Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 31	*Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity*
8:00AM	**Mary Loud**
9:30AM	**Rose C. Di Virgilio**
11:00AM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
	Nestor Betancourt
	John Mondello
	Assunta Di Benedetto
	Giuseppina Cinquemani
Monday, June 1	*St. Justin, Martyr*
9:00AM	**Andres Felipe Londono Garcia**
Tuesday, June 2	*Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs*
9:00AM	**Joseph Hili, Jr.**
Wednesday, June 3	*St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs*
9:00AM	**Jurja Marusic**
Thursday, June 4	*Weekday*
9:00AM	**Salvatore (Toto) Scire Banchitta**
Friday, June 5	*St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr*
9:00AM	**Joan Carpanini**
Saturday, June 6	*St. Norbert, Bishop*
9:00AM	**Purgatorial Society**
	The Living & Deceased Members Of the Legion of Mary & Their Families
	Rita O'Brien
	The Colussi Family
	Patricia Gioino
5:00PM	**For the People of St. Francis Of Assisi**
Sunday, June 7	*Corpus Christi Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*
8:00AM	**Lucia & Ralph Borgia**
9:30AM	**Mary Cilia**
11:00AM	**John Mondello**
	Assunta Di Benedetto
	Altagracia Julia Sarinon Trujillo
	Michael Finnerty
	Ahmar Sein

Today's Readings

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Those who believe in Him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

Readings For The Week

Monday	***2 Peter 1:2-7***
	Mark 12:1-12
Tuesday	***2 Peter 3:12-15a,17-18***
	Mark 12:13-17
Wednesday	***2 Timothy 1:1-3,6-12***
	Mark 12:18-27
Thursday	***2 Timothy 2:8-15***
	Mark 12:28-34
Friday	***2 Timothy 3:10-17***
	Mark 12:35-37
Saturday	***2 Timothy 4:1-8***
	Mark 12:38-44

Corpus Christi

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

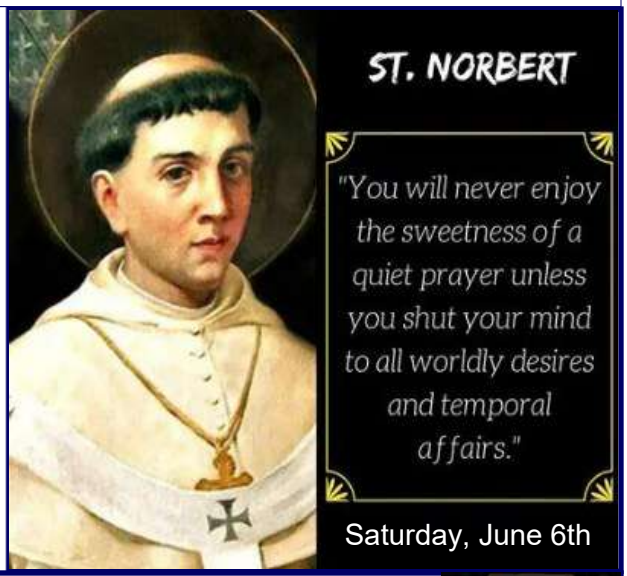
Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort.

Also remember in your prayers all the deceased of the Parish. Please remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and married life.

Awyn Profit
Jack Orlando
Steven Joyce
John Wrenn
Augustin Cisneros
James Nunez
Vincent Wytak
John & Carol Ross
Jeffrey Hyans
Marie LoVolpe
Jessica St. Preux
Al Ciani
Alesha Moses
Nancy McCaffrey
Christoper Wojtalik
Theresa Pacheco
William Goss
Luke Pacheco

Vincenza Papa
Jim Schneggenburger
Anthony Criscuolo
Samantha O'Sullivan
Marilyn Miller
Pat Gravino
John Carmody
Rosario Duran
Vivian Papa
Joel Steinmann
Anna Governali
Tim Graham
Antonio Postiglione
Mario Tamburello
Christopher Araimo
Charles Principato
Jim Kreitler
Humberto Cordova

John Schakir
Margaret Culhane
Benedicto Randazzo
Angelo Niakas
Peter Lopez
Rick Simonsen
Aubrey Madden
Madison Millett
Leonardo Di Marco
Michelle Yashita
The Polychronakis Family
Angel Garcia
Bob Bala
Anthony Fiorino
Joseph Klos
Jan Hengl
John Mondello
Joseph & Eunju Carbone



FOCUS:

God, the Holy Trinity, is perfect Love.

As Christians, we believe that God is love. This love is essentially love in relationship. St. Augustine described the Holy Trinity as God the Lover, God the Beloved, and the Love between them. May we recognize God's triune presence all around us, particularly in the experience of the loving relationships in our own lives.

St. Francis of Assisi Scripture Study

"Then Job answered the Lord and said: I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be hindered. "Who is this who obscures counsel with ignorance?" I have spoken but did not understand; things too marvelous for me, which I did not know. (Job 42:1-3)
"Listen, and I will speak; I will question you, and you tell me the answers." By hearsay I had heard of you, but now my eye has seen you. Therefore I disown what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes. (Job 42:4-6)

Dear SFA Family & Friends,
All are invited to join us on **Thursday, June 4**, in the St. Joseph Room in the Rectory from 7:20PM-8:50PM. This session will complete our study on **The Book of Job, Chapters 38-41: The Lord and Job Meet; Chapter 42: Job's Restoration.**

Grow in Love & Knowledge of Scripture.
All are invited and all are welcome.

The Gospel readings and study are conducted using the Little Rock Scripture Study program. Study booklets will be provided. If you are interested in joining the Study Group, please call the Rectory Office at (718)-728-7801.

Anointing of the Sick

On every First Saturday of the Month, we have our Anointing Mass at 9am. All are invited and we encourage you to bring your loved ones to this very special Mass each Month.

Our upcoming Anointing Mass is Saturday June 6, 2026 at 9:00AM.

From the Pastor's Desk:

My Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity. It is a celebration of the core belief of the Christian faith. Even though the mystery of *One God, three Persons,* is beyond our comprehension, acceptance of God as Trinity is not beyond our grasp. Our experience of the Holy Trinity, as recorded in the Bible and known for the past 2000 years, reveals the presence and qualities of God interacting in the life of humankind.

Today's reading from the Book of Exodus tells of an encounter with God by Moses. As God comes to Moses, he reveals himself as a God of mercy and kindness. God not only freed the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt, he continued to forgive them for their sins, iniquities, and infidelities.

Paul calls us to know the "God of love and peace." As Christians we are to follow the example of love, peace, and unity which is revealed in the Trinity. Paul seals his call to live in harmony with the essence of God: Father. Son, and Holy Spirit.

In our Gospel, Jesus teaches Nicodemus about the magnitude of God's love. The depth of the Father's love lies within the presence of the Son. *So great* is the Father's love that he sent the Son to save the world. *By knowing Jesus,* we can come *to know* God the Father. Therefore, faith in Jesus becomes essential in knowing God. The call to faith in Jesus is a call *to know God*. To accept the call to know Jesus is to accept God. To reject the call to know Jesus is to *reject* knowing God.

Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians says, "No one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit" (1Cor 12:3). The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Blessed Trinity is present with the Father and the Son from eternity. It is the Holy Spirit that awakens faith in us. The Holy Spirit moves the human soul to look for and seek to know God. The Holy Spirit draws all of creation back to the creator, God. As Jesus prepared to leave the earth and return to his heavenly Father, he promised to send an Advocate to sanctify, enlighten, inspire, and guide his Church. This Advocate is the Holy Spirit at work in the Church and at work in us to bring about God's kingdom.

What kind of response can we make to the revelation of God in our lives? First and foremost, we must respond with faith to God's self-revelation. We must believe in the life and existence of God as Trinity. We must embrace the life and teachings of Jesus. We must believe in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit guiding our lives and the life of the Church. We must believe in the kindness and mercy of God which is manifested in the interaction of the Holy Trinity in our lives.

Secondly, we must respond in thanksgiving, especially in our great prayer of thanksgiving, the Eucharist. How blessed we are to possess this history of the revelation of God. How blessed we are to know the salvation won for us by Christ. How blessed we are to have the abiding presence of the Spirit.

Thirdly, we respond by following his commands. We look to Jesus to show us what it means to be faithful to God. When asked which Commandment was the greatest, Jesus was clear and succinct: Love God above all and love neighbor and self the same. This is our response to this great gift of love. We reach out and embrace our God who constantly reaches out to us.

All the Blessings of The Holy Trinity,
Msgr. Maresca

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

From Christmas to the death and Resurrection of Jesus, from His Ascension to Pentecost

Sunday May 31, 2026

***taken from www.vaticannews.va**

With the Solemnity of Pentecost last Sunday, the Easter Season came to an end. On Monday, we began Ordinary Time, that is, the period when priests wear the color green, a time during which we are called to live the Gospel in the ordinariness of everyday life, witnessing the joy of being disciples of the crucified and risen Jesus. If we were to pause and look back a moment, we would be able to visualize a unique image. From a balcony in the heavens, God the Father, aware of how humanity after Adam and Eve's sin (see Gen. 3) had gone astray and was unable to fine that way. But humanity not only failed to heed them, they also killed them. (see Mt. 23:29)

In the end, moved with compassion, the Father sent His only Son: "And the Word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us." (Jn 1:14) Jesus, the Son of God, shared everything about our human condition with us except sin, helping us to remember that we are created by God, that we are His children, and that God is our Father. Through His words of life, He taught us with Truth regarding the Way to return to the Father, who is eternal Life. Thus, Jesus showed us the Father's face: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." (Jn 14:9) He reminded us that the way to heaven is open to everyone, that there is no need to be afraid, and that we do not need to be ashamed because God the Father is love, He is faithfulness, He is mercy. Obedient to the Father, Jesus died on the cross for our salvation. On the third day He rose, defeating sin and death, thus opening the way to return to His Father and our Father (this is what happened on Easter Sunday).

We can confidently choose this Way because Jesus, having ascended into heaven, gave us the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (the Solemnity celebrated last Sunday), the first gift given to believers—the Person of Love poured out into our beings so we might live as children of God. This is how we can understand why the liturgy invites us to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This Solemnity is a sort of synthesis and, above all, directs us toward the goal of our journey.

This God, who presents Himself as One and Triune, is not all that distant as it seems, but is so very close the He becomes Bread broken for us, Corpus Christi (which will be celebrated next Sunday). This Bread, the Bread of angels, nourishes us on our journey toward heaven. This gift then reveals the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, celebrated the Friday following Corpus Christi.

These three liturgical feasts are a synthesis of the mystery of our faith which we have lived in these last months: from Christmas to the death and resurrection of Jesus, from His Ascension to Pentecost. The Arian heresy, which disputed Jesus' divinity and His bond with the Holy Trinity, was condemned by the Council of Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. These two Councils were providential in spreading the doctrine regarding the Trinity both through preaching and through devotion. As early as the 8th Century, liturgical prefaces appeared containing references to the doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity. A votive Mass emerged toward the year 800 in honor of the Trinity, which could be celebrated on any Sunday. This decision was opposed because the Trinity is honored every Sunday. In the end, it was Pope John XXII who established the feast throughout the universal Church in 1334.

Eucharistic Adoration Monday through Saturday 8:00AM to 8:50AM

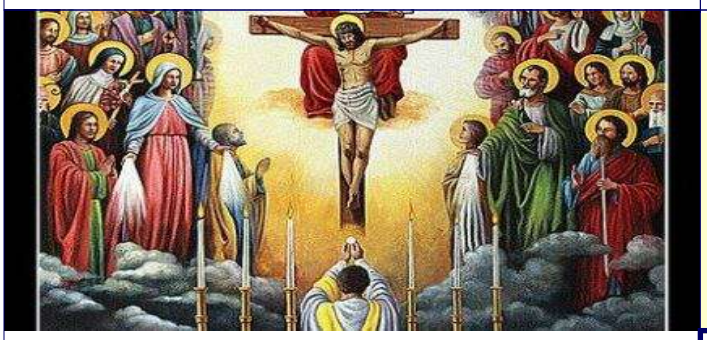
Eucharistic Adoration takes place Monday through Saturday, from 8:00AM to 8:50AM. As Pope St. John Paul II has said, "Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest Commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament ….Eucharistic worship is therefore precisely the expression of that love which is the authentic and deepest characteristic of the Christian vocation. This worship springs from the love and serves the love to which we are all called in Jesus Christ." We encourage everyone to make an effort to spend time in the presence of our Lord. The Blessings are countless.

Eucharistic Adoration ends on Saturday, June 20th for the Summer. Adoration will resume in September.

Receiving Holy Communion

For those who have difficulty walking up the aisle to receive Holy Communion, may I suggest that you sit in the front row on either side to save yourself some steps. The priest, deacon, or minister will come down to you in the pew and give you Holy Communion. However, if for some reason you need to sit towards the back of the Church, please let the usher know and they will inform the priest, deacon, or minister, and we will come back to you to give you Holy Communion when we finish those in line.

Thanks,
Msgr. Maresca



The June Lector & Minister Schedule **can be found by scanning this QR code, and then selecting the month you wish to view.**

2026 Mass Book

The 2026 Mass Book is now open.

Masses:
Masses are $20.00.

The Purgatorial Society has an enrollment for one year:
Purgatorial Mass Cards are $30.00.

Memorials:
Altar Bread,
Wine,
Sanctuary Lamp,
or Altar Candles
are $75.00.

Altar Flowers are $100.

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

"God so loved the world, He gave His only Son." How can you give yourself to God the Father in a response to that love? Could God be calling you to live His love as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact the Vocation Office at:

(718)-827-2454
vocations@diobrook.org

Diocese of Brooklyn Vocation Office

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Weekly Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity of giving each week. Your weekly offering helps us pay our monthly bills.

May 23/24: **$3,734**

School Parents must use Church Envelopes.

Mass Attendance For May 23/24, 2026

5:00PM	**68**
8:00AM	**48**
9:30AM	**74**
11:00AM	**133**
	Total: 323

Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Catholic community that is centered in Jesus, gathers in worship and witnesses the Gospel message. The parish values and welcomes each person's gift of time, talent and treasure. As a faith-filled community, we are committed to minister to the spiritual, educational and material needs of all people.

Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal for 2026 has begun in our Diocese. I first want to thank all those who supported the appeal last year. I appreciate your generosity.
This year our goal has been reduced to **$33,760.** The theme is: ***"One Church, Diverse Ministries. United Mission."*** So far we have **$25,477** pledged towards our goal.

I ask you to prayerful reflect on what you are able to contribute to support the appeal.
The monies contributed goes to Vocations, Care for retired priest, Faith Formation, Catholic Charities, Chaplaincies, Catholic Migration Services, and Catholic School Tuition Assistance.
Please make every effort to support this appeal and help us reach our goal.

I share the words of Jesus to His followers: "The measure you measure with will be measured back to you."

THANK YOU for all your effort.
God Bless,
Msgr. Maresca

Father's Day Novena Masses

Our Father's Day Novena of Masses begins on Sunday June 21, 2026. You may return your envelopes in any collection. These envelopes will remain on the Altar at all Masses during the week.

These Masses are celebrated to remember our Living and Deceased Fathers, Grandfathers, Step-Fathers, Uncles, Godfathers, and all those Men who have been a fatherly figure in our lives.

Additional envelopes may be found at the back of the Church.

Calendar of Events

This Week

May 31 - June 6

Sunday, May 31

Monday, June 1
12:00NOON Golden Age - MCH
7:00PM Adult Choir - CH

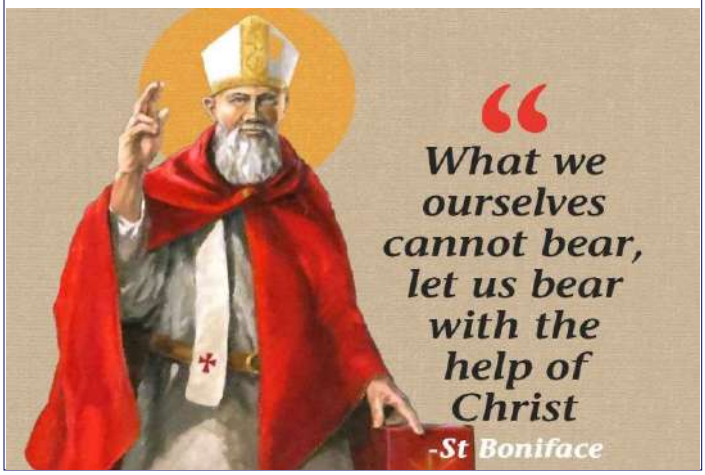
Tuesday, June 2
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, June 3
5:00PM 8th Grade Awards - MCH
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, June 4
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR
6:00PM IACA - SFR
7:20PM Scripture Study - SFR

Friday, June 5
9:00AM School Mass
5:00PM Girl Scout Event - MCH/Schoolyard

Saturday, June 6
9:00AM Anointing Mass
6:00PM Youth Group BBQ - Schoolyard (Preceded by 5:00PM Mass)



St. Boniface, Friday June 5th.

Next Week

June 7 - June 13

Sunday, June 7

Monday, June 8
12:00NOON Golden Age - MCH
7:00PM Adult Choir - CH

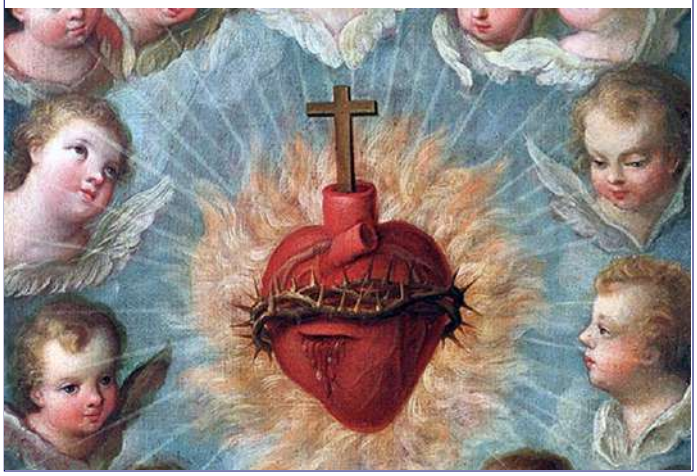
Tuesday, June 9
6:30PM AA Meeting - Rectory Basement

Wednesday, June 10
6:00PM ACA Support Group - St. Joseph Room
7:00PM Baptism Class - Rectory
7:45PM Bereavement Group - St. Joseph Room

Thursday, June 11
10:00AM Legion of Mary - SFR
6:00PM IACA - SFR
7:20PM Scripture Study - SFR

Friday, June 12
Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
5:00PM 8th Grade Graduation Mass & Ceremony

Saturday, June 13



Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday June 12th.

June 2026

Lector & Minister Schedule

	The Feast of Corpus Christi June 6/7	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 13/14	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 20/21	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 27/28
Lectors				
Saturday 5:00PM	Josephine Corso	Debbi Skinner	Edward Kubina	Josephine Corso
Sunday 8:00AM	Andrew Soltesz	Andrew Soltesz	Rob Laucella	Rob Laucella
Sunday 9:30AM	Sharon Costanza	Maria Brooks	Sharon Costanza	Maria Brooks
Sunday 11:00AM	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey	Jane Di Donato	Carol Hickey
Ministers				
Saturday 5:00PM	*****	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 8:00AM	*****	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 9:30AM	*****	*****	*****	*****
Sunday 11:00AM	*****	*****	Carol Hickey	*****

Summer Church & Rectory Hours

Summer Church Hours will begin on Monday, June 22nd:
Monday through Saturday: Church will open at 8:00AM
Sunday: Church will open at 7:30AM

Summer Rectory Office Hours will begin on Monday, June 22nd:
Monday through Thursday:
9:00AM to 12:00NOON; 1:00PM to 5:00PM
NO EVENING HOURS

Friday:
9:00AM to 3:00PM
NO EVENING HOURS

Saturday:
9:00AM to 2:00PM

Sundays and Holidays: CLOSED

SFA YOUTH PAGE

The Sign of the Cross: A Prayer of the Most Holy Trinity

The Sign of the Cross is a Prayer of the Most Holy Trinity. When you make the Sign of the Cross, here are some of the things that we do!

1) Sanctify the day
2) Commit the whole self to grace
3) Recall the Incarnation
4) Remember the Passion of the Lord
5) Affirm the Trinity
6) Focus our Prayer on God
7) Confess the Faith
8) Ask for support in our suffering
9) Reaffirm our Baptism
10) Mark ourselves for Christ
11) Soldier on for Christ
12) Ward off the devil
13) Seal ourselves with the Spirit
14) Witness to others
15) Open ourselves to grace

Join us for our Youth Group End-of-Year BBQ!

Saturday, June 6th
6:00PM-7:30PM

All students in grades 5-8 are invited! We encourage everyone to attend the 5:00PM Mass before heading outside for the BBQ. We will sit in the first few rows in the Church.

We'll gather in the schoolyard for an evening of food, games, and fun with friends as we celebrate a great year together!

Please RSVP to sfayouthgroup2117@gmail.com by Friday, June 5th.
We hope to see you there!

CELEBRATING

75TH Anniversary

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1951 — 2026

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with

BISHOP BRENNAN

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

11:00 AM

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Children's Ticket Includes JUICE & SNACKS
Tickets Available at Eventbrite

SUNDAY JUNE 28 - 1pm

Join the 11am Celebratory Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

Scan for Tickets

Religious Education Registration

Those who have not yet registered for Religious Education classes can do so Sunday at the School. Classes have begun but registration is open.

For any questions, please contact Sr. Francesca via email or phone:
dre@sfaacademy.org 718-278-0259 ext. 121

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you someone, or do you know someone who:

...has expressed interest in becoming Catholic?

...was baptized as a Catholic as a child but never received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) focuses on learning about the Church and teachings of the Faith to prepare individuals to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation during the Easter Season.

For more information, please contact Sr. Francesca at 718-278-0259, ext. 121, or dre@sfaacademy.org

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