



1st Sunday of Advent

Saint Francis De Sales Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston

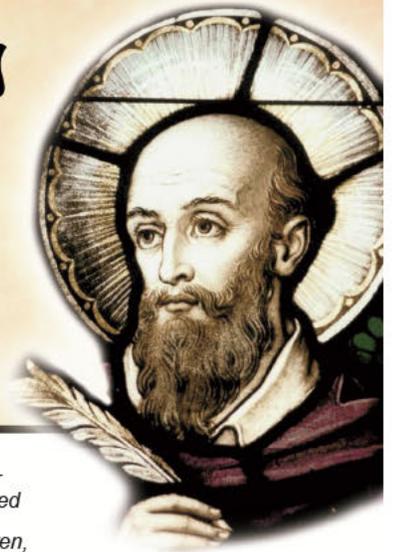
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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon; 1:00 - 5:00 pm



MISSION STATEMENT

We are St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, located in Sharpstown. We gather as members of Christ's Body to welcome all in faith, hope, and love. We are called to know and love God by serving His people and sharing the Good News with neighbor and stranger alike. We endeavor to foster fellowship, nurture our children, encourage stewardship, and promote spiritual responsibility. We recognize all is possible as we share in the Holy Eucharist.

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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm (English)
12:00 noon (Spanish)
Daily Mass: Monday-Friday 8:15 am
Monday 7:00 pm (Spanish)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Monday 6:00 - 6:45 pm Spanish (Chapel)
Wednesday 8:45 - 9:00 am English (Chapel)
6:00 - 7:00 pm English/Spanish (FLC)
Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm English (Chapel)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the church office at (713) 774-7475.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please call the church office for information. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Please contact a priest a *minimum* of six months prior to your wedding date.

OCIA/Order of Christian Initiation for Adults: Please contact Vicky Quiray at (713) 774-7475 for more information.

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VISITORS & NEWCOMERS - WELCOME!
Call or come by the church office to register.
Visit our church website at www.sfdshouston.org

Stay awake!
For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.
Matthew 24:42

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISA

Saturday,	November 29:
5:00 pm	† Benito Juarez, †George Roberts
7:00 pm	Lyvan Tran, Nhun Tan
Sunday,	November 30:
8:00am	† Fletcher Merkel, †Harper Moyski
10:00am	† Romano & Rachele de Zordo, Shawn-Dawn Awagu (B-day)
12:00 pm	St. Francis de Sales Church
5:00 pm	Jeffery Ramsey, Cecilia Steward
Monday,	December 1:
8:15 am	Laura Garcia (B-day), Marco Cobos
7:00 pm	Victor Lino Leal (B-day), Lela & Ana Ramos
Tuesday,	December 2:
8:15 am	† Roberto B. Lopez, Louis A. Lopez (B-day)
Wednesday,	December 3:
8:15 am	Michael T. Hatem, Alexander Guegel
Thursday,	December 4:
8:15 am	Bishop San Pedro, Conversion of Sinners,
Friday,	December 5:
8:15 am	Lorri Guegel, Enrique Mendoza

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK/
OREMOS POR LOS ENFERMOS

Jim Hyland	Idalia Calles	Francisco J. Martinez
Guy Compton	Gloria Young	Henry Amaya
Pat Stroud	Karen Dollinger	Estela Calvillo
Sharon Wilson	Yolanda Martinez	Gloria Medina
Jovito Tamayo	Jose Luis Rivera	Mary Lou Placino
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Joseph Osborn	Jorge Perez	BJ Grassafi

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026

The **first week of December** the Mass book will be available for you to come and submit your intentions for 2026. We are so grateful that our parishioners take the opportunity to have Masses said here at St. Francis de Sales. We do suggest you prepare your list ahead of time so we can prevent incorrect spelling of names. If you are unable to come to the office you may drop your intentions in a marked envelope in the collection. Please don't forget to enclose your name and telephone number. Requests for weekend Masses will be limited. **Mass intentions will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. We are sorry, but no time, date, nor Mass intention will be accepted by phone.**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30
LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 30 DE NOVIEMBRE

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Monday	Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	St. Francis Xavier, Priest Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	St. Nicholas, Bishop Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1,5,6-8
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION/
REFLEXIONES DEL ESPIRITU DE SERVICIO

First Sunday of Advent; November 30

That we don't take each day for granted and see the little miracles that occur in our lives every day.

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

1er Domingo de Adviento: 30 de noviembre

Que no tomemos cada día por sentado y que veamos los pequeños milagros que ocurren en nuestras vidas cada día.

"¡Por lo tanto permanezcan despiertos! Ya que no saben que Día vendrá nuestro Señor." Mateo 24: 42

Las personas que tiene problemas de salud o experiencias cercanas a la muerte generalmente aprecian mejor el hecho de que cada día es un don de Dios. El resto de nosotros da por sentado que estaremos aquí el día de mañana. Sin embargo, al comenzar a ver cada día como un don, se dará cuenta de todos los pequeños milagros que suceden diariamente y comenzara a ver la presencia activa de Dios en su vida. Su gratitud crecerá cada día, por todo lo que se nos ha dado.

Chúa Nhật I Mùa Vong: 30 tháng Mười Một

Chúng ta đừng đương nhiên cho rằng mỗi ngày sẽ xảy đến, nhưng hãy để ý những phép lạ nhỏ bé xảy ra hàng ngày trong đời sống chúng ta.

"Vậy, hãy tỉnh thức! Vì các con không biết ngày nào Chúa sẽ đến." Mát-thêu 24:42

Những ai có vấn đề sức khỏe hoặc đã trải qua cảm nghiệm cận tử thì thường quý trọng từng ngày và coi đó như một phúc lộc của Thiên Chúa. Còn đa số chúng ta thường cho rằng đương nhiên ngày mai sẽ đến. Nhưng khi bạn khởi sự nhìn mỗi ngày như một phúc lộc, bạn sẽ nhận ra mọi phép lạ nhỏ bé xảy ra hàng ngày và bạn bắt đầu nhìn thấy sự hiện diện của Thiên Chúa trong đời bạn. Mỗi ngày, bạn sẽ biết ơn hơn về những gì được ban cho.

The Parish office & Adoration will be closed on **Monday, December 8** for the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception. The Parish office & Adoration will open **Tuesday, December 9 at 9:00 am.**

OFFICES CLOSED

La oficina parroquial y adoración estará cerrada **el lunes, 8 de diciembre** por La Inmaculada Concepción. La oficina y adoración **abrirá el martes, 9 de diciembre a las 9:00 am.**



San Francisco de Sales, Ora por Nosotros

GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP

Due to the bulletin deadline we are not able to publish the Gifts of Stewardship.

Debido a la fecha limite del boletín, no podemos Publicar la Gifts of Stewardship.

UPCOMING DONATIONS

Maintenance Fund
Dec. 07

Thank you for your generosity!

Maintenance Fund
Amount \$ _____
DEC 07 2025

Immaculate Conception
Dec. 8

Please use the **Immaculate Conception** donation envelope dated December 15 for the Masses on **December 8**.
Thank you for your generosity!

Immaculate Conception
Amount \$ _____
DEC 8 2025

ENVELOPE / SOBRE

The church is aware that some of our parishioners are not receiving their donation envelopes. Please use the envelopes provided in the narthex for your donation. Please provide your name, address and envelope number when filling out. If you do not know your envelope number, please contact Wilma at the parish office 713-774-7475. If you are still not receiving your envelopes please contact your local post office.



La iglesia sabe que algunos feligreses no están recibiendo los sobres para sus donaciones. Por favor, utilice los sobres que encontrará en el vestíbulo para hacer su donación. Al rellenar el sobre, indique su nombre, dirección y número de sobre. Si no conoce su número de sobre, comuníquese con Wilma en la oficina parroquial al 713-774-7475. Si aún no recibe sus sobres, comuníquese con su oficina de correos local.

2025 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)
“CRY OUT WITH JOY TO THE LORD” /
“CLAMA CON ALEGRÍA AL SEÑOR”

As of November 16, 2025

St. Francis de Sales Parish Goal: \$ 132,000.00
Total Amount Paid: \$ 124,362.20
Amount Due: \$ 7,736.80



Due to the bulletin deadline we are not able to publish the current Diocesan Services Fund.

Debido a la fecha limite del boletín, no podemos Publicar la actual Diocesan Services Fund.

ATTENTION: BULLETIN ARTICLES

Our church bulletin company will be publishing our bulletins early for the holidays to ensure delivery. We kindly ask for all bulletin articles to be submitted **by 12:00 pm.**

- **Thursday, December 11-Bulletin December 21**
- **Monday, December 15-Bulletin December 28**
- **Wednesday, December 17-Bulletin January 4**

bulletin@sfdshouston.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00 pm
ADVENT PARISH CONFESSIONS

Confessors available in the following languages:
English, Spanish, Vietnamese

Martes, 2 de diciembre a las 7 pm
Confesiones de La Parroquia de Adviento

Confesores disponibles en los idiomas siguientes:
Ingles, Español, Vietnamita

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SOLEMNIDAD DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION

A Holy Day of Obligation
Día de Obligación



Sunday (Domingo), December 7
Vigil Mass
7:00 pm - Vietnamese (Vietnamita)

Monday (Lunes), December 8
8:15 am, 12 pm & 5:30 pm Masses -
English (Ingles)
7:30 pm - Spanish (Español)

December 11-December 19
7:30 pm– Simbang Gabi Nine Novena Evening Masses
In the Chapel



Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12
5 am-Mañanitas
7 pm– Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
in the Church

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ENVELOPE /
SOBRE LA OFRENDA DE FLORES DE NAVIDAD

Please consider using your “Offering for Christmas Flowers” envelope this year. Donations will be used to purchase Christmas Poinsettias, Christmas Trees, and greenery which will enhance our church during the holiday season. Your participation is greatly appreciated.



Por favor considere usar el sobre de “Ofrenda de Flores de Navidad”. Esta donación se utilizara para comprar flores de Nochebuena, arbolitos de Navidad que se usaran para decorar la iglesia esta temporada Navideña. Su participación será muy apreciada.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**Breakfast with Santa ~
Desayuno con Santa
Saturday, December 13 ~
Sábado, 13 de Diciembre
9 am-12 pm in the Beck Center
(Gym)**



**Pancakes, Sausage, & Eggs
Games with prizes ~Juegos con premios
Visit Santa and take your picture
Tómate una foto con Papá Noel!**

**\$10 per person at the door
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Additional \$10 per person for the 5th
or more in a family
Familias de 5 o más personas
+\$10 per personas adicional**

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Join us on **Sunday, Dec 14** for **Hospitality Sunday** after the 8 am, 10 am, and 12 pm Masses! Hosted by Knights of Columbus. Come for food, fun, & fellowship in the FLC. Únase a nosotros el domingo 14 de diciembre para el domingo de hospitalidad después de las 8 am, 10 am y 12 pm ¡Misas! Venga a disfrutar de comida, diversión y compañerismo en el FLC.



SENIOR GAME DAY

**Senior Game Day
Friday, December 12
9:30am to 2:30pm**



A variety of games will be played. All Seniors are welcome. Come make new friends. Bring your own lunch and drink. The second Friday of each month in the Family Life Center in St. Luke meeting room. If you have any questions you can contact Carolyn Shimek at cshimek21@yahoo.com

**PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL**

The office will close at 11am on December 9 for staff Christmas lunch. We will be closed from **December 24 at noon through December 26** for Christmas. We will be open on December 29 at 9am-5pm.
La oficina cerrará al 11am del 9 de diciembre para el almuerzo de Navidad del personal. Estaremos cerrados desde el **24 de diciembre al mediodía hasta el 26 de diciembre** por Navidad. Estaremos abiertos el 29 de diciembre a las 9 am 5pm.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD DRIVE

Share the spirit of Christ's love and hope with families in need this Christmas. So many families are in need this Christmas. With your help we would like to provide gift cards to them. You are invited to donate gift cards of any amount from Walmart, Target, Fiesta, Walgreens, or CVS. You can put your gift card donation in the wooden collection box in the church, or drop them off at the parish office **by Monday, December 15**. Thank you for your gifts of love. If you are a family in need of help, please contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 832-280-7837.



HISPANIC MINISTRY EVENTS

The Hispanic Ministry will be selling Mexican and Salvadorian tamales while supplies last after all Masses the weekend of December 6-7 in the piazza. For more information please contact Yolanda Salazar at 713-774-7475.



El Ministerio Hispano tendrá venta de tamales mexicanos y salvadoreños después de todas las misas de 6 y 7 de diciembre. Si tiene alguna pregunta por favor de llamar a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano al 713-774-7475.
**Cost: Mexican tamales \$8 per ½ dz. & \$15 per dz.
Salvadorian \$10 per ½ dz. & \$20 per dz.**

"MAÑANITAS" FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our traditional "Mañanitas" (serenading Our Lady of Guadalupe) is scheduled for **Friday, December 12**. Starting with the Mariachis at 5:00 am who will lead in singing until 6:00 am. Followed by a small reception with Mexican hot chocolate and sweetbread in the Family Life Center. **Mass at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church with a light dinner reception in the Beck Center after Mass.



MAÑANITAS A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

El día 12 de diciembre habrá mañanitas para la Virgen de Guadalupe aquí en la iglesia de San Francisco de Sales. Las mañanitas darán inicio a las 5:00 am con el Mariachi. Habrá Chocolate Mexicano y Pan Dulce en el Centro Familiar después de las mañanitas. **La Misa será en a las 7 pm en la Iglesia,** seguida por una cena en el gimnasio.

**ARCHIOCESAN EVENT
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION**

**Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
December 6 at 9:00 am
1111 St. Joseph Parkway**

The Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will host a Mass to commemorate the anniversary of the Virgin Mary's appearance to a humble peasant, St. Juan Diego, in 1531 on the hills of Tepeyac in México. Archbishop Joe A. Vásquez and Bishop Italo Dell'Oro will be the celebrants of the Mass. There will be a procession before the Mass starting at 7:30 a.m. at the corners of Walker, Caroline, and Austin St., and a celebration will follow. Serenate, reenactment of the apparition and traditional dances will take place at the Joseph A. Fiorenza Plaza at 11 a.m.

SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS

As the three magi brought gifts to the humble Christ in the manger, help us provide gifts to those in need. We are accepting donations for newborn through teens. For a full list of suggestions, please see shareyourblessings@catholiccharities.org. Accepting donations November 29-December 19. Donations can be dropped off in the donation box in the church entrance or at the office. Contact Hope at hgassett@catholiccharities.org



AN INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Hello, my name is **Lanvy Tran**, and I'm currently in my second year of the Spiritual Direction Program with the Passionists in Houston. As part of my formation, I'm beginning my practicum and feel called to accompany others in listening for God's voice in their lives. If you're seeking a deeper relationship with God, facing a time of discernment, or simply longing for a quiet, sacred space to reflect—spiritual direction may be for you. **This is not counseling or advice-giving, but a prayerful, confidential conversation where we gently notice how God is moving in your heart and life.**



Available: Thursdays from 5:00–6:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Contact: (713)774-7475 spiritualdirection.lanvy@gmail.com

Schedule Online: tinyurl.com/SDform25 or Scan QR

Let us journey together in faith, hope, and the love of Christ. + LanVy Tran



GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

Our parish has initiated a *Grief Support Ministry* which focuses on accompanying and seeking healing for those grieving the death of a loved one whether that death occurred recently or many years ago. A team of lay members and clergy, trained by the Archdiocese will facilitate the process respecting the reality that healing proceeds at a different rate for each individual. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact one of the team members listed below. Nancy Cashiola (nancy.cashiola@gmail.com), Patsy Hyland (patsyhyland@sbcglobal.net), Pat Kerwin (pwkerwin@gmail.com), Rebeca Figueroa (reb_figueroa@yahoo.com) or Deacon Mike Quiray (dcn.michaelq@sdfs-houston.org).

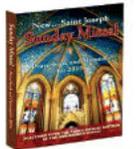


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Do you wish to dive more fully into the readings of the Sunday Mass and have a greater appreciation of the Scriptures? Learn from Dr. Brant Pitre, one of the leading Catholic Scripture scholars, every Monday evening at 7:30 pm or every Tuesday morning at 10:30 am. Be amazed at how the Scriptures will come alive for you at the celebration of the Eucharist every Sunday. Sessions will be conducted via Zoom. Please email Vicky Quiray at vickyq@sdfs-houston.org or call 713-774-7475 ext. 109 to sign up.

SUNDAY MISSAL 2026

The St. Joseph Missal is now available to purchase for **\$6.00 at the receptionist desk**. The Missal has Eucharistic prayers for various needs and includes the readings for all the weekend Masses. We have ordered a limited amount so come and make your purchase soon.



MISAL DEL DIA 2026

El Misal esta ahora disponible para compra de \$6.00 después de las misa o en la oficina de Ministerios Hispánicos. El Misal tiene plegarias eucarísticas para las diferentes necesidades y también incluye las lecturas de todos los Misas de fin de semana. Hemos ordenado una cantidad limitada así que venga y haga su compra pronto.



PILGRIM VIRGIN HOME VISITATION

The Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program is a devotion in which The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima travels from home to home encouraging prayer especially praying the Holy Rosary. Two members of the Legion of Mary will bring the statue to your home, pray the Rosary with you, and leave the statue for approximately two weeks, along with some reading materials. For further information or to receive the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima in your home, please contact Dolores Huerta at doloreshuerta@yahoo.com



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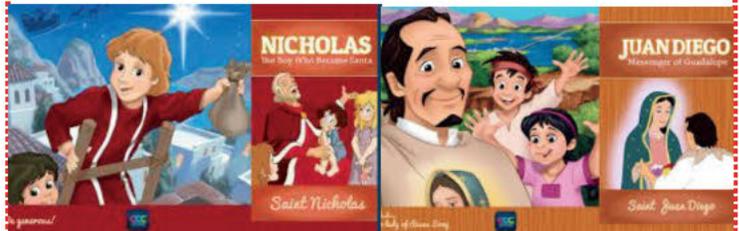
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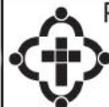
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