



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**“Don’t sow your desires
in someone else’s garden;
just cultivate your own
as best you can.”**

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

EVANGELIST SYMBOLS

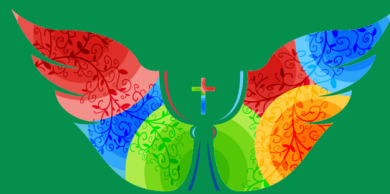
The human, lion, ox, and eagle are symbols of the four evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These symbols adorn many works of art, buildings, and objects used in worship. Each may identify one evangelist, or the four may represent the Gospel as a whole. In addition, the four symbols taken together represent the mystery of Christ’s life. They recall in turn the birth, sacrifice, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus. The symbols derive from the opening of the Book of Ezekiel. There the prophet envisions four living creatures in the middle of a glowing fire from a stormy north wind. The faces of the creatures resemble a human being, a lion, an ox, and an eagle (1:10). Their mystery and their movement made such an impact on the prophet that Christian generations have seen in their appearance a foreshadowing of the Gospels of Jesus Christ. The figures appear again in Revelation 4:7. The human being—sometimes rendered as an angel—signifies Matthew, who opens his story with the human origins of Jesus’ genealogy. The lion, according to legend, sleeps with eyes open, making it a symbol of resurrection. It depicts Mark, whose Gospel begins with the leonine John the Baptist in the desert. Luke’s account of the infancy of Jesus places the child in the temple with Zechariah, a priest who offered sacrifice of animals including oxen. The horns of the beast may represent the old and new covenant, each with its own sacrifice. John, the evangelist whose work intently gazes on the eternal Word who shattered the darkness with his light, recalls the eagle that flies face into the sun. In this way, tradition has assigned each evangelist a proper symbol.

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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, September 20, 2026

9:00am--Sr. Maryellen Ryan (D)

11am-Donnie Lamendola (D)

12:30pm-Alberto Rosalio Ramirez (D)

Monday, Sept 21, 2026

8:30AM-Bro. Jose Francisco (D)

Tuesday, Sept 22, 2026

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

Thursday, Sept 24, 2026

8:30am-Sr. Maryellen Ryan (D)

Friday, Sept 25, 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 8th-September 14th

\$5,569.52 online debit giving

\$1,717.00 Sunday collection basket, mailed in Checks

TOTAL \$7,286.52



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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
First Session is September 27
10:00-11:00

BOOK CLUB

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 23
7:00 PM, Parish Hall

HOPE WALK

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

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For more information
contact Joe Long
joelong@sfdsnycorg

GRUPO DE JOVENES ADULTOS

15 de septiembre de 7:00 PM
en la salón parroquial

THE ASSOCIATION (Daughters) OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Next Meeting
Sunday, October 11, 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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sister Maryellen Ryan SUSC

September 12, 1936 – September 13, 2026



Sister Maryellen Ryan, SUSC (Sr. John Marie), who died on September 13, 2026, one day after her 90th birthday, was a Holy Union Sister for more than 70 years. Born in Astoria, New York, she entered the Holy Union Sisters in 1954 and devoted her life to Catholic education, religious education, and parish ministry. Sister Maryellen had a special connection to St. Francis de Sales Parish, where she served as a faculty member of the school and later as Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Associate.

In 1972, Sister Maryellen began what would become a long ministry in parish religious education in New York City. In many ways, she helped pioneer this growing ministry at a time when parishes were placing increasing emphasis on the religious formation of children, families, and adults beyond the Catholic school classroom.

Her education and formation included a degree in education from Catholic Teachers College and a master's degree in Religious Education from Fordham University. Her years of teaching and catechetical ministry touched generations of children, families, and parishioners.

We remember Sister Maryellen with gratitude for her service to St. Francis de Sales and for her lifelong commitment to sharing the Catholic faith.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

FAITH • COMMUNITY • SERVICE • FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Why Online Giving Matters

Supporting the life and mission of our parish



PEOPLE
PRAYER
PURPOSE
TOGETHER

*A stronger
parish for
a brighter
tomorrow.*



Online giving is more than a convenient way to make a donation. It is one way we participate regularly in the life and mission of our parish. Every week, St. Francis de Sales provides a place for people to worship, pray, celebrate the sacraments, learn about their faith, gather in community, and find support during important moments of life. Behind all of that are the everyday needs of parish life: caring for the church, supporting ministries and programs, providing religious education, preparing liturgies, reaching out to our neighborhood, and responding to those who come to us for help.



Online giving is especially helpful because it provides the parish with a more consistent and dependable source of support. Vacations, bad weather, travel, illness, or simply not being able to interrupt envelope giving. A recurring online gift continues even when you cannot be physically present.



And the amount is not the most important thing. A small gift offered regularly can be just as meaningful as a larger gift. What matters is developing the habit of supporting the community that we call our spiritual home. Giving is one way of saying: I am part of this parish. I believe in its mission. I want to help it continue.



Regular online giving also helps the parish plan ahead with greater confidence for ministries, programs, building needs, outreach, and the everyday expenses that keep our doors open. If you have not yet tried online giving, consider making a recurring weekly or monthly gift through Tithely. Choose an amount that is comfortable and realistic for you. It is not simply about paying bills. It is about helping sustain a living community of faith — week after week.



Regular giving helps make all of this possible.

SAME MISSION. A BRIGHTER TOMORROW.

ROOTED IN CHRIST.
ALWAYS FOR
OUR NEIGHBORS.

Where the Upper East Side and East Harlem meet.





**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>

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

St. Francis de Sales Church

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA PARA NIÑOS Y JÓVENES

Edades 5-13

Más que una clase

Un lugar para crecer en la fe,
prepararse para los sacramentos
y hacer amigos.



Sacramentos

Primera Reconciliación,
Primera Comunión
y Confirmación



Discipulado

Aprender a conocer
y seguir a Jesús



Amistad

Crecer con otros
en la fe y en la
comunidad



Aquí
perteneces



Comienza el domingo 27 de septiembre



A las 10:00 AM en el Salón



Inscríbese con anticipación en línea o en persona

Un lugar para orar, aprender y pertenecer.
Ven a crecer con nosotros.

NIÑOS Y JÓVENES BIENVENIDOS.

St. Francis de Sales Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Ages 5–13

More Than A Class

A place to grow in faith,
prepare for the sacraments,
and make friends.



Sacraments

First Reconciliation,
First Communion,
Confirmation, and more



Discipleship

Learning to know
and follow Jesus



Friendship

Growing with others
in faith and community



Begins Sunday,
September 27



10:00 AM
in the Hall



Register in advance
online or in person

A place to pray, learn, and belong.
Come grow with us.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH WELCOME.

You
Belong
Here
♡

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.

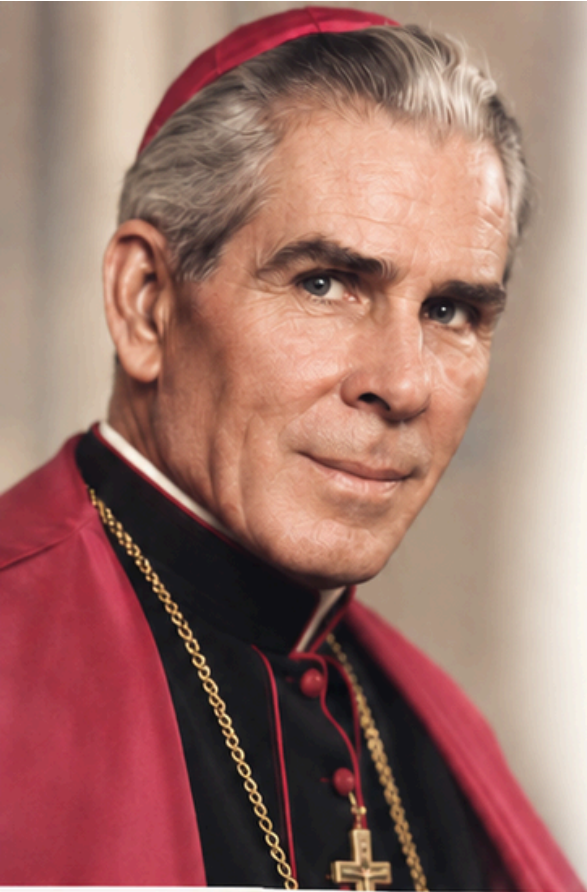


MONDAY NIGHTS
7:00 PM



IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE

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



ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

— TO BE BEATIFIED —

Faith. Reason. A Brighter World.

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Beatification Mass: 2:00 PM Central / 3:00 PM Eastern

The Dome at America's Center

St. Louis, Missouri



Who Was Fulton Sheen?

- Born in 1895 in El Paso, Illinois
- Ordained a priest for the Diocese of Peoria in 1919
- Served as Auxiliary Bishop of New York from 1951–1966
- Later served as Bishop of Rochester
- Died in New York City in 1979
- Known preacher, teacher, author, and evangelizer

Why Is He Remembered?

- Hosted the television program *Life Is Worth Living*
- Reached millions through radio, television, and writing
- Authored more than 60 books
- Helped explain the Catholic faith with clarity and conviction

What Is Beatification?

- An important step toward sainthood
- The Church recognizes a life of heroic virtue
- The person receives the title “Blessed”
- The faithful are encouraged to seek his intercession

A New York Connection

- Fulton Sheen served many years in New York as Auxiliary Bishop of New York
- He lived and worked in New York City and died there on December 9, 1979
- From New York, his voice reached millions through modern media

The Miracle

- The miracle attributed to his intercession involved James Fulton Engstrom, a newborn child who recovered fully after prayers seeking Sheen's intercession.

Why It Matters

- His witness reminds us that the Gospel can be proclaimed in every age
- He shows how modern means of communication can be used to share Christ



May Blessed Fulton Sheen inspire us to proclaim Christ with wisdom and joy.

**When we all VOTE,
we make sure our leaders work for us
(not just billionaires)**



REGISTER TO VOTE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, CHURCH HALL
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

**VOTE TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR
YOUR LOVED ONES, YOUR
NEIGHBORS, YOURSELF**



**TELL YOUR FRIENDS!
WE HAVE POWER WHEN WE
ACT TOGETHER**



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**Cuando todos VOTEMOS,
Nos aseguramos de que nuestros líderes
trabajen para nosotros (no solo para los
multimillonarios).**



REGÍSTRATE PARA VOTAR

**DOMINGO, 4 DE OCTUBRE
SALÓN PARROQUIAL DE SAN FRANCISCO DE SALES
DE 10:00 A 14:00 HORAS.**

**VOTA PARA MEJORAR LA VIDA DE
TUS SERES QUERIDOS, TUS
VECINOS Y LA TUYA PROPIA.**



**¡CUÉNTASELO A TUS AMIGOS!
TENEMOS PODER CUANDO
ACTUAMOS JUNTOS.**





— 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/4yDipuf>

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



All are welcome!



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ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION

— Let Faith Shape Daily Habits —

The Season of Creation, from September 1 to October 4, calls Christians to turn prayer into a way of life. It invites us to let faith shape our daily choices, care for creation, and build a more just and loving world—together.

SCRIPTURE

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." — Psalm 24:1



"Then he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.'" — Luke 12:15

*Everything is a gift.
Let gratitude
shape our habits,
and love guide
our choices.*



WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES

- 1 Ecological conversion is a spiritual change of heart.**
It grows as we encounter God in creation and choose to live in right relationship with all that exists.
- 2 Small daily actions matter.**
Simple, consistent choices—at home, in our parish, at school, and in our neighborhood—build a culture of care and hope.
- 3 Christian freedom means not being ruled by constant consumption.**
We are free to live simply, to share what we have, and to put people and the planet before profit.



HOW TO LIVE THIS THIS WEEK

- 1 Use public transportation, carpool, bike or walk whenever possible.**
- 2 Reduce single-use plastics.** Bring a reusable bag, bottle, and cup.
- 3 Save electricity.** Turn off lights and electronics when not in use.
- 4 Buy only what is needed.** Choose quality over quantity.
- 5 Reuse before replacing.** Repair, donate or repurpose when you can.
- 6 Make Sunday a less consumer-driven day.** Rest, pray, be with loved ones, and enjoy creation.



A CHANGE OF HEART

Care for creation begins in the heart. It grows from gratitude for God's gifts, practiced through restraint, and lived in solidarity with our neighbors and future generations.

"Small daily actions, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world."

— Laudato Si', 211



REFLECT

*What habits reveal that I take more than I need?
What small change could express my love for God's creation and my neighbor right now?*



A SIMPLE PRACTICE

Choose one habit to practice this week as a family or on your own. Check a box each day when you do it.

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PRAYER

*Creator God, you have given us a beautiful home and every good gift.
Teach us to live simply, use your gifts wisely, and share generously with all your children.
Help us hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.
Amen.*



OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Our daily choices shape the world we leave behind. Together, we can protect creation, build community, and live as faithful stewards of God's gift.

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 Earth." — St. Francis of Assisi

Sources: Psalm 24:1; Luke 12:15; Laudato Si', 211, 216–221.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home (2015), §§ 211–212, 216–221.

Learn more about
the Season of Creation at
seasonofcreation.org

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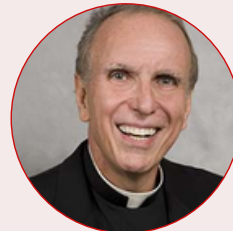
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OFFICE HOURS~HORARIO DE OFICINA

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9am - 5pm

SUNDAY 10am - 2pm

CHURCH HOURS

WEEKDAYS 9am - 4pm

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