



*Church of*

**Saint Francis of Assisi**

*The Heart of New York*

Do you not know that you are the temple of God,  
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

**SEVENTH**  
SUNDAY IN  
**ORDINARY**  
**TIME**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2023**

Church of Saint Francis of Assisi  
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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

In observance of Presidents Day, February 20th, we will only have Mass at Noon on Monday. The parish offices are closed and no confessions are scheduled.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### Monday - Friday

8 - 9 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

## Adult Education Spring Offerings



A new schedule of classes - from  
Theology to Scripture and Music to  
Literature - there's  
something for

everyone!!  
Scan this QR Code to see the  
full line-up of classes and  
register today!



Ash  
Wednesday



## *The Pastor's Corner*

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

We are about to begin our annual pilgrimage of 90 days. We start with Ash Wednesday and continue through to Pentecost. Most of us have considered this to only be the first part of the journey, Lent. This season is given to us for our conversion and transformation. Remembering the Spirit's gift at Pentecost brings us to be renewed in our lives, vocation, and mission.

The pilgrimage is fourfold, it begins with Lent, climbs the mountain of Transfiguration in Passion of the Lord, reaches its climax as God raises Jesus at Easter, and continues through Pentecost to the rest of our lives. Let us consider the process. It is about giving up, listening up, lifting up, and growing up.

We are asked to give up our false selves. We can let go of our pretense and recognize our giftedness. In this giving up, we are able to welcome the stranger, the poor, and the disenfranchised people of our lives. We can give up our prejudices and our closed-mindedness. We are invited to waive our surrender of chocolate, dessert, or caffeine. (Everyone in our lives will thank us.) We can surrender to the Spirit who calls us to the fullness of life.

We are invited to listen up. This is for us to engage in prayer. Our prayer is the lifting of our minds and hearts to God. This can take many forms. Parents loving their children are praying. Caring for aging parents is prayer. Sitting quietly and being attentive to the grace of God in prayer. Sitting with the scripture, gathering with the community for Mass, the Stations of the Cross, or adoration is prayer. Being attentive as we go for our walk can be our prayer. The form is less important than the openness to God's presence. (Often, it is only in subsequent reflection that we realize our experience of God's presence.)

Lift up your hearts to the Lord! As we are attentive to lifting up others, our lives are transformed. We are invited to lift up one another as we praise and thank the people of our lives. We lift up children as we recognize their gifts. Our care for the migrant, refugee, or homeless person is our stretching to hold God's presence in the other. We are lifted up as we bend to care for one another.

The call to maturity in our faith is our growing up. This journey sets us free to praise God, to embrace the love of God already present in our lives. We know the right and the good. The rules are helpful guides but only that. We discern the right things to do in many areas of our lives, and we can do the same in our faith life. As adults, we choose to follow Christ through Lent, the Cross, into Easter, and in wonder at the gift of the Spirit. The Spirit liberates us, enfolds us in God's very being, and calls us, like Paul, to discover God's grace in people thought to be forever outside God's compassionate goodness.

We begin the journey together. I invite you to join us for as much of the pilgrimage as you desire and to be in this for the transformation of your life.

Blessings and peace,

Fr. Tom, ofm



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, February 18, 2023

11:00 AM Antonio Jimenez (D)  
& Marie Q. Roc's Birthday  
4:00 PM Laura Jack (D)

## Sunday, February 19, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League  
& All Souls  
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
11:00  
12:30 PM  
5:00 PM

## Monday, February 20, 2023

7:30 AM *No Mass*  
12:00 PM Jim Angerame (D) All Souls  
5:30 PM *No Mass*

## Tuesday, February 21, 2023

7:30 AM Marciano Jacela (D)  
& Dympna Flynn (D)  
12:00 PM Jin Bao Song Ying &  
All Souls  
5:30 PM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

## Wednesday, February 22, 2023

7:30 AM  
12:00 PM Piao Piao & All Souls  
5:30 PM Howard Green (D)

## Thursday, February 23, 2023

7:30 AM  
12:00 PM Lagrimas Madrid (D)  
& Florencio & Josefa Reyes (D)  
5:30 PM

## Friday, February 24, 2023

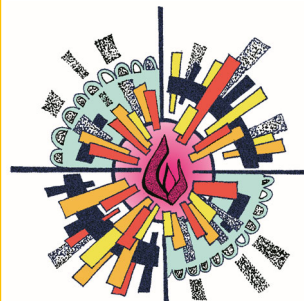
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12:00 PM A Ju Maria  
5:30 PM

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

Catherine B. Puangco

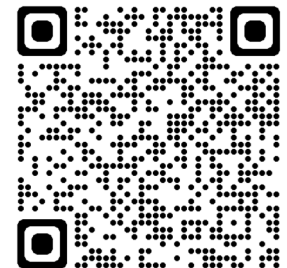
If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine  
used at Masses each week,  
or for the Sanctuary Light,  
please go to the reception desk in the  
lobby of St. Francis House.

## 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!!*



## Ash Wednesday

### Masses

7:30am  
12:00pm  
5:30pm  
6:30pm

### Confessions

8:00am - 9:00am  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
4:00pm - 6:00pm

### Distribution of Ashes

7:00am - 6:30pm  
Lower Church

[www.stfrancisnyc.org/ashwednesday](http://www.stfrancisnyc.org/ashwednesday)

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