

December 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY of *Advent*



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*Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi
The Heart of New York*

Jesus said,
“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

Matthew 11:4-5

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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.

Our Christmas Carols with the Choir is one of the most exciting annual musical events at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

Come and sing with us..
Sunday • December 18 • 3:00pm

This beautiful afternoon includes performances from our music ministry, cantors, string quartet and more. Sing along with the choir to some of your favorite Christmas Carols.

You don't want to miss it!

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

Wednesday

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

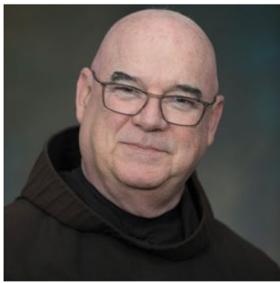
The Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday—Friday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
in Lower Church



christmas carols with the choir



The Pastor's Corner

Dear Community and Friends of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi,
May the Lord give you peace.

This is Gaudete Sunday! It is a time to rejoice in the experience and the presence of God. Our Advent reflections invite us to the joy of the Gospel. With the community and friends of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, we rejoice!

We light our third candle this weekend. We are halfway through our Advent journey. How are you doing? The dynamic energy of this season draws us out of ourselves and opens us to greater time spent with family and friends. It also invites us to consider more intimately the presence of God within and among us. Parties, shopping, decorating, and festive meals are wonderful opportunities for us to gather. Reflecting on our experiences can lead us to prayer.

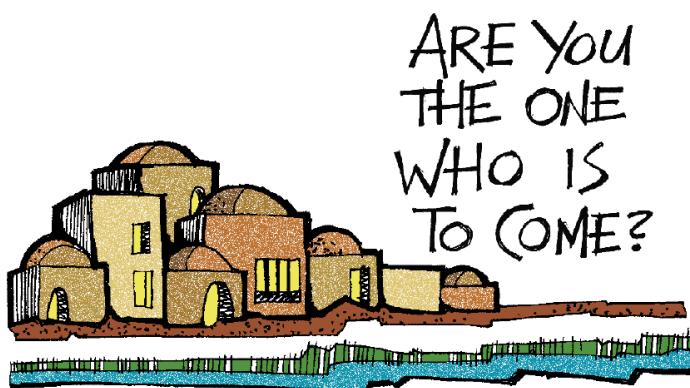
We also see ourselves among homeless people, migrants, and refugees. Wars continue throughout the world, and division is our daily experience. We are invited to reflect on our world and culture as we pray. The text from Isaiah states, "say to those whose hearts are frightened, be strong, fear not." We ask ourselves, how can we be the strength and the hope for all whose hearts are frightened? The transformation of this Advent is both celebrating the goodness and grace of gathering with friends and family as well as working toward a reconciliation that gives hope to all who struggle.

Isaiah says, "be strong, fear not." Paul writes, "be patient." Jesus tells the disciples of John to "Go and tell John what you hear and see." Once again, we are encouraged to reflect on our giftedness. We are strong, hopeful, patient, and aware. These wonderful gifts are ours through the presence of God's Spirit lovingly dwelling within us. In a season of gift sharing, we share God's presence. We share the grace of God among our family and friends. That same gift is ours to share with all we encounter along the way.

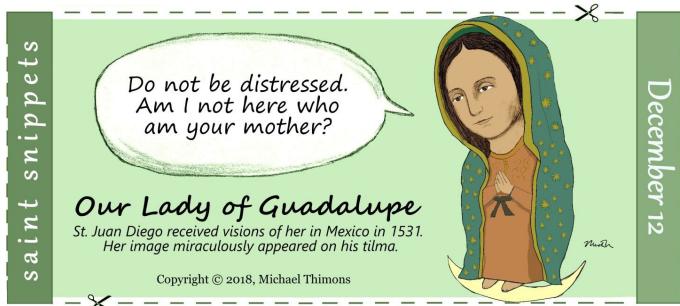
Mark your calendar! We still have two Mondays for Soup and Scripture. The Simbang Gabi novena begins on December 15th, and our Carols with the Choir is on December 18th. We have opportunities for reflection together, prayer, and musical celebration. I hope you can find time to participate.

Blessings,

Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm



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December 12

join us for the christmas season

christmas eve masses
4:00pm • 5:30pm • midnight

christmas day masses
8:00am • 11:00am • 12:30pm
• please note there is no evening mass •

sunday, january 1
solemnity of mary, the holy mother of god
4:00pm (vigil)
8:00am • 11:00am • 12:30pm • 5:00pm

sunday, january 8
feast of the epiphany
4:00pm (vigil)
8:00am • 11:00am • 12:30pm • 5:00pm



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 10, 2022

- 11:00 AM Bianca & Sal—Blessed Wedding & Marriage
& Thanksgiving to St. Francis
4:00 PM Catherine & Eduard Jacob (D)
& Roberto, Generoso & Rene Almarines (D)

Sunday, December 11, 2022

- 8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
& Constantine D'Argenio & Adelena (D)
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Intentions of Zerline Johnson
12:30 PM Pou S. Lee (D)
5:30 PM Chu Lin Moo (D)

Monday, December 12, 2022

- 7:30 AM
12:00 PM
5:30 PM Edmon Kwan Thanksgiving &
Intentions of Providencia Castro Gilbride

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

- 7:30 AM Helen Frances Farrell (D)
12:00 PM
5:30 PM

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

- 7:30 AM
12:00 PM Tramontano & Fringo Families (D)
5:30 PM

Thursday, December 15, 2022

- 7:30 AM Arthur J. White
12:00 PM Gilbert Borges, Jr. (D)
& Jean Boddy (D)
5:30 PM

Friday, December 16, 2022

- 7:30 AM
12:00 PM
5:30 PM

Migrant Center

The need continues as more and more migrant families arrive here in the City. An Amazon and TargetWish List 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*

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, 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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