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**MARCH 7, 2021**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**TEMPORARY  
OFFICE HOURS**

**MON - FRI**  
 10am - 4pm

**TEMPORARY  
MASS TIMES**

**SUNDAYS**  
 9am/11am / 12:30 Spanish

**TUES, THURS**  
 8:30am Mass

**WEDNESDAYS**  
 Wednesday Evening Reflection 7pm  
 This is Hosted by Jayne Porcelli

**Reflexión los Miércoles por la noche a  
 las 7:30pm**

**TEMPORARY  
CHURCH HOURS**

**WEEKDAYS**  
 10am - 2pm

**WEEKENDS**  
 10:30am - 2pm

**OUR MISSION**

Taking Jesus' message of loving service to heart, all are welcome in our vibrant, hopeful, diverse, Eucharistic Community where we break the bread and open the Word and discover God in our Midst.

**NUESTRA MISIÓN**

Tomando el mensaje de Jesús de servicio amoroso a corazón, todos son bienvenidos en nuestra Comunidad Eucarística vibrante, llena de esperanza, y diversa, donde partimos el Pan y abrimos la Palabra y descubrimos a Dios en medio de nosotros.

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# THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021**

9am- Vincent McDonnell (L)

11am - Ronald Robles (D)

Dolores Brown (D)

12:30am - Alberto Rosales (D)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021**

8:30am- Henry Mendonca (D)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021**

8:30am - Vincent McDonnell (L)

## SICK & DEPARTED

### SICK

Jovina Ascencios, John Kenny, Mila Ortiz, Laurie Siegal, Elizabeth Finnegan, Thomas Francis Murphy, Jerry Brown, Victoria Criloux, Mirta Velez, Erika Bermejo, Edgar Zacarias, Amanda Santos, Alessandra Greenstein, Valerie Chapman Gale, Kathleen Wynne

### DECEASED ☒

Esther Marti, , Kelly Ann Childs, Ashley Childs Santos, Richard Lynch, Juanita Alvarez, Marjorie Sweitzer, Julia Cairo, Thomas Taaffe, Gelbert Rios,, Victoria Mauleon, Prek Jakaj, Ann Kiernan Flores , Robert Dale Horton, Jean-Claude Bouston , Ronald Robles, Virgilio Bracamente, Robyn Geiger, Sahvee Culbertson, Maria Cristina Chavez, Raul Ferreina, Maryann McCool, Theresa Ottolini, Paulino Dominguez, Charles Gioia, Mary Galavan Conway

## HAVE A SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST?

Send us who or what needs a special prayer by using the Prayer Request feature on our new SFDS app—available in the Google Play or Apple App Store. Our parish prayer group will pray upon all submissions.

## LET'S CONNECT



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**REV. MATTHEW MALONE S.J.**  
**REV. RODOLFO CASALS, SJ**

# SFDS + COMMUNITY

## A THOUGHTFUL REFLECTION ON THE CARDINAL'S CAMPAIGN

This weekend we are asked to do something called an “in pew” request for the Cardinal’s Campaign. We just wanted to share some thoughts with you regarding this within the context of the idea of stewardship -that spiritual practice we are all trying to grow in.

A while back Cardinal Dolan wrote a pastoral letter to his priests. In this letter he reminded his brother priests that when their people ask “Why do we need to give money to the Archdiocese? Why can’t we just support our local parish?” the pastoral response was that we are called to do both. As Catholics we strive to support both our local parish where we are nourished spiritually week after week, as well as the larger church, so that we can provide help, on a larger scale, both physical and spiritual for our brothers and sisters who need it.

Each of us, as members of a local parish, share the joy and the responsibility of being part of something larger than ourselves. When we contribute to the Cardinal’s Campaign we are truly helping to support the poor, the undocumented, the imprisoned, the hungry, all those works of mercy we as Catholics strive to practice. As we support this Campaign, we help other parishes who may be in less fortunate situations than we, to care for the needs of their parishioners.

It’s Lent. Isn’t this a perfect time to think beyond our own parish boundaries and prayerfully consider how we can help the Church in New York be a greater source for good in our city. Sometimes we may wonder “What can one person do?” to make a difference when we see such distress in the world around us. This Campaign is one part of the answer to the question. Each of us can make a difference for the many who need our help by reaching a little deeper into our hearts and our wallets. How will you choose to help? Please take an envelope for the campaign, pray and fill it out as your heart leads you. Thank you.

**All Things Are Possible**





WHATEVER YOU DID FOR THE LEAST OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, YOU DID FOR ME.  
MATTHEW 25:40

**WHERE YOUR 2021 GIFT GOES**

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Assistance for Financially Vulnerable Parishes	Charitable Outreach and Pastoral Support	Evangelization and Catholic Education
5%	5%	5%
Formation of New Parish Priests	Care for Retired Parish Priests	COVID-19 Relief

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**Con El Señor Todo es Posible**





LO QUE HICIERON POR UNO DE MIS HERMANOS O HERMANAS, AUN POR EL MÁS PEQUEÑO, LO HICIERON POR MÍ.  
MATHEO 25:40

**DONDE VA SU DONATIVO DEL 2021**

48%	27%	10%
Asistencia para Parroquias Financieramente Vulnerables	Servicios Caritativos y Apoyo Pastoral	Evangelización y Educación Católica
5%	5%	5%
Formación de Nuevos Sacerdotes Parroquiales	Cuidado Para Los Sacerdotes Parroquiales Jubilados	Alivio Para COVID-19

Únase a nuestra parroquia para apoyar el trabajo de la Iglesia en Nueva York

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### Weekly Collection Feb 23rd-March 1st

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# LATEST NEWS

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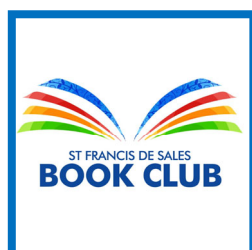


## THE COVID VACCINE: A CHRISTIAN DUTY

In these times of uncertainty, we Christians are called to share the love of God with everyone by protecting them. To that end, we want to ensure that everyone who is eligible to receive the COVID vaccine is able to do so.

Need a vaccine? If you or someone you know needs help making an appointment, call the Rectory at 212.289.0425 extension 317 and we'll partner you with a parishioner to search online for you. (Please note we would be searching the same portals as the general public; churches do not have any special access.)

Want to help? If you would like to assist our Digital Ministry get people signed up for vaccines, send us an e-mail to [lydia@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:lydia@sfdsnyc.org) with "COVID HELP" in the subject line.



## SFDS BOOK CLUB FOR MARCH

Monday, March 8 @ 8pm via Zoom

This month's book selection is *Anam Cara: a Book of Celtic Wisdom* by John O'Donohue. For details, visit the Book Club webpage at: [www.stfrancis96.org/bookclub](http://www.stfrancis96.org/bookclub)



## NEW ON THE WEB! CATHOLIC ANTI-RACISM PROJECT WEBPAGE

[www.stfrancis96.org/carp](http://www.stfrancis96.org/carp)

Learn more about the exciting initiatives being planned including a speaker series, weekly Examen & Stations of the Cross during Lent, and a video project! The Catholic Anti-Racism Project (CARP) is comprised of members from three NYC Catholic parishes—St. Francis de Sales, St. Charles Borromeo/Resurrection/All Saints, and St. Francis Xavier—with funding provided by Catholic Charities of NY. This is a new initiative formed in 2020 to address the history of anti-racism within the Church and to document the experiences of African-American Catholics. We are collectively committed during these turbulent times to knit us together as the brothers and sisters we are so that we may share in the singular gift that is our faith.



## THRIVE FOR LIFE PRISON RETREAT TEAM PROJECT

Br Zach Presutti, SJ and the Thrive for Life Prison Project have invited us, the parishioners of St Francis de Sales, to partner with them to create a new prison retreat team, from OUR parish. We are looking for 5 individuals who will commit to the training process involved in learning how to prepare and assist Thrive for Life in their Behind the Walls Retreat Program. (Once Covid allows for this work to begin again!)

The time commitment, after training, consists of giving one day a month (I think, usually Saturdays?) to go to the chosen prison and be a part of the retreat team for that day. Br Zach says that he is interested in forming a team here at SFDS that will work primarily with the women incarcerated at Bedford Hills and Taconic prisons. A few folks have already expressed an interest in beginning this new ministry project: are there any more interested folks sitting in our pews or watching us on live stream that would like to begin this VERY worthwhile work? Please contact Jayne at [jayneporcelli@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:jayneporcelli@sfdsnyc.org) if interested for more details.

# ÚLTIMAS NOTICIAS & PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

ENTÉRATE DE TODO LO QUE ESTÁ PASANDO EN [SFDSNYC.ORG](http://SFDSNYC.ORG)



## LA VACUNA CONTRA EL COVID: UN DEBER CRISTIANO

En estos tiempos de incertidumbre, los cristianos estamos llamados a compartir el amor de Dios con todos protegiéndolos. Con ese fin, queremos asegurarnos de que todas las personas elegibles para recibir la vacuna contra el COVID puedan hacerlo.

¿Necesitas una vacuna? Si usted o alguien que conoce necesita ayuda para hacer una cita, llame a la Rectoría al 212.289.0425 extensión 317 y te conectaremos con un feligrés para hacer tu cita en línea. (Tenga en cuenta que buscaríamos en los mismos portales que el público general; las iglesias no tienen ningún acceso especial).

¿Quieres ayudar? Si deseas ayudar a nuestro Ministerio Digital a que las personas se inscriban para las vacunas, envíenos un correo electrónico a [lydia@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:lydia@sfdsnyc.org) con "COVID HELP" en la línea de asunto.



## ESTE MARTES—¡LEVÁNTATE! EN MARZO CON PADRE RUDY

Martes, 9 de marzo @ 7pm por Zoom

Únete a nosotros en conversación mensual para compartir la Palabra de una manera nueva y profunda. Aprenderemos más sobre la Biblia y el Examen Ignaciano con Padre Rudy y así podemos crecer juntos como comunidad de fe. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Por favor invita a tus familiares y amigos. Para recibir los detalles de inicio de sesión de Zoom, comuníquese con: [lydia@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:lydia@sfdsnyc.org) o llama a la oficina parroquial al 212.289.0425.



## ¡¡EL LIBRO DE MISAS 2021!!

Para aquellos que desean ofrecer una intención durante la misa por un ser querido, vivo o fallecido, nos complace informarles que nuestro Libro de misas de 2021 ya está disponible. Las intenciones están disponibles para nuestras misas los Martes y Jueves, así como para nuestras celebraciones dominicales. Por favor llame o vea a Kathy en la oficina parroquial para más detalles. También puedes hacer tu intención de misa en línea—un servicio nuevo de nuestro Ministerio Digital. Envía tu intención de manera fácil y segura en línea aquí: [www.sfdsnyc.org/intencion](http://www.sfdsnyc.org/intencion)



## REZA EL ROSARIO EN LÍNEA CON NUESTRO GRUPO HISPANO

Cada viernes @ 7pm por Zoom—mande un texto a 646.526.9504 para unirse

¡Seguimos con la distancia social pero nos conectamos digitalmente! Todos están invitados a participar en nuestro Rosario en línea. Es una excelente manera de conocer a otros feligreses y alimentar nuestra fe durante la semana. Si no sabes cómo conectarte a Zoom en tu teléfono celular o computadora, llama a la oficina parroquial y nuestro Ministerio Digital programará una cita de tutoría para ti.



**FRANCINEMA—A FILM SERIES ABOUT FAITH**

Thur, March 18 @ 7pm

NEXT: *Of Gods and Men*

Synopsis: Centers on the monastery of Tibhirine, where nine Cistercian monks lived in harmony with the largely Muslim population of Algeria, until seven of them were kidnapped and assassinated in 1996 during the Algerian Civil War. (2010) *in French with English subtitles*

This Lenten season, let’s explore our faith together through film! How it works:

- 1) Stream or rent the movie on your own—or better yet, organize a watch party with your family, friends, or fellow parishioners!
- 2) Log onto the film discussion on Zoom and share your thoughts.

COMING UP: Thur, April 15—*Green Book* discussion on Zoom  
 [PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE DUE TO SCHEDULE CHANGE]

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 3-part Lenten series on the recent encyclical from Pope Francis

**PART 2**

**Tuesday, March 9**  
**7pm via Zoom**

**“Good Politics:  
 Ways to build dialogue and friendship”**  
 with Dr. Meghan Clark, St. John's University

REGISTER ONLINE AT: [www.stfrancis96.org/fratelli96](http://www.stfrancis96.org/fratelli96)



# LENT 2021 AT SFDS



**This Lenten season, we have a wide variety of virtual events planned!  
Join us digitally so that we may LIVE JESUS together online!**

## 'FRATELLI TUTTI' ON 96TH STREET AND BEYOND

A 3-part discussion series on 'Fratelli Tutti,' the recent encyclical from Pope Francis led by theologians Meghan Clark (St John's University) and Leo Guardado (Fordham University)

Thur, February 25 @ 7pm

"The call of discipleship rooted in the parable of the Good Samaritan" with Dr. Meghan Clark

Tue, March 9 @ 7pm

"Good politics: ways to build dialogue and friendship" with Dr. Meghan Clark

Tue, March 23 @ 7pm

"People of good will" with Dr. Meghan Clark and Dr. Leo Guardado



## FRANCINEMA films about faith

This Lenten season,  
let's explore our faith together through films!

Thur, February 11 @ 7pm—*The Way* film discussion

Thur, March 18—*Of Gods and Men* film discussion

Thur, April 15 @ 7pm—*Green Book* film discussion

## DISCERNMENT WITH FATHER TONY

A 2-PART RETREAT FOR SFDS MINISTRY LEADERS

These two sessions will help us discern which, of all the needs facing our parish and our community in the present moment, most call for our attention.

Sat, February 27 @ 10-11:30am via Zoom

Sat, March 27 @ 10-11:30am via Zoom

## CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES Sacred Heart University

## THE HUMAN JOURNEY COLLOQUIA

**Our friends at Sacred Heart University have an exciting lineup of speakers this spring and the SFDS family is invited to join in online!**

February 17 @ 2pm—Building a Bridge: Reaching out to LGBTQ Catholics with James Martin, S.J., *America Magazine*

February 24, 2021 @ 7pm—Catholic Women on Racial, Environmental & Gender Justice with Catherine Mooney, *Boston College*

March 10, 2021 @ 2pm—A Symposium on Pope Francis's Fratelli Tutti: Finding Justice in an Unjust World with Sacred Heart Professors Charlie Gillespie, Chelsea King, Brent Little, Jill Plummer and Dan Rober

March 17, 2021 @ 2pm—Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Art of Solidarity with Nichole Flores, *University of Virginia*

March 31, 2021 @ 2pm—Experiencing God in the Struggle for Liberation with Andrew Prevot, *Boston College*

April 7, 2021 @ 7pm—Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Catholic Thought: A Proposal with Nancy Dallavalle, *Fairfield University*

April 14, 2021 @ 7pm—Reshaping Our Imagination of Salvation with Sr. Elizabeth A. Johnson, *Fordham University*

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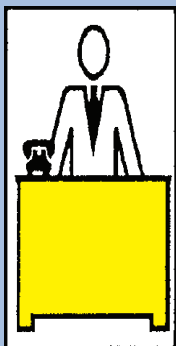
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