: "No les doy permiso para entrar" y "No quiero responder ninguna pregunta"
- Si los agentes entran sin una orden judicial y sin su consentimiento, pídeles que se vayan diciéndoles: "No les di permiso de entrar" y "No responderé ninguna pregunta"
- Si comienzan a revisar sus pertenencias, diga: "No doy mi consentimiento para este allanamiento"
- Si tienen una orden judicial, diga: "No quiero responder ninguna pregunta sin hablar con un abogado"
- No les dé a los agentes de ICE ningún documento extranjero como pasaportes, identificaciones consulares o visas vencidas.
- Si los agentes tienen una orden de detención para otra persona, no mientas sobre el paradero de esa persona



Know Your Rights In an Encounter With ICE

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO

- Remain silent and refuse to answer any questions from ICE agents
- Refuse to open the door of a private home or office to ICE agents if the agents have no warrant, or have a warrant that is not signed by a judge
- Refuse to let ICE agents look at your belongings if they do not have a warrant signed by a judge
- Speak to an attorney

If You Are Arrested by ICE

- You have the right to remain silent, speak to an attorney, and call your consulate
- You do not have to provide any information about your immigration status, place of birth, or criminal record
- Speak to an attorney first!

If ICE Comes to Your House

- ICE agents can only enter if someone in the house gives them permission (opens the door) OR if they have a judicial warrant from a court and signed by a judge
- A warrant from ICE does not give agents permission to enter your home.
- Remain calm and respectful
- Ask if they are from ICE and to show you the judicial warrant by passing it under the door
- If they do not have a judicial warrant, say, "I do not give you permission to enter" and "I do not want to answer any questions"
- If the agents enter without a judicial warrant or your consent, ask them to leave and say, "I do not give you permission to enter" and "I will not answer any questions"
- If they begin to search your belongings, say, "I do not consent to this search"
- If they have a judicial warrant, say, "I do not want to answer any questions without talking to a lawyer"
- Do not give ICE agents any foreign documents such as passports, consular ids, or expired visas
- If the agents have an arrest warrant for someone else, do not lie about the person's whereabouts

If ICE Stops You On the Street

- Tell the ICE agents that you do not want to speak with them and do not answer any questions
- Ask if you are free to leave. If they say "yes," walk away. If they say "no," do not answer any questions.
- If they search your belongings, say, "I do not consent to this search"
- Do not sign any documents
- Do not give ICE any false or foreign documents
- Do not run away or resist an arrest
- Do not respond to questions about your immigration status or where you were born
- Ask the agents for ID to confirm they are ICE

For immigration-related questions and legal referrals, call the Catholic Charities Hotline:

NYS New Americans Hotline: 1-800-566-7636

NYC MOIA Legal Support Hotline: 1-800-354-0365



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