



# AGENDA

St. Francis de Sales School  
 Parish Education Committee  
 PEC Meeting 2025-08

<b>Date:</b>	14/May/2026	<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. Joselyn Navarro
<b>Time:</b>	6:30pm	<b>Recorder:</b>	Ms. Jacqueline Lamasan
<b>Location:</b>	SFdS Staff Room	<b>Guests:</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Father Mark McGuckin Mrs. Irene Wihak Mrs. Naomi Panganiban Ms. Joselyn Navarro Mr. Anthony Tillman / Mr. Jonathan Geronimo Ms. Rossa Sung Ms. Leah Canete Ms. Paula Ramor Ms. Jacqueline Lamasan	<b>Regrets:</b>	

1	<p>Opening Prayer &amp; Reflections          Faith Development: Living, Celebrating and <i>Proclaiming our Faith!</i></p> <p><b>An excerpt for a reflection of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV at the Prayer Vigil for Peace (April 11, 2026)</b></p> <p><i>Dear brothers and sisters,</i></p> <p>Your prayer is an expression of that faith which, according to the words of Jesus, moves mountains. Thank you for accepting this invitation to gather here at the tomb of Saint Peter and in so many other places around the world to pray for peace. War divides; hope unites. Arrogance tramples upon others; love lifts up. Idolatry blinds us; the living God enlightens. My dearest friends, all it takes is a little faith, a mere “crumb” of faith, in order to face this dramatic hour in history together — as humanity and alongside humanity.</p> <p>Prayer is not a refuge in which to hide from our responsibilities, nor an anesthetic to numb the pain provoked by so much injustice. Rather, it is the most selfless, universal and transformative response to death: we are a people who are already risen! Within each of us, within every human being, the interior Teacher teaches peace, urges us toward encounter and inspires us to make supplication. Let us rise from the rubble! Nothing can confine us to a predetermined fate, not even in this world where there never seem to be enough graves, for people</p>	Fr. Mark	10 min
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	<p>continue to crucify one another and eliminate life, with no regard to justice and mercy.</p> <p>In the context of the 2003 Iraq war crisis, Saint John Paul II, a tireless advocate for peace, said with deep emotion: “I belong to that generation that lived through World War II and, thanks be to God, survived it. I have the duty to say to all young people, to those who are younger than I, who have not had this experience: “No more war” as Paul VI said during his first visit to the United Nations. We must do everything possible. We know well that peace is not possible at any price. But we all know how great is this responsibility.” I make his appeal my own this evening, relevant as it is today.</p> <p>Prayer teaches us how to act. In prayer, our limited human possibilities are joined to the infinite possibilities of God. [...]</p> <p>The Rosary, like other ancient forms of prayer, has united us this evening in its steady rhythm built on repetition. Peace gains ground in the same way: word by word, deed by deed, just as a rock is hollowed out drop by drop, or fabric woven stitch by stitch. These are the slow rhythms of life, a sign of God’s patience. We must not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by the pace of a world that does not know what it is chasing. Rather, we must return to serving the rhythm of life, the harmony of creation and healing its wounds. As Pope Francis taught us, “There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter.” There is, indeed, “an ‘architecture’ of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, each according to its own area of expertise, but there is also an ‘art’ of peace that involves us.”</p>		
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2	<b>Adoption / Review of Minutes</b> MOTION to accept minutes (Mr. <i>Jon Geronimo</i> , Mr. <i>Anthony Tillman</i> )	Joselyn	2 min
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3	<b>Adoption / Review of Agenda</b> MOTION to adopt agenda ( <i>Ms. Paula Ramor</i> , <i>Ms. Rossa Sung</i> )	Joselyn	2 min
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4	<b>Reports</b>	All	45 min
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**Pastor – Father Mark McGuckin (7:09 pm)**

- Gratitude for successful First Holy Communion (Apr. 26) and Confirmation Mass (May 1); appreciation for all volunteers and behind-the-scenes support.
- Fr. Mark and Fr. Lukose celebrating priestly ordination anniversaries this Ascension Sunday (10 and 35 years).
- Spring Fair (May 23): parish canopy, hospitality/info booth, raffle fundraiser supporting school Givers Club initiatives.
- Pentecost Sunday: 9 adults to be confirmed; Hospitality Team hosting post-Mass gathering.
- Phase 2 hall renovations (main hall flooring) planned for late June; approx. 3-week installation.
- Introduction to Scripture classes begin May 14 (7 Thursdays).
- Ongoing review/discernment regarding Special Tuition Subsidy; exploring additional support through Society of St. Vincent de Paul.
- Youth Ministry continuing to grow through The Search series; plans underway for launch of SFDS Youth Group in September.
- Fr. Mark away May 18–22 for priests' retreat; Fr. Lukose away second week of June for Claretians' retreat.
- PEC + SFDS Elementary Staff dinner planned for June 22 at rectory backyard.

**Principal - Mrs. Irene Wihak (7:13 pm)**

- Ongoing faith formation focused on May virtue of diligence and connection to SFDS core values.
- Weekly Wednesday school Masses continue; regular rosary prayer and Marian devotions in May.
- Successful Grade 7 Confirmation Mass; appreciation extended to clergy, staff, volunteers, and parents for preparation and reception.
- First Holy Communion celebrated; thanks to coordinators and parent volunteers for reception support.
- Staff faith formation session focused on prayer and faith-sharing through Anne Lamott interview/discussion.
- GIVERS Club students attended Holy Childhood Mission Day Mass.
- No playground incidents reported; successful playground safety drill completed.
- Student-led conferences scheduled for May 22; parents booking appointments online.
- Pastor Principal Forum attended by Fr. Mark and principal; focus on renewal in the archdiocese.
- Staffing updates discussed in camera.
- Playday planning underway for June 11–12 with FIFA World Cup theme.
- Boardgame Bonanza held successfully as community-building family event.
- PEC Staff Social/Dinner scheduled for June 22.
- Spring Tea performances and choir/music preparations ongoing; art installations created for "The Secret Garden" theme.
- Possible participation in STMC massed choir event pending confirmation.
- Track and Field practices and meets ongoing, leading toward CISVA meet at Swangard Stadium.

**Teachers' Representative - Mrs. Naomi Panganiban (7:18 pm)**

- Track and Field has had a few meets and there are more to come; over 80 students participating from SFdS and many teachers involved
- Mrs. Panganiban to take courses for Level B Certification
- Talking to Classmate about creating a student survey on the use of technology in school

**Chair – Ms. Joselyn Navarro (7:20 pm)**

- Nothing to report

**Treasurer - Mr. Anthony Tillman; Mr. Jonathan Geronimo (7:21 pm)**

- Balance sheet and current financials shared
- Fundraising still slightly behind, but Spring Fair is upcoming
- Potential future purchases may occur due to some surplus funds

**Vice Chair – Ms. Rossa Sung**

- Nothing to report

**Parish-School Community Building Initiative – Ms. Rossa Sung**

- Nothing to report

**Secretary - Ms. Jacqueline Lamasan**

- Nothing to report, no correspondence

**Facility and Maintenance/Tech - Ms. Leah Canete (7:37 pm)**

- Exploring rebuild of long jump pit to support track and field; quote of \$1890 from SFdS parent. PEC voted unanimously on moving forward with this project.
- Water fountain upgrade project ongoing; Hillcrest Plumbing quote received for 2 filtered fountains and 2 backflow devices, Urban Plumbing revised quote pending.
- Annual backflow testing costs noted as ongoing maintenance consideration.
- PEC voted on fountain quotes and voted unanimously on: Hillcrest
- Lawn maintenance coverage adjusted; additional areas now maintained by SFdS parent
- Facilities support provided for Communion, Confirmation, and upcoming Spring Tea setup/cleanup.

**Community Engagement - Ms. Paula Ramor (7:45 pm)**

- On Volunteers Webinar starts May 19
- Working on family volunteer hours and transferring Ad Hoc hours into activities (especially family nights and field trips)

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8	Incamera:		

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 @ 6:30PM**






<b>OUR MISSION</b>	<b>OUR VISION</b>	<b>OUR VALUES</b>
<p>We are a Christ-centered parish school that seeks to serve the whole child (intellectually, academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally) through the development of faith, family and community. We use dynamic learning opportunities to produce resilient Catholics who lead by example and thrive in a global community.</p>	<p>We are a Catholic school, instilling the knowledge of Christ's love and mercy in our community. Our students ignite their passion and potential to love and serve others as Jesus would, in our safe and inspiring learning environment.</p>	<p><b>FAITH:</b> Confidence and trust in the love of God</p> <p><b>LEARN:</b> Developing creative and critical thinkers</p> <p><b>ACHIEVE:</b> Commitment and focus</p> <p><b>MERCY:</b> Love and forgiveness of Jesus with one another</p> <p><b>ENGAGE:</b> Choosing to be actively involved</p> <p><b>SERVE:</b> Seeking and accepting the call to act</p>

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**Our Core Values**

- F – Faith:** Living actions that show confidence and trust in the love of God
- L – Learn:** Developing creative and critical thinkers whose actions contribute to a better world
- A – Achieve:** Committing and focusing on reaching your goals
- M – Mercy:** Demonstrating the love and forgiveness of Jesus with one another every day
- E – Engage:** Choosing to be actively involved in the life of our school
- S – Serve:** Seeking and accepting the call to act for the greater good