

December 25, 2022 • Christmas

Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi
The Heart of New York

*Suddenly there was a multitude
of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:*

*“Glory to
God
in the highest.”*

Luke 2:13-14

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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

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

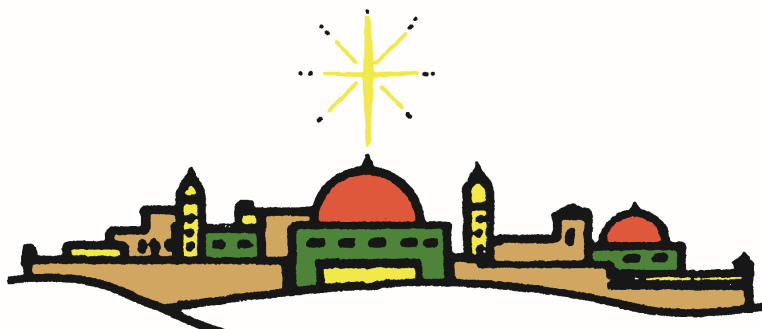
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
after the 7:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM Masses

Saturday

The Rosary after the 11:00 AM Mass.

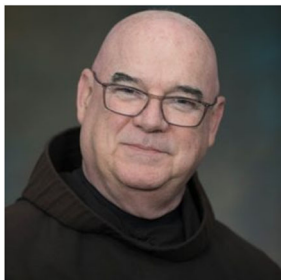
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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The Pastor's Corner

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

May the Lord give you peace this Christmas.

Prayers and blessings for you and your loved ones as we gather to remember the birth of Jesus and celebrate the great love our God has for us.

We have journeyed through our Advent season as the nights grew longer and the weather colder. We were warmed by the hope-filled messages of the Prophet Isaiah and the beauty of Matthew's Gospel. We were invited into the mystery of God's unfathomable love for all. John the Baptist heralded the coming of Jesus. Even John was amazed at the mission of Jesus, who came as one who would bring healing, hope, and inclusion. He is the fullness of God's love.

We celebrate the "Word made flesh" and are invited to embody that same Word in our day-to-day lives. We realize this in our prayer, care for one another, and generous hospitality. Like Jesus, we offer healing, hope, and inclusion. We are sharers with Jesus in the love of God.

Thank you for all you do for the Migrants, the Bread Line, and the Food Pantry. These ministries are a great blessing. Thank you for your ministry of hospitality, reading, ministering the Eucharist, serving at the altar, and praying for the community. You bring the Word to life for us all.

While many of us party and celebrate these days, we remember our sisters and brothers for whom this season is difficult. We remember those who have lost a loved one; are lonely; have a recent diagnosis that weighs heavily on them and their family; have been marginalized by family, or struggle with the season. I remember my experience in Hartford after the Sandy Hook deaths of children and teachers. Understandably, many people were not in the "Christmas Spirit." I am sure this is true for many communities, including Uvalde, Colorado Springs, Ukraine, and Russia. Our loving prayers for healing, hope, and inclusion are especially significant for all who suffer.

With the Friars, the Pastoral Leadership Team, and the staff of the Church, I wish you a blessed and happy Christmas.

Peace and all good,

Thomas M. Gallagher, ofm



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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 24, 2022

11:00 AM
4:00 PM Lillian De Paris (D)
& Maria, Mike, Gavin & Claire
5:30 PM Julie Mullane (D) & John Mullane
Midnight Zoila Aguirre

Sunday, December 25, 2022

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
& Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D)
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Hank & Martha & Arlene M. Benoit
12:30 PM Carlos Ramirez, Jr. & Family & Michaela
& Fr. Victor M. Bolanos (L)
5:30 PM *No Mass*

Monday, December 26, 2022

7:30 AM *No Mass*
12:00 PM Teri & Barry Tillman
5:30 PM *No Mass*

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

7:30 AM
12:00 PM Zoilo A. Magpile (D)
5:30 PM Isabel Lane (D)

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

7:30 AM Kustera Matija (D)
12:00 PM
5:30 PM Lily Kwan (D) & Benito Vargas (D)

Thursday, December 29, 2022

7:30 AM
12:00 PM Larry & Altagrace Pierre (D)
5:30 PM

Friday, December 30, 2022

7:30 AM
12:00 PM
5:30 PM Eugene Wisniewski (D)

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.

Migrant Center



The need continues as
more and more migrant
families arrive here in
the City. An Amazon and
Target Wish 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
brothers!!*

