

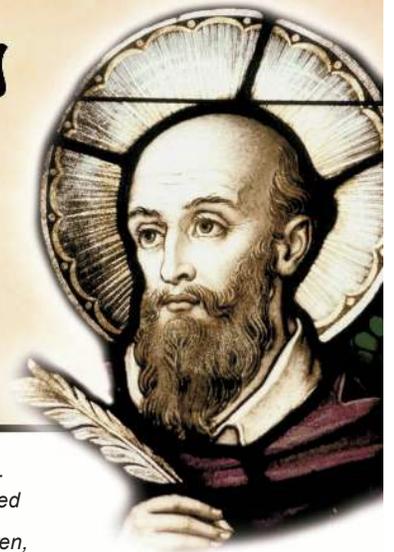
# THE HOLY FAMILY

## 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.

**PASTOR:** Rev. Joseph Son Thanh Phan  
[revphan@sfds-houston.org](mailto:revphan@sfds-houston.org)  
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Dcn. Michael Quiray  
**IN RESIDENCE:** Rev. Enrique V. Salen, Jr.  
**DEACONS:** Alberto Ospina  
Michael Quiray  
Nhat Tran

**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!

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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

### MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE MISA

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>December 27:</b>
5:00 pm	† Willie Kott, Shakti Dalal
7:00 pm	Priests, Deacons, & Religious Life
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 28:</b>
8:00am	† Gilberto Garza, Ernesto Alonzo (B-day)
10:00am	St. Francis de Sales Church
12:00 pm	Laura Olvera (B-day), Carbajal Mejia Family
5:00 pm	† Richard Lazaro, †Alexis Devaraj
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>December 29:</b>
8:15 am	† Josue Placino, †Thomas J. Bujnoch
7:00 pm	† Petra Lopez Castillo, †Viridiana Fernandez Lopez
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>December 30:</b>
8:15 am	† Eusebio Salapare, †Shelly Perrault
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>December 31:</b>
8:15 am	No Daily Mass
5:30 pm	† J. B. Le, Catalina Garcia-Lanuza
7:00 pm	Priests, Deacons, & Religious Life
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>January 1:</b>
8:15 am	No Daily Mass
9:00 am	† Francis & Rosie Fernandez, John Bennett & Family
12:00 pm	† Mignela Tamayo
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>January 2:</b>
8:15 am	Kulla Markantonis (B-day)

### LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK/ OREMOS POR LOS ENFERMOS

<i>Frank Padilla</i>	<i>Karla Santibanez</i>	<i>Mario Pringle</i>
<i>Donna Kowalski</i>	<i>Francisco Oregon</i>	<i>Debbie Bennett</i>
<i>Francisca R. Reyes</i>	<i>Sr. Sonia Cortez</i>	<i>Edwin Moreno</i>
<i>James Osborn</i>	<i>Jose Pantoja</i>	<i>Margaret Govella</i>
<i>Jay Jones</i>	<i>Damaris Aguilar</i>	<i>David Rodriguez</i>
<i>Jaclyan Maldonado</i>	<i>Angel F. Tolentino</i>	<i>Sonia Arevalo</i>
<i>Jennifer Mendoza</i>	<i>Brandon S. Courvale</i>	<i>Teolinda Arevalo</i>
<i>Annabel Bernaldes</i>	<i>Joseph Osborn</i>	<i>Ericka Duran</i>
<i>John Bennett</i>	<i>Idalia Calles</i>	<i>Ana Santos</i>
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<i>Sharon Wilson</i>	<i>Jose Luis Rivera</i>	<i>Ofelia Aguirre</i>
<i>Karina Delgado</i>	<i>Estela Calvillo</i>	<i>Rosalv Santos</i>
<i>Brian Martinez</i>	<i>Mary Lou Placino</i>	<i>Albert Santos</i>
<i>Elba Leticia Andrade</i>	<i>Joanne Resnick</i>	<i>Jorge Perez</i>
<i>Natividad Villasana</i>	<i>Don Wenglar</i>	<i>Francisco J. Martinez</i>
<i>Irma Marley</i>	<i>Ira Landry</i>	<i>Henry Amaya</i>
<i>Armando Quevedo</i>	<i>Domingo Stewart</i>	<i>Raul Jimenez</i>
<i>Angelita Garabean</i>	<i>Mary Laubscher</i>	<i>Esperanza Phillips</i>
<i>Flori Fos</i>	<i>Donald Hernandez Sr</i>	<i>Franklin A. Hernandez</i>

### LET US PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED/ OREMOS POR LOS RECIENTEMENTE FALLECIDOS

***Efrain Gaxiola***  
*May the souls of the faithful departed,  
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
 Amen*



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28 LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 28 DE DICIEMBRE

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</b> Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord/ St. Thomas Becket, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b> 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord/St. Sylvester I, Pope</b> 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>The Octave Day of The Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God</b> Nm: 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sts. Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops &amp; Doctors</b> 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b> 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Epiphany of The Lord</b> Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### FAMILY PRAYER

Loving God, I offer thanks for the gift of my family. Help us to work together for peace and harmony in our relationships. Grant us the grace to accept each other's faults and weaknesses. Protect us from harsh words and hurt feelings. Assist us to encourage one another's strengths and abilities. Lead us to mutual understanding and support. May we always forgive each other's failings and rejoice in one another's successes. Watch over my family, Dear Lord. Bless us with good health and happiness. Fill our hearts with love, patience and kindness for one another, now and always. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Amado Dios, doy gracias por el regalo de mi familia. Ayúdanos a trabajar juntos por la paz y la armonía en nuestras relaciones. Concédenos la gracia de aceptar las faltas y debilidades de los demás. Protégenos de palabras duras y sentimientos heridos. Ayúdanos a fomentar las fortalezas y habilidades de los demás. Llévanos hacia el entendimiento y el apoyo mutuos. Que siempre nos perdonemos los fracasos de los demás y nos regocijemos unos por otros por los éxitos de los demás. Cuida a mi familia, Querido Señor. Bendícenos con buena salud y felicidad. Llena nuestros corazones de amor, paciencia y bondad unos para otros, ahora y siempre. Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

### TABERNACLE CANDLE

*This weekend's Tabernacle Candle  
 In Thanksgiving for  
 Joe & Elvia Doroteo Wedding Anniversary  
 ~Doroteo Family*



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### GIFTS OF STEWARDSHIP

**For the weekend of December 13-14, 2025**

Your gifts of treasure resulted in:

Sunday Collection Budget	\$ 21,000
Sunday Donation	\$ 55,995
Immaculate Conception Masses	\$ 3,345
<b>Difference OVER</b>	<b>\$ 38,340</b>
<b>Special Collection:</b>	
2nd Collection: <i>Maintenance Fund</i>	\$ 6,278

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Due to the bulletin deadline we are not able to publish the Gifts of Stewardship for the weekend of Dec. 20-21.**

**Debido a la fecha limite del boletín, no podemos Publicar la Gifts of Stewardship para fin de semana 20-21 de diciembre.**

### UPCOMING DONATIONS

**Maintenance Fund**  
**Jan 4**

Thank you for your generosity.

*Maintenance Fund*  
Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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### 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.

### HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, December 31 ~ miércoles, 31 de diciembre**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
**SOLEMNIDAD DE MARIA, SANTA MADRE DE DIOS**

*A Holy Day of Obligation*

**8:15 am No Morning Daily Mass**

5:30 pm Vigil Mass - English

7:00 pm Vigil Mass - Vietnamese

**Thursday, January 1 ~ jueves, 1 de enero**

*A Holy Day of Obligation*

9:00 am Mass-English

12:00 pm Mass-Spanish / Español

### PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Parish Office and Adoration will be closed on **Thursday, January 1**. Parish Office and Adoration will open on Friday, January 2.

**OFFICES CLOSED**

La oficina parroquial y Adoración estará **cerrad el jueves 1 de enero**. La oficina y Adoración se abrirá el viernes 2 de enero.

### JUBILEE YEAR CLOSING MASSES

On **Sunday, December 28**, two special Masses, which are open to the public, will mark the conclusion of the 2025 **Pilgrims of Hope Holy Jubilee Year** in the Archdiocese:

- **11 am**—Jubilee Closing Mass celebrated by Archbishop Joe S. Vásquez at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1111 St. Joseph Pkwy., Houston)
- **12:30 pm**—Jubilee Closing Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, CRS, at St. Mary Cathedral Basilica (2011 Church St., Galveston)

### ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT

La Vigilia Pastoral 2026 se llevará a cabo el sábado, 17 de enero de 2026 de 5 p.m. a 6 a.m. (18 de enero) en el Centro Católico Carismático (1949 Cullen Blvd., Houston, TX 77023). Acompáñenos en Adoración Eucarística junto con los jóvenes adultos de nuestra arquidiócesis. Este evento está abierto a toda la comunidad. El horario del evento es: 5:00pm-6:30pm - Sacramento de Reconciliación, 7:00pm-8:00pm- Santa Misa, celebrada por el Obispo Italo Dell'Oro, CRS y 8:30 p.m.-6 a.m.- Vigilia Eucarística. Para más información visite [www.archgh.org/VigiliaPastoral](http://www.archgh.org/VigiliaPastoral).

### OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

**Girls's Retreat**  
**February 14, 2026**

Take a break from the everyday hustle and bustle and escape into a spiritual retreat.



Explore a beautiful convent, get to know other Catholic high schoolers, listen to awe-inspiring vocation stories from sisters and consecrated women and, of course, spend time with Jesus in prayer. Register at [www.houstonvocations.com](http://www.houstonvocations.com)

#### A Date With Jesus

Young women aged 18-35: Join us for an inspiring evening of Adoration with Jesus. Enjoy dinner and meaningful conversations with religious sisters and consecrated women. For young adult women, ages 18-35. **Friday, February 13, 2026** at 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1505 Kane St., Houston, TX 77007. Register at [www.houstonvocations.com](http://www.houstonvocations.com)

### CAFÉ CATHOLICA LITE: JANUARY 29

Our next Café Catholica Lite (ages 18-39) will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at the Holy Family Parish Life Center in Galveston (1525 25th Street, Galveston) from 7-8:45 p.m. Our speaker will be Judge Stacy Allen Barrow, who serves on the 487th Criminal District Court in Harris County, presenting her talk: "Speak Truth, Judge Well, Make Peace: The Call to True Solidarity in Times of Division." Judge Barrow will lead us in exploring how, as One Bread and One Body in Christ, we can embody the Catholic Social Teaching of Solidarity amid moments of division, and how this virtue guides us toward truth, peace, and deeper unity. The evening will include lite snacks, the talk, Q&A, and communal prayer.



For more information about this event, go to [www.archgh.org/cafecatholica](http://www.archgh.org/cafecatholica)

**UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION  
ACTUALIZAR SU INFORMACION DE CONTACTO**

If you have recently moved or your phone number has changed. Please fill out the form below, clip out and return to the parish office. Please help the parish by keeping your contact information current. If you have any questions, please contact Wilma De La Garza at the parish office or email: [wilmad@sfds-houston.org](mailto:wilmad@sfds-houston.org)



Si usted se ha mudado recientemente o su número de teléfono ha cambiado. Por favor llenar el formulario siguiente, cortar y devolver a la oficina parroquial. Por favor, ayude a la parroquia al mantener su información de contacto actualizada. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Wilma De La Garza en la oficina parroquial o envíe un correo electrónico a: [wilmad@sfds-houston.org](mailto:wilmad@sfds-houston.org)

You may return form by placing it in the collection basket at Mass, mailing it to us or by bringing it to the parish office.

Puede regresar la forma colocándola en la canasta de la colecta durante las Misas, enviarla por correo o traerla a la oficina parroquial.

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ENVELOPE NUMBER/Numero de Sobre: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRIBUTIONS / CONTRIBUCIONES**

The 2025 Contributions Statements will be mailed by **January 31, 2026**. If you had a change of address during 2025 or have questions regarding your contributions, please contact **Wilma De La Garza at 713-774-7475 or [wilmad@sfds-houston.org](mailto:wilmad@sfds-houston.org)**



Las declaraciones de contribuciones de 2025 serán enviadas por correo **31 de enero de 2026**. Si ha cambiado de dirección durante 2025 o tiene preguntas sobre sus contribuciones, por favor póngase en contacto con **Wilma De La Garza at 713-774-7475 or [wilmad@sfds-houston.org](mailto:wilmad@sfds-houston.org)**



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Thank you to everyone that made **Breakfast with Santa** a joyful experience! Bless all our wonderful volunteers, the Knights of Columbus for cooking and serving, and of course **Santa** for showing up at his busy time of year! It is a labor of love more than a fundraiser.



**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.**



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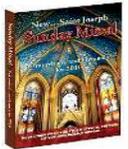
**Contact:** (713)774-7475 [spiritualdirection.lanvy@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualdirection.lanvy@gmail.com)

**Schedule Online:** [tinyurl.com/SDform25](https://tinyurl.com/SDform25) or Scan QR



**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.



**YEAR-END STATEMENTS**

St. Francis de Sales will use the guidelines that the Internal Revenue Service requires for year-end contributions as follows:

- ◆ Regardless of the date of your check, any donation given on January 1, 2026, or later, will be credited toward your 2026 contribution.
- ◆ If the check is mailed and postmarked by 2025, it will be credited toward your 2025 contributions regardless of the date on the check.
- ◆ If a check is mailed and postmarked 2026, it will be credited toward your 2026 contributions regardless of the date on the check.

If you have questions regarding your contributions, contact **Wilma De La Garza at 713-774-7475 or [wilmad@sfds-houston.org](mailto:wilmad@sfds-houston.org)**

San Francisco de Sales utilizará las pautas que el Servicio Ingresos Interno requiere para las contribuciones de fin de año de la siguiente manera:

- ◆ Independientemente de la fecha de su cheque, cualquier donación otorgada en 1 de enero de 2026 o posterior se acreditará en su contribución de 2026.
- ◆ Si el cheque se envía correo postal y está estampado por la oficina de correos el 2025, se acreditará en sus contribuciones para 2025, independientemente de la fecha del cheque.
- ◆ Si un cheque se envía por correo y está estampado por la oficina de correos el 2026, se acreditará en sus contribuciones al 2026, independientemente de la fecha del cheque.

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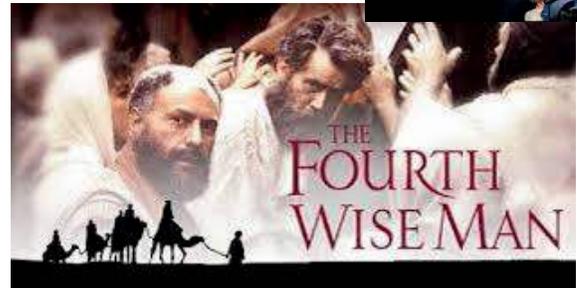


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