

November 27, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY

of

Advent

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Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24:44

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The Church of Saint Francis of Assisi in Midtown Manhattan is a parish in the Archdiocese of New York and an urban ministry center staffed by the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province and their partners in ministry.

Inspired by our faith in Jesus Christ, and rooted in the charism of St. Francis of Assisi, we actively WELCOME all people.

We WORSHIP God through prayerful and inspiring liturgies, the celebration of the sacraments, and the devotional life of the Church. We WITNESS to our faith by ministering to everyone, especially those who are poor, alienated or oppressed.

Our Weekly Schedule

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass
4:00 PM

Sunday Masses
8:00 AM,
9:15 AM (Korean),
11:00 AM
12:30 PM
5:00 PM

Weekday Masses
7:30 am, 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM

Saturday Morning Mass
11:00 AM

Holidays

Consult the weekly bulletin and the posted notices for federal and other holidays.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday—Friday
7:30—8:30 AM; 11:00 AM—12:00 PM; 4:30—5:30 PM

Saturday 11:30 AM—12:30 PM
Sunday No Confessions

Devotions

Monday
Devotions in Honor of St. Monica
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

Tuesday
Devotions in Honor of St. Anthony
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

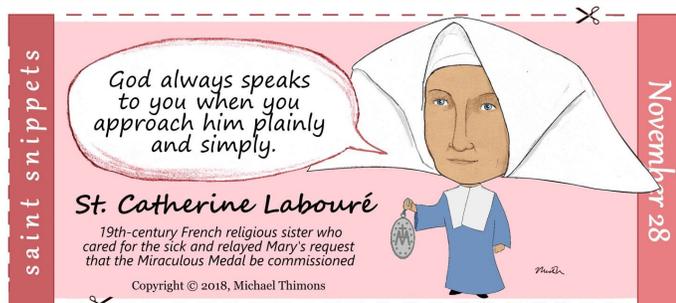
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Devotions in Honor of St. Jude
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

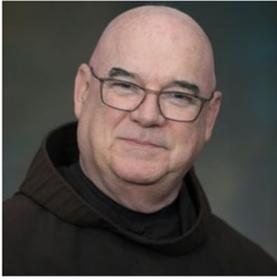
Thursday
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
after the 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

First Fridays
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

Saturday
The Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday—Friday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
in Lower Church





The Pastor's Corner

Dear Community and Friends of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi,

May the Lord give you peace.

I hope you had a blessed celebration of Thanksgiving. It is always good to spend some time gratefully acknowledging the gifts that surround us. Again, we, the friars, team, and staff here, are grateful to you. We are blessed to minister together both in person and through the live stream.

We begin the sacred days of Advent this weekend. As the days get shorter, we make time to reflect on our longing for God. Many years ago, I heard an Advent song that began with a refrain, “We go on waiting, knowing he has come. Yet, we are not ready to be transformed.” I continue to ponder this refrain. We wait for the one who is already with us. Our encounter with him is always transformative. Perhaps, this year we will have eyes open to see him in our midst.

We will continue our celebration of the season. We gather as a richly diverse community. We sing, listen to the Word of God, reflect on that Word, and offer our prayer of Thanksgiving-our Eucharist. Then nourished by the Bread of Life, we are sent to continue the mission of the Gospel. Each of us is differently gifted and called to share in the mission of God’s affirming love.

We will also shift this weekend from the year of Luke to Matthew. We have listened to the Lukan Gospel throughout the year with his focus on the Spirit and the poor. As we move to Matthew, we hear of a mission that both includes and extends beyond the borders of Israel. Matthew invites us to consider Jesus with his parents as exiles/refugees/migrants in Egypt. This may help us frame our current experience of being graced with many migrants in our city.

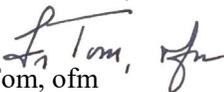
We invite you to join us for Soup and Scripture. Once again, we gather at table and reflect together on the Word of God. Please see the bulletin or our website for more information.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on the Sacred Scripture as you bring the Word to life through your reflections.

In a fragile and broken world, we long for the experience of His presence. We are open to the transformation of our encounter with God’s love. Our scriptures remind us that He often comes in the most unexpected ways. As Mother Theresa noted: “Jesus is coming to you in the distressing disguise of the poor.”

St. Francis called the early brothers to “begin again to seek the Lord.” Each Advent, we do precisely that; we begin again.

Blessed Advent,


Fr. Tom, ofm

“Holy Land” Advent Day of Reflection

Our Advent Day of Reflection this year will be lead by author Dr. Angela Alaimo O’Donnell, who will invite us to reflect on themes of the Advent season through a selection of poems from her new book Holy Land.

Join us to enter this sacred season with prayer, inspiration from Dr. Alaimo’s poetry, mediation and discussion.

Breakfast will be provided.

Copies of the book will be available to purchase that day and Dr. Alaimo will sign books at the end of the event.

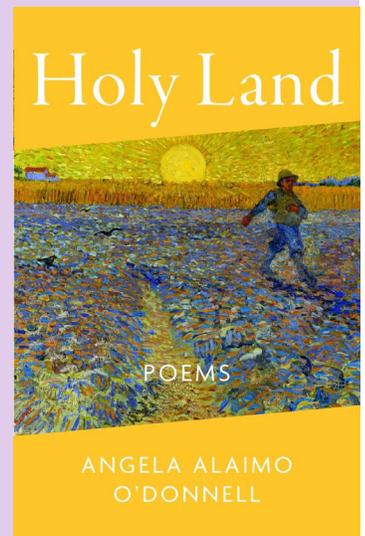
Join us:

Saturday, December 3

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

San Damiano Hall

This event is free and open to all.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 26, 2022

11:00 AM
4:00 PM

Sunday, November 27, 2022

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
& Thanks to the Infant of Prague
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Maria J. Carreon (D) & Zoilo A. Magpile (D)
12:30 PM Paul G. Murawski
5:30 PM Fr. Emmanuel Farrone (D)
& Miraculous Medal Intentions

Monday, November 28, 2022

7:30 AM
12:00 PM Isabel Lane (D) & Dominic Matthew Cruz
5:30 PM Mary Caulfield's Birthday
& Miraculous Medal Intentions

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

7:30 AM
12:00 PM
5:30 PM Ana Rita Mejia (D)

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

7:30 AM Poor Souls (D)
12:00 PM Eduardo & Aurora Ruedas
5:30 PM

Thursday, December 1, 2022

7:30 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro
& Thomas & Edith Castellana
12:00 PM Mary Cihanek & Mary Yost (D)
& Carlos Gabriel (D)
5:30 PM Rev. Dario Betancourt (D)

Friday, November 25, 2022

7:30 AM
12:00 PM
5:30 PM Donald Jordan (D) & Dolores & Alfredo (D)

Migrant Center

The need continues as more and more migrant families arrive here in the City. The list of items and other ways your assistance may be offered from volunteering to donating can be found here, using this QR Code.

*Again, many many
Thanks for all you are
helping us to provide
for these sisters and
brothers!!*



Bread & Wine for Masses this week
have been given for the intentions of:

Catherine B. Puangco

If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine
used at Masses each week,
or for the Sanctuary Light,
please go to the reception desk in the
lobby of St. Francis House.



SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

Ready or not, the kingdom of God is
upon us!

Love is set to come to life in our world
and change everything! So, shake loose the
cobwebs, wipe the weary from your eyes, and
get set to open your mind, your heart, your soul,
and your bellies.

We all take our daily physical
nourishment from the foods we eat, and we take
our spiritual nourishment from the Word of God.

Join us as we combine these nourishing
practices every Monday in Advent

Monday, November 28

Monday, December 5

Monday, December 12

Monday, December 19

6:30pm in the Clare Room.

The Soup is on!

Join us for one, two, three or all four reflections.
*Since soup is being served, please let us know that
you are coming.... ALL ARE WELCOME!*

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