



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

“When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence.”

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD

JUNE 22, 2025

Real Presence

Catholics hold strongly their belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This presence happens “by the conversion of the bread and wine into Christ’s body and blood” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1375). This transformation takes place during the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass.

Christ is present in other ways. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy from the Second Vatican Council said that Christ is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the priest, in the readings, and in the Church. He is present “especially under the Eucharistic species” (7).

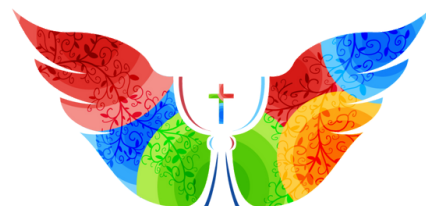
For this reason, when Catholics present themselves in the Communion line, they hear the minister proclaim, “The Body of Christ” and “The Blood of Christ.” They answer “Amen” to each of these statements, affirming their belief in the real presence of Christ in every Communion. In a similar way, to conclude the proclamation of the Gospel, the people hear “The Gospel of the Lord,” and they address their words not to the priest or deacon who proclaimed the Gospel, but to Christ, who is present in his word: “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.”

Nonetheless, “the mode of Christ’s presence under the Eucharistic species is unique” (CCC, 1374). After Mass, the real presence of Christ remains in the consecrated bread stored in the tabernacle. There it is commonly called the Blessed Sacrament. Outside of Mass, a consecrated host may be set within a monstrance and reverently placed on the altar for the adoration of the faithful. This event is called Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Christ is truly present in the consecrated elements whether one is receiving Holy Communion or adoring him in the Blessed Sacrament. He has come that his followers may have life, and have it more abundantly

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**Living Jesus on
96th Street and Beyond**

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, June 22, 2025

9:00am- Guillermina Alvarez (D)

11am- Felito G. Fernandez (D)

12:30pm- Myrtha Vargas, Maria Socorro Ines,
En acción de Gracias Henry Rosales

Monday, June 23, 2025

8:30AM- Jordan Rivas (L)

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

8:30am- Anthony Xavier Mendonca (D)

Thursday, June 26, 2025

8:30am- Simone Cortines (D)

Friday, June 27, 2025

8:30am- In Thanksgiving Judith Mallilin

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

June 10th-June 16th

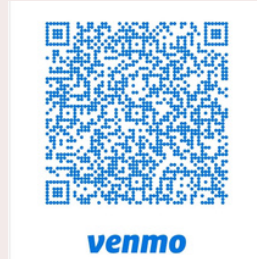
\$1,277.00	online debit giving
\$4,465.55	Sunday collection basket
	Mailed in Checks
TOTAL	\$ 5,752.55

Second Collection: \$566.00 Latin America and Home Missions

ONLINE GIVING



Tithely



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My favorite story about sharing: "Birthdays are Lovely" (author unknown): Polly, soon to be nine years old, was befriended by elderly Miss Cary. When Miss Cary asked Polly's mom when the child's birthday was, Polly asked, "What's a birthday?" You see, Polly's family was so busy working, and so poor, that they didn't even celebrate birthdays! So, Miss Cary gave Polly nine silver quarters to purchase birthday presents (which was a lot of money for a little girl in those days!). Polly returned from the store with many gifts, and excitedly gave presents to mom, dad, brothers, sisters, Grandma and Miss Cary! Miss Cary asked her: "But what have you bought for your birthday present?" Polly replied: "These are all my presents. Presents are something we give away, aren't they?"

Yes, gifts are for sharing. Our loving Lord gives us countless gifts. We recognize and receive these bountiful gifts. We Christian disciples are grateful for these divine presents. But we don't want to stop there, we don't want to be selfish, we don't want to hold these gifts to ourselves. We are called to share our gifts. We share our time, abilities/charisms, and tithe/alms. We give our hospitality to a new parishioner. We share our evangelizing and teaching gifts with students in catechism class. We offer our prayers to our Lord during Holy Mass at our parish. We share our talents in serving the ill in the nursing home, or the poor at a thrift shop. At the Last Supper, Jesus "took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves" (Luke 22:17).

Gifts are something we give away, aren't they? Let us share our gifts. Let us generously be hospitable and prayerful, and let us compassionately evangelize, form, and serve others in the way of the Lord. Jesus shared his life with us, since He loves us more than we can ask or imagine!

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,
July 14 at 8:00pm
Contact Mary Braza at brazamary@gmail.com

PRAYER GROUP -20 and 30 year olds

Wed, July 9 7:00-8:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Ministerio de Grupo de Oración
para Personas en sus 20 y 30 años
Martes, 17 de junio de 7:00-8:30 PM
en la salón parroquial

THE ASSOCIATION (Daughters) OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Upcoming meeting
Sunday, July 13 at 1:45

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Contact Pat Latona at
latonapal@gmail.com

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Those interested in becoming Catholic,
seeking Confirmation
or maybe just have questions
Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Church Office

YOUTH GROUP/YOUTH NIGHT Open to youth ages 13-18

Bible Study:
Sun., June 22 @ 2:00 PM
Fellowship:
June 27 @ 7:00 PM
Use the QR code to join the group



NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS LECTORS

Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30 PM
or
Saturday, June 21 at 10:00 AM

SERVERS

Tuesday, June 24 at 7:00 PM
or
Saturday, June 28 at 10:00 AM

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday, June 26 at 7:00 PM
or
Sunday, June 29 at 2:00 PM

For more information or to
register for one of the
sessions contact Joe Long
joelong@sfdsnyc.org



WHY REGISTER WITH SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH? **BECAUSE FAITH IS ABOUT BELONGING.**

You already come to Mass.
You pray, maybe volunteer, maybe send your kids to Religious Ed.

SO WHY REGISTER? BECAUSE IT TURNS “THE PARISH” INTO YOUR PARISH.

**WHEN YOU REGISTER, YOU SAY:
“THIS IS MY SPIRITUAL HOME. THESE ARE MY PEOPLE. I’M ALL IN.”**

WHAT DOES REGISTRATION DO?
It gives you access to the full life of the Church
—sacraments, faith formation, ministries, and pastoral care.

It makes it easier to get married in the Church,
sponsor someone for baptism or confirmation,
or enroll kids in sacramental prep.

It helps the parish serve you better.
We can support your needs and keep you informed.

It strengthens the Church.
Your commitment builds a stronger, more vibrant community.

And let’s be real—when life gets hard,
your parish is one of the first places you’ll turn.
Let us know who you are. Let us be ready for you.

READY TO REGISTER?

Do it today—online, in the office, after Mass.

You already belong. Let’s make it official.

Welcome!

Visit:

www.stfrancis96.org



English



Español



FILM & DISCUSSION

SAINT OF 9/11

Wednesday June 25, 2025 6:00-8:30 PM



“The Saint of 9/11” reflects the compassionate heart of Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM, beloved New York Catholic priest. Steeped in the practices of Franciscan spirituality: prayer & contemplation, service for the poor & marginalized, peace and community life, Fr. Judge was loved, honored and respected by all who encountered and knew him.

**Film producer, Brendan Fay, will join us for
a Q & A following the screening**



St Francis de Sales
Church Hall
135 E. 96 St
(bet Lex & Park Ave)
NY, NY 10128



Hosted by Social Justice Ministry

RSVP by June 21
latonapal@gmail.com



Free & Open to the Public
Doors open 6pm: Film 6:30



Our Parish Social Justice Ministry
is planning for the next 12 months.
We would like your input as to what issues
or concerns
you have that might be addressed
in our programming, events, or resources.



Scan the QR code to complete
the survey
or visit
<https://bit.ly/sjmsurvey2025>

To complete the survey on paper,
copies are available on the tables at the entrance of the Church

Online giving lets you *stay spiritually* connected
and support what you love, even while you're away

Let's keep the fire of faith alive -together.

Make your giving automatic, intentional,
and mission-focused.



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Scan the QR code. It only takes a
minute—but makes a lasting
difference



Prayer Group Ministry for People in their 20's and 30's

Wednesday, July 9

from 7:00-8:30

in the Parish Hall (Frank's Cafe)



Ministerio de Grupo de Oración para Personas en sus 20 y 30 años

Martes, 24 de junio
de 7:00-8:30 PM

en la salón parroquial



We invite you to consider making a special gift toward
new vestments used in our liturgical prayer.

Donations may be made in memory of a loved one or
in honor of someone special.

Your offering will become part of the spiritual life of
our parish,
reflecting the beauty and sacredness of our worship.

To learn more or to make a donation,
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LITURGY & JUSTICE: MAKING THE CONNECTION

Part 2: The Liturgy of the Word

As we reflect on the connections between the Liturgy of the Word and justice, we will examine the Gathering Rite, the Proclamation of the Scriptures, and the General Intercessions.

A Welcoming Community

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal tells us that the purpose of the Introductory Rites is to welcome people into the assembly, and to establish a sense of oneness and communion among all as the Body of Christ. This is certainly the intent of both the opening song and greeting. Yet within moments, the penitential rite reminds us of our sins and omissions which divide us and work against communion. It is a fitting time in this brief examination of conscience to ask the question, “who is not here?” In our parishes, we spend most of our time, energy, and financial resources on the people who are here. But what about those who are not here? Why are they not here? Has this ever even crossed our minds? Have we made any effort to find out?

How is our communion as the Body of Christ incomplete by the absence of those who may feel unwelcome due to race, age, disability, sexual orientation, language barrier, ethnicity, economic class, past incarceration, or status as an undocumented immigrant? Yes, the very start of our liturgy raises such questions of both charity and justice.

Another related question we might ask is whether we are perceived as a warm and welcoming community. Do we practice the rich biblical virtue of hospitality? Do we imitate Jesus’ hospitality for those labeled as the dregs of society? Catholic social justice teaching reminds us that every single person deserves to be welcomed as an equal; no matter their color, sex or sexual orientation, language, culture, or social class.

We also have a rich heritage of welcome and pastoral concern for immigrants, migrants, and refugees. This is reflected in a number of our Bishop’s pastorals, including *Welcome the Stranger Among Us*, *Strangers No Longer* and in the current *Justice for Immigrants* campaign.

The Just Word

As we examine the proclamation of the Scriptures, it is important to acknowledge that we’re so inundated with “words”, be it media or email, that we can easily miss the true meaning of “word” in the biblical sense. The Hebrew word, *dabar*, when referring to God’s Word, describes God’s powerful and saving actions. It represents God’s vision for humanity and creation becoming realized;

a word that never returns to God without accomplishing that which it is sent to do, as the prophet Isaiah teaches us (Is. 55:11). It is an action that is both creative (“let there be... and so it happened”) and liberating (“let my people go”). It is very often a “Just Word”, God’s actions to establish true justice; for all persons to truly know and feel their “goodness” and “dignity”, for respect, peace, and harmony to exist between people, and between people and nature. The references to justice occur some 1,036 times in the Bible, 135 occurrences in the Psalms alone. You can’t go to a Sunday Mass without hearing some reference to justice either in the scriptures proclaimed or perhaps in singing about it in one of the responsorial psalms. Of course, God’s Just Word is not meant to stay confined within the Liturgy. We each are given an important part to play as instruments of that “Just Word” in our world, of embodying the very Word we proclaim, and of allowing it to have its effect through us. One major purpose of the liturgical homily is to help us make those connections.

In our General Intercessions, we pray not only for ourselves and the wider Church, but for the needs of the world. We pray that all world and government leaders work for justice and peace. We name the poor and vulnerable, and victims of injustices of any kind. These formal intercessory prayers are joined to the whole action of the Mass which lifts up our broken world to God, interceding for its needs, most of which hinge on the need for justice. It is precisely this absence of justice that is the true cause of war, terrorism, poverty, etc...

In making these prayers, we are not simply saying “God take care of it”, but we are entering into “solidarity” with the broken and suffering of our world and being challenged to face our responsibility to them.

For our prayers to be truly genuine, we must commit to becoming what I heard once referred to as “God’s P.R. team”, that is to say “God’s prayer responders”. We ourselves, with our time, gifts, and resources, may well be part of the answer to the very needs we pray and intercede for, the instruments of God’s Just Word to transform the world we lift up to God. As the Letter of James says “If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and no food for the day, and you say to them, “Goodbye and good luck! Keep warm and well-fed,” but do not meet their bodily needs, what good is that? So it is with faith that does nothing in practice. It is thoroughly lifeless.” (1: 15-17) With such an awareness, we might not say “Lord, hear our prayer” quite so quickly and readily.

It is this action of offering or lifting up the world to God that we will consider in the next insert on the Liturgy of the Eucharist.



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Your Voice Matters: Vote

As Catholics, we are called to faithful citizenship—bringing our values, moral convictions, and concern for the common good into public life. Participating in local elections is one important way to live out this call.

The U.S. Bishops remind us in Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship (<https://www.usccb.org/resources/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship-pdf>) that “responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.”

Local elections have a direct impact on issues that matter—schools, public safety, housing, and policies affecting the poor and vulnerable.

Take time to learn about the candidates and issues, pray for wisdom, and vote with a well-formed conscience.

Your voice matters. Make it heard.

**PRAY. LEARN.
VOTE WITH A
WELL-FORMED CONSCIENCE.**



PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 from 6:00am to 9:00pm

To registration to vote
or to check your voter registration, visit:
<https://www.vote.nyc/page/register-vote>

To find your pollsite and view a sample ballot, visit:
<https://www.vote.nyc/page/register-vote>

HELP THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES JUNIOR BOARD SUPPORT THE ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT

The Catholic Charities Junior Board is excited to invite you to our annual benefit,
Christmas in July.

All proceeds from the benefit support the St. Nicholas Project,
a year-round initiative that provides winter essentials and critical supplies to more than
9,100 individuals in need.

Christmas in July will take place at The Ivory Peacock, an elegant cocktail bar in Flatiron
with a stunning VIP lounge.

The evening will feature an open bar, passed hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, DJ, and more!

Christmas in July



WHERE

THE IVORY PEACOCK

WHEN

JULY 17TH | 6:30 – 9:30 PM



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