



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**“We must do all through love,
and nothing through force.”**

Twenty-eighth in Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2026

Prayer of the Faithful

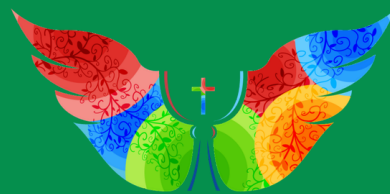
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We pray to the Lord at every Mass, but it didn't used to be that way. Vatican II created a new set of prayers after the Creed. We call them the “Prayer of the Faithful,” since the faithful pray them, or the Universal Prayer, since they intercede for the world. The prayers are in three parts: The priest introduces them; petitions follow; the priest prays the conclusion. A deacon, cantor, or someone else (preferably not the priest) announces each petition, and the whole assembly responds. Responding may not seem like such a big deal, but it really is. Ordinarily at Mass, the priest says the prayers on behalf of the assembly. He alone calls God by name. The people usually just say “Amen.” The grandest exception is the Lord's Prayer. But the Collect, the Prayer over the Offerings, the Eucharistic Prayer, and the Prayer after Communion are all entrusted to the priest. This prayer is different. It's the prayer “of the faithful.” We all call God by name. We thus exercise the priestly function given to us at Baptism. Most commonly, we respond, “Lord, hear our prayer.” But some other responses may be made— spoken, sung, or even silent. The petitions themselves fall into four categories and follow this sequence: First, we pray for the needs of the whole Church. Second, we pray for public authorities and the salvation of the world. Third, we remember those oppressed in any way. Finally we pray for our local community. Incredible as this sounds, we have complete freedom to write these texts ourselves. We rarely vary the Mass texts because they precisely articulate our faith. But the Church asks us to compose these texts, which speak the greatest needs of our community. Inviting the assembly to petition spontaneously can enliven our liturgy, as the priestly people voice their needs. However, some spontaneous prayers abuse the purpose of these petitions. They are not meant to be specific; they are to be general. We're not praying “for a special intention” or for “Aunt Susie's depression.” We pray universally, for groups in need. The Prayer of the Faithful is not just another prayer. It's the priestly people fulfilling their mission to prayer for the world.

- 2.....Pray with Us
- 3.....Sacraments
- 3.....Stewardship
- 4.....Parish Meetings
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- 5.....Online Giving
- 6.....Faith Talks
- 6.....Join the Choir
- 7.....Blessing of Animals
- 8-9....Religious Education
- 10.....AI Presentation
- 11.....Voter Registration
- 12-15.See.Love.Vote
(English/Spanish)
- 16.....Month of the Rosary
- 17.....Mes del Rosario
- 18.....Connect with us



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, Oct 11, 2026

9:00am--Florentina Cruz (D)

11am-Blanca Alequin (D)

12:30pm-Pedro Cabrera (D)

Monday, Oct 12, 2026

8:30AM--NO Mass-Columbus Day-Church
Office Closed

Tuesday, Oct 13, 2026

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

Thursday, Oct 15, 2026

8:30am-

Friday, Oct 16, 2026

8:30am-

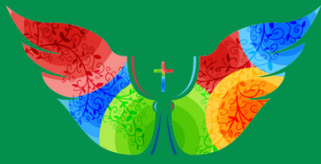
FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Peter Ney
Kathleen Schultheis
Dawn Roberts

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

September 29th-October 5

\$5,477.80 online debit giving

\$1,601.00 Sunday collection basket, mailed in Checks

TOTAL \$7,078.80

Second Collection-St. Joseph Seminary-\$431.00



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ONLINE GIVING



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Second Collection – October 18--WORLD MISSION SUNDAY- PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

In 1926, Pope Pius XI established World Mission Sunday for the universal Church, and the first worldwide collection took place the following year, in October 1927. Celebrated on the next-to last Sunday of October, World Mission Sunday invites Catholics everywhere to recognize our shared responsibility for the evangelization of the world and to express our unity through prayer and generosity.

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

No session: Sunday, October 11
Next Session: Sunday, October 18
10:00-11:00 AM
in the Parish Hall

BOOK CLUB

Living in the Spirit of St. Francis by Ilia Delio
Monday, October 12-- 8:00 PM via Zoom
Contact Mary Braza at
brazamary@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Thursday, October 15, 7:00 PM
Parish Hall
Contact Pat Latona at latonapal@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT GROUP -20 and 30 year olds

Bible Study--Wednesday, October 14
7:00 PM, Parish Hall

HOPE WALK

Saturday, October 10
Saturday, November 14
10:00 AM in the Parish Hall

GRUPO DE JOVENES ADULTOS

13 de octubre de 7:00 PM
en la salón parroquial

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For more information
contact Joe Long
joelong@sfdsnycorg

THE ASSOCIATION (Daughters) OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Sunday, October 11
Sunday, November 22
1:45 PM in the Church Office

Safe Environment Reminder

For the safety of all our children, parents and guardians must accompany children whenever they leave the church to use the restrooms in the Parish Hall, and remain with them until they return to the church.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for the children and families of our parish.

You are part of our story.

Whether you have been here for years or just for a season, you belong here. Registering in the parish is a simple way to say, "I'm part of this community."



<https://stfrancis96.org/register>

Why register in the parish?

You belong.

Registering helps us know you, welcome you and stay connected with you.

It strengthens our community.

Your registration helps us plan ministries, programs and support that meet the real needs of our neighborhood.

It keeps you informed.

You'll receive important parish news, events and opportunities to grow in faith and service.

It matters for the future.

Our parish numbers are used in planning and decisions that affect the life of our parish and our neighborhood.

Your presence matters now.

No matter how long you are here, you are part of this community's story, and we are grateful you are with us.

Register
TODAY!

ONLINE GIVING

A simple way to support the life and mission of our parish.

Your gift helps St. Francis de Sales continue its prayer, service, outreach, and welcome. Online giving makes it easy to support the parish faithfully and consistently.

Why give online?

- 1 It is simple and secure.
- 2 It helps the parish plan and budget more responsibly.
- 3 It supports the parish even when you are away.
- 4 Recurring gifts provide steady support for ministry and daily operations.
- 5 It is a practical way to care for the parish and its future.

Your gift makes a difference

Every contribution helps sustain worship, faith formation, hospitality, service, and the ongoing life of our parish community.

Set up your gift online today

Visit: stfrancis96.org



Thank you for your support.



— ARTIFICIAL — INTELLIGENCE OPPORTUNITIES AND FEARS

A Conversation about Pope Leo's Encyclical
on Artificial Intelligence

Magnifica Humanitas

*On Safeguarding the Human Person
in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*

Come to a parish discussion on your fears, hopes
and questions about Artificial Intelligence.

Pope Leo wrote a timely document “Magnificent
Humanity” that gives us guidelines on how to
deal with this important issue.

We will explore ways in this session on how to
use Spiritual Intelligence to understand Artificial
Intelligence.



Fr. Tony Ciorra

**Tuesday,
October 20, 2026
7:00 – 8:30 PM**

Read the Encyclical Online
<https://bit.ly/4yDjpuf>

*Paper copies are also available
by contacting Joe Long.*



corrected link and QR code

All are welcome!



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Questions : contact Joe Long 212-289-0425 or joelong@sfdsnyc.org

LUX AETERNA

An Evening of Music, Memory and Hope

All Saints Evening and the Vigil of All Souls

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
6:00 PM

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH
135 EAST 96TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY

— ALL ARE WELCOME —



Faith Talks.

A PLACE FOR QUESTIONS,
CONVERSATION, AND DISCERNMENT.

Come as you are.
Leave with more understanding.

Ask your questions.
Share your thoughts.
Listen to others.
Grow in faith together.

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



MONDAY
NIGHTS



7:00 PM



IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE.

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

Join the Choir!

RAISE YOUR VOICE • LIFT OUR PRAYER • BUILD COMMUNITY

*Music is a prayer
that brings us together
and helps our whole community
encounter God.*

**11:00 AM
Mass Choir**

All are welcome!
Share your voice and help lead
our parish in prayer.

ALL VOICES • ALL AGES • ALL ARE WELCOME

**Coro de la Misa
de 12:30 PM**

¡Todos son bienvenidos!
Comparte tu voz y ayuda a guiar
nuestra comunidad en la oración cantada.

TODAS LAS VOCES • TODAS LAS EDADES • TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS

Contact Travis Bloom, Director of Music Ministry at travisbloom@sfdsnyc.org

¡AYÚDANOS A PREPARAR LAS POSADAS!

Este Adviento nos estamos preparando para celebrar Las Posadas, la hermosa tradición de acompañar a María y José mientras buscan un lugar para recibir al Niño Jesús.

¿Quieres ayudarnos? Acompáñanos a una reunión de planificación para compartir ideas y preparar juntos nuestra celebración parroquial.

Domingo, 18 de octubre • 1:30 PM • salón parroquial

Ya sea que Las Posadas formen parte de tu tradición o sean algo nuevo para ti, ¡ven y participa!



Help Us Plan Las Posadas!

This Advent, we are preparing to celebrate Las Posadas, the beautiful tradition of accompanying Mary and Joseph as they seek a place to welcome the Christ Child.

Want to help make it happen? Join us for a planning meeting as we share ideas and prepare our parish celebration.

Sunday, October 18 • 1:30 Pm • Parish Hall

Whether Las Posadas is part of your tradition or something new to you, come be part of it!

VATICAN II

WHY IT STILL MATTERS

"Open the windows of the Church to let in the fresh air of the Spirit."

— ST. JOHN XXIII



The opening of the Second Vatican Council in St. Peter's Basilica made visible the worldwide Church and began a renewal that still lives today.

4 SESSIONS

The Council met in four autumn sessions: 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1965.

2,400+ BISHOPS

From every part of the world at the opening — the largest gathering of bishops in Church history.

16 DOCUMENTS

4 constitutions, 9 decrees and 3 declarations that addressed key aspects of the life of the Church.

ONE MISSION

Not to change the faith, but to announce it with renewed vigor in the world of today.

WHY DID JOHN XXIII CALL IT?

Pope John XXIII announced the Council in 1959. He did not believe the Church needed a new faith, but wanted the ancient faith proclaimed more effectively in a rapidly changing world. He called the bishops to be "prophets of doom", and said the Church should use the "medicine of mercy" to bring the Gospel to the modern world.

WHAT ROLE DID PAUL VI PLAY?

John XXIII died on June 3, 1963, after the first session. His successor, Paul VI, chose to continue the Council and guided its final three sessions. He confirmed its major aims: a deeper understanding of the Church, renewal within the Church, Christian unity, and dialogue with the contemporary world. He promulgated all 16 documents and led the difficult work of putting them into practice.

WHEN DID THE COUNCIL MEET?

It met in four autumn sessions: Oct. 11–Dec. 8, 1962; Sept. 29–Dec. 4, 1963; Sept. 14–Nov. 21, 1964; and Sept. 14–Dec. 8, 1965.

WHY WAS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Vatican II asked the Church to look again at her deepest identity and mission: Who are we? What does baptism mean? How do we worship? How does God speak to us? How should Christians relate to one another, to other religions, and to the modern world?

WHAT DID VATICAN II ACTUALLY DO?



WORSHIP It called for the full, conscious and active participation of the faithful, renewed the liturgy, and opened the way to wider use of the vernacular.



THE CHURCH It emphasized the Church as the People of God, the shared dignity of the baptized, and the collegial responsibility of bishops in communion with the pope.



SCRIPTURE It renewed Catholic engagement with the Bible and taught more deeply about Scripture, Tradition and God's self-revelation in Christ.



CHRISTIAN UNITY It made ecumenism a permanent Catholic commitment rather than a peripheral concern.



OTHER RELIGIONS It transformed Catholic relations with Judaism and opened a new era of respectful dialogue with other faiths.



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM It affirmed that no one should be coerced in religious matters and grounded religious liberty in human dignity.



THE MODERN WORLD It addressed marriage and family, culture, economics, peace and war, human dignity, justice, and the Church's responsibility to read the signs of the times. It also addressed missionary life, bishops, priests, religious life, Catholic education, communications and the Eastern Catholic Churches.

HOW DO WE LIVE IT NOW?

We live Vatican II when the whole assembly participates at Mass; when Catholics read and pray with Scripture; when lay women and men exercise responsibility for the Church's mission; when holiness is understood as the vocation of every baptized person; and when we build respectful relationships with other Christians, people of other faiths, and bring the Gospel to questions of justice, peace, culture, work and public life.

STILL RELEVANT?

In 2026 Pope Leo XIV began a series devoted to rereading the Council documents, calling their teaching a "guiding star" for the Church today. The question remains: *How do we faithfully proclaim Jesus Christ in the world in which we actually live?*



EL CONCILIO VATICANO II

UNA RENOVACIÓN PARA NUESTRO TIEMPO

El 11 de octubre de 1962, el papa san Juan XXIII inauguró el Concilio Vaticano II. Fue una invitación del Espíritu Santo para que la Iglesia, fiel al Evangelio, dialogara con el mundo moderno y anunciara a Jesucristo de una manera nueva y renovada.

“Abramos las ventanas de la Iglesia para que entre aire fresco del Espíritu.”

—SAN JUAN XXIII



11 de octubre de 1962: Obispos de todo el mundo llegan para la apertura del Concilio Vaticano II. Más de 2,400 Padres Conciliares participaron, el mayor número de obispos reunidos en la historia de la Iglesia, un signo de la Iglesia verdaderamente universal.

4 SESIONES

El Concilio se reunió durante cuatro períodos: 1962, 1963, 1964 y 1965.

2,400+ OBISPOS

De todos los continentes: la mayor asamblea de obispos en la historia de la Iglesia.

16 DOCUMENTOS

4 constituciones, 9 decretos y 3 declaraciones que abordan prácticamente todos los aspectos de la vida de la Iglesia.

UNA MISMA MISIÓN

No cambiar la fe, sino anunciarla con renovado vigor en el mundo de hoy.



¿POR QUÉ LO CONVOCÓ SAN JUAN XXIII?

Juan XXIII deseaba una Iglesia más abierta, más misionera y más atenta a las necesidades del mundo. No quería cambiar la fe, sino presentarla de una manera más clara y comprensible para las personas

de nuestro tiempo. Habló de la “medicina de la misericordia” en lugar de la “profecía de la condena” y nos pidió abrir las ventanas de la Iglesia para que entrara aire fresco del Espíritu.

EL PAPEL DEL PAPA PABLO VI

Al morir Juan XXIII en 1963, muchos pensaron que el Concilio terminaría. Pero Pablo VI, elegido papa, decidió continuarlo. Guió las tres últimas sesiones, aseguró su conclusión y en 1965 promulgó sus documentos. Pablo VI ayudó a la Iglesia a poner en práctica la visión del Concilio, recordándonos que era obra del Espíritu Santo y un camino para la evangelización del mundo.

¿POR QUÉ FUE IMPORTANTE?

El Concilio Vaticano II reafirmó la misión de la Iglesia en el siglo XX y más allá. Renovó nuestra confianza en el Evangelio, fortaleció la unidad entre los católicos, promovió el diálogo con otras Iglesias y religiones,

trató seriamente los desafíos del mundo moderno y recordó que toda la Iglesia está llamada a ser signo de la presencia de Cristo en el mundo.

¿QUÉ HIZO EL CONCILIO?



LITURGIA – Renovó la participación activa y consciente de todo el pueblo en la celebración de la Eucaristía.



SAGRADA ESCRITURA – Invitó a todos los fieles a leer, orar y estudiar la Biblia.



LA IGLESIA – Profundizó su naturaleza como Pueblo de Dios, con todos llamados a la santidad.



LAICOS – Reconoció y valoró la vocación y misión de los laicos en la vida de la Iglesia y del mundo.



UNIDAD – Promovió el ecumenismo y el diálogo con otras Iglesias cristianas, el pueblo judío y otras religiones.



EL MUNDO – Abordó la dignidad humana, la justicia, la paz, la vida en familia, la educación, la cultura, los medios de comunicación y la responsabilidad cristiana en la sociedad.



MISIÓN – Llamó a toda la Iglesia a ser más misionera, llevando el Evangelio a todas las naciones.

¿SIGUE SIENDO RELEVANTE HOY?

SÍ, Y MUCHO.

El Concilio Vaticano II no es una pieza de museo. Sus enseñanzas siguen guiando a la Iglesia hoy y nos llaman a vivir nuestra fe con mayor profundidad y a llevar el Evangelio a nuestro mundo.



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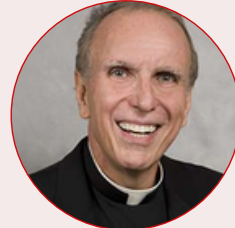
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