



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**“In giving yourself
to the Divine Majesty,
He gives Himself to you
and gives you eternal life.”**

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

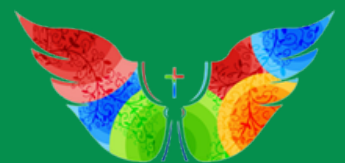
September 13, 2026

Nativity of Mary

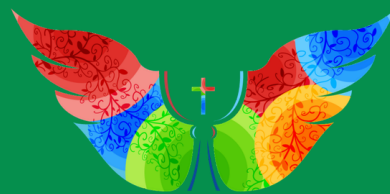
Tradition has it that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was born of parents named Joachim and Anne in Jerusalem at the end of the first century bc. In fact, all that we know for certain is that Mary was born. The names of Joachim and Anne first appeared in a legend dating from the turn of the third century. In the story the wealthy Joachim, ridiculed in his old age for having no children, turned to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The despairing Anne, at prayer in her sorrow, beheld an angel, who promised she would conceive. The story bears similarities to the birth of Samuel 1 Samuel 1), whose mother had a similar name (Hannah) and sang a prayer resembling Mary's Magnificat (compare 1 Samuel 2:1-10 with Luke 1:46-55). However, because this legend is so late, the truthfulness of the story is doubtful, as are the traditional names of Mary's parents. The strongest tradition places the birth of Mary in Jerusalem near the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus would later heal a cripple on the Sabbath (John 5). A church dedicated to St. Anne stands near the pool today. Beneath the church lie remains of a house where our ancestors believed that Mary was born. The place has witnessed Christian worship since the third century. Other traditions place the birth of Mary at Nazareth or Bethlehem, but in each case, the evidence is too slight to be certain. The date of Mary's birth has similarly been lost. Because the Church of St. Anne in Jerusalem was dedicated on September 8 in the fifth century, that day entered the calendar as the celebration of Mary's birth. We honor the birth of Mary every year on September 8 as a feast day. The Mass has its own special prayers and readings and calls for singing the Glory to God.

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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 13, 2026

9:00am--For the parish of St. Francis de Sales

11am-Jose Crews (D)

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

Monday, Sept 14, 2026

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

Tuesday, Sept 15, 2026

8:30am-Felix Delfi Trinidad (D)

Thursday, Sept 17, 2026

8:30am-Lu ann Gabby (D)

Friday, Sept 18, 2026

8:30am-Rosegail Rivas (L) B'day

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 1st-September 8th

\$5,867.93 online debit giving

\$2,840.00 Sunday collection basket, mailed in Checks

TOTAL \$8,707.93



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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

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!

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



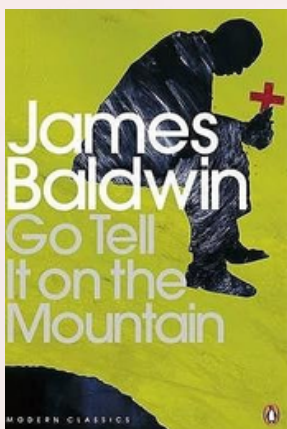
BOOK CLUB

**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 6

Why Online Giving Matters

Supporting the life and mission of our parish



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 missing a Sunday can 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 Tithe.ly. 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.



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 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
pertenece
❤️



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



You
Belong
Here
♡



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.



**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



EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED

— *Care for People • Care for Earth* —

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.

"Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unfailing commitment to resolving the problems of society."

— Laudato Si', 91



SCRIPTURE



Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

— Genesis 2:15



We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

— Romans 8:22–23



WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES

- 1 Creation is entrusted to us.**
God made the world good and gave it to humanity to cultivate and protect. We are stewards, not owners.
- 2 Human beings and the natural world are deeply interconnected.**
Every creature has value. Our choices in energy, food, housing, and how we use resources affect ecosystems, future generations, and our own well-being.
- 3 Care for the poor and care for the earth belong together.**
Environmental damage often hurts the poorest first and most. Integral ecology calls us to justice, solidarity, and a preferential option for those who are vulnerable.



HOW TO LIVE THIS WEEK

- 1 NOTICE CONNECTIONS**
Notice where your daily choices affect workers, communities, and the environment.
- 2 REDUCE FOOD WASTE**
Plan meals, store food well, and use leftovers creatively.
- 3 SUPPORT JUST PRODUCTS**
Choose local, seasonal, or fair-trade products when possible. Your purchases can support people and the planet.
- 4 CARE FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**
Pick up litter, tend a community garden, or care for a parish or public space.
- 5 PRAY FOR ALL AFFECTED**
Pray for communities facing pollution, climate change, and loss of land or resources.



INTEGRAL ECOLOGY: WHY IT MATTERS

Environmental damage is rarely neutral. When forests are cleared, air is polluted, or water is contaminated, the harm falls heaviest on those with the fewest resources and the least power to respond.

Integral ecology invites us to look at the whole picture. It helps us ask: How do my choices affect people—especially those who are poor or marginalized—and the natural world we all depend on?



REFLECT

When I make everyday choices—about what I buy, how I travel, what I eat and use—who is affected by those choices, and what kind of world am I helping to create?



A SIMPLE PRACTICE

Choose one concrete habit for this week. It could be bringing reusable bags, turning off lights and electronics when not in use, walking or taking public transit, or choosing a meatless day. Write it down, try it, and invite your household or parish group to join you.



PRAYER

Creator God, you made all things and called them good. Help us to see how everything is connected—our lives, our neighbors, and this earth. Teach us to love with open hearts and to act with courage, compassion, and hope. Amen.



CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Share what you learn or do this week with someone—at home, in your parish, or in a community group. Together, our small steps become a powerful witness of care and hope.

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: Genesis 2:15; Romans 8:22–23; Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* 1, 16, 48, 91, 137–139.

Learn more about
the Season of Creation at
seasonofcreation.org

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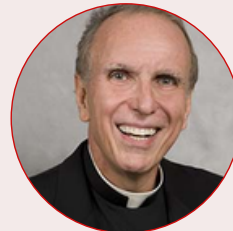
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OFFICE HOURS~HORARIO DE OFICINA

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9am - 5pm

SUNDAY 10am - 2pm

CHURCH HOURS

WEEKDAYS 9am - 4pm

**CONNECT
WITH US**



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en las redes sociales**



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