



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**When you encounter
difficulties and contradictions,
do not try to break them,
but bend them
with gentleness and time.**

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026

The 9/11 Prayer of Remembrance and Hope:

Dear God,
we remember before you
those whose lives were lost
in the catastrophic events of September 11, 2001,
and for all those whom we love but no longer see.

We give thanks to you
for the selfless courage of those brave souls
who ran into burning buildings and who labored in the rubble;
may their courage be to us a witness
of what is possible when we are guided by love and dedication
to our fellow human beings.

We pray for the continued healing
of all those suffering emotional and physical scars.
May your spirit breathe new breath into clouded lungs,
new life into troubled minds, and new warmth into broken hearts,
so that all may feel wrapped in your loving embrace.

May we move from suffering to hope,
from brokenness to wholeness, from anxiety to courage,
from death to life, from fear to love,
and from despair to hope.

Guide our feet into the way of peace.
Inspire us with hope in the gift of shalom and salaam.

May we receive this gift,
so that we might become instruments of your peace in this world,
knowing all people as equally loved, lovingly created,
children of God.

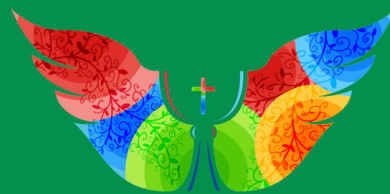
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**Because of the
Labor Day holiday,
Mass will not be
celebrated
and the Office is
closed on Monday,
September 7**

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, September 6, 2026

9:00am--Rory Kelleher (D)
Frank Hernandez (D)

11am-Kathleen Kelly (D)

12:30pm-Para la parroquia de San Francisco de Sales

Monday, Sept 7, 2026

8:30AM--No Mass-Church Office Closed
(Labor Day)

Tuesday, Sept 8, 2026

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

Thursday, Sept 10, 2026

8:30am-Annette Connors (D)

Friday, Sept 11, 2026

8:30am-Mr. Kingston Riviere and Mrs.
Marcelle Riviere (D)

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 25th-August 31st

\$4,657.47 online debit giving

\$1,378.00 Sunday collection basket, mailed in Checks

TOTAL \$6,035.74

Mission Appeal (Maryknoll-\$770.00)



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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.

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

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 Spirits
Wednesday, September 9
7:00 PM, Parish Hall

HOPE WALK

Saturday, September 12
10:00 AM in the Parish Hall

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For more information
contact Joe Long
joelong@sfdsnycorg

GRUPO DE JOVENES ADULTOS

8 de septiembre 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!

Faith Talks

A place for questions, conversation, and discernment.

WHO IS FAITH TALKS FOR?



People thinking about becoming Catholic



Catholics returning after being away



Baptized Christians wondering about the Catholic Church



Parishioners wrestling with questions of faith



Catholics who never completed Confirmation or First Communion



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

Questions are welcome. Everyone belongs. We'd love to see you there!

— ★ 9/11 ★ — REMEMBRANCE

PRAYING

— THROUGH —

SONG

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. 96th Street, Manhattan

*Free Will
Offering*

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



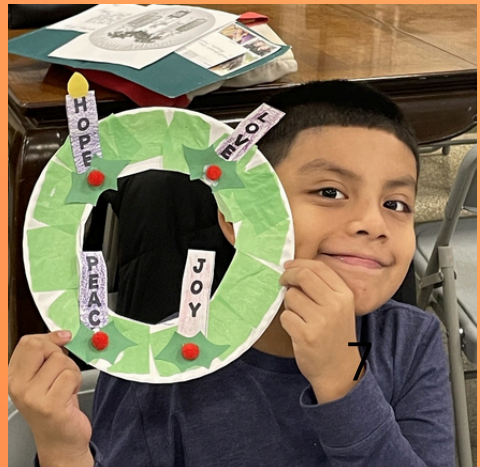
Time to
REGISTER

Sundays, August 27
and September 13
after all the Masses

or visit stfrancis96.org

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

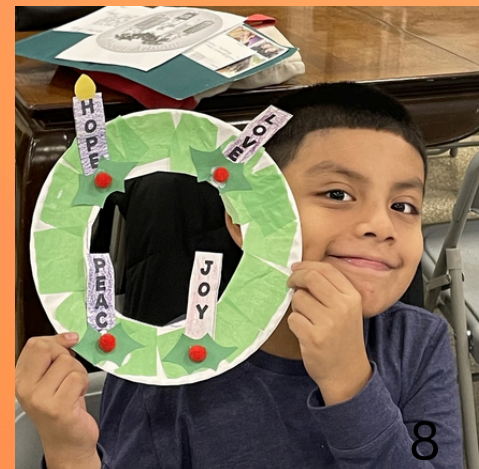


Tiempo para
REGISTRARSE

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

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Faith & Politics

How are we called to engage?



Preparing ourselves,
as Catholics,
To VOTE on Nov 3rd

*In respectful dialogue let's
discuss how our faith can
influence parties to which we
may belong, our elected
officials and those in our
communities.*

**Sunday, September 13
10 to 11 am
SFDS Church Hall**



Questions email Pat @ latonapal@gmail.com

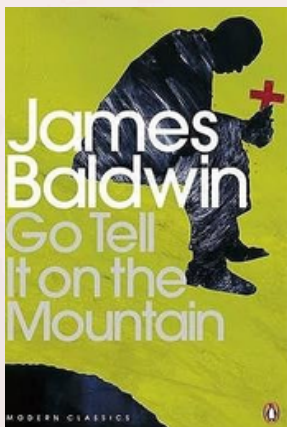
BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
8:00 PM



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

Our Next Book:



“Go Tell It
on the Mountain”

by James Baldwin

Everyone is welcome 9



HOPE WALK



Saturday,
September 12
10:00 AM
parish hall

Join us on a walk
through the neighborhood
-- greeting those on the streets,
offering food and sharing a prayer



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026



**Metro NY
Catholic Climate
Movement**

Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement, a chapter of the Laudato Si' Movement, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of New York and the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi, invite you to celebrate the Season of Creation 2026 and the Jubilee Year of the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, patron of ecology.

Join us for a

MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, 142 W 32ND ST, NEW YORK

Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 5:30 PM

Special Guest Speaker

Christina Leano,

Associate Director of
the Global Laudato Si' Movement

Reception to follow
an RSVP to mnyccm@gmail.com
will be appreciated.



**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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LIVING WATER

— Receive the Gift —

The Season of Creation, from September 1 to October 4, is a time for Christians to pray, reflect, and act in gratitude for God's gift of creation and in care for our common home.

SCRIPTURE



"Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never thirst; the water that I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." — John 4:14

"Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and I saw water issuing from below the threshold of the temple, flowing eastward..."
Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature shall live." — Ezekiel 47:1, 9

*Water is God's gift.
Let gratitude
be our response and
stewardship
be our way of life.*



WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES

- 1 Water is God's gift.** From creation to new life in Baptism, water sustains and renews us. It is a sign of God's presence and goodness in our world.
- 2 Access to clean water is a human right.** Clean, safe water is essential to life and human dignity. It is a matter of justice and the common good. Waste and pollution harm our neighbors, especially the poor and vulnerable.
- 3 Gratitude leads to responsible stewardship.** When we recognize water as a gift, we are called to protect it. Stewardship means using water wisely today so that future generations may also flourish.



HOW TO LIVE THIS WEEK

- 1 Reduce wasted water.** Turn off the tap while brushing, shaving or washing dishes.
- 2 Take shorter showers.** Try a five-minute shower to save water and energy.
- 3 Fix or report leaks.** Check faucets, toilets and pipes. Small leaks waste gallons each day.
- 4 Avoid polluting waterways.** Never pour oil, paint, chemicals or medicine into drains. Use eco-friendly products.
- 5 Pray in gratitude before using water.** Let a moment of thanks shape how you use this gift.



OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Protecting water means conserving it, preventing pollution and sharing it justly. Our choices—big and small—make a difference for creation and for our neighbors.



REFLECT

Where does the water I use come from, and who might struggle to obtain what I receive so easily? What is one water habit I am willing to change permanently?



A SIMPLE PRACTICE

This week, choose one "water habit" to improve as a family or on your own. Keep a note on the fridge or in your phone to remind you and celebrate your progress together.



PRAYER

Creator God, source of all life, thank You for the gift of water. Teach us to use it wisely, protect it from harm, and share it generously. Make us channels of Your living water, for the good of all creation. Amen.

St. Francis de Sales Church
New York, New York

Care for our common home—
a work of faith, a sign of hope.



FROM THE CHURCH "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Water." — St. Francis of Assisi

Sources: John 4:14; Ezekiel 47:1, 9; Pope Leo XIV, Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (2025); Pope Francis, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* (2015), §§ 28–31, 30, 171.

Learn more about
the Season of Creation at
seasonofcreation.org

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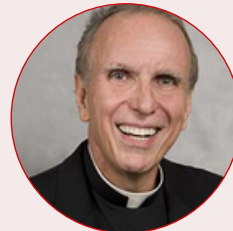
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OFFICE HOURS~HORARIO DE OFICINA

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9am - 5pm

SUNDAY 10am - 2pm

CHURCH HOURS

WEEKDAYS 9am - 4pm

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WITH US**



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