

Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

**Jesus
was led
by the
Spirit
into
the
desert**

**FEBRUARY 26
2023**

First Sunday
of

Lent

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

Please check Bulletin and website for information regarding special Holiday scheduling.

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!



Our Encounter with God Lent 2023



The Pastor's Corner

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

We have begun our journey and are blessed to make this journey together. Please join us for mass, soup and scripture, reconciliation, time of reflection with James Martin, SJ, and quiet prayer time in the lower church. Your presence is a gift for everyone.

As I noted last week, I see Lent, not as an isolated time but as a segment of the transformative experience we are offered each year. We begin with Lent preparing ourselves for the mystery of the Cross and the Resurrection of the Lord. We celebrate our Easter liberation through the days leading to Pentecost. Ideally, this is a time to begin again, to deepen our reception of God's love for us and for all. For too long, Lent has been presented as a time of penance. We have been told to reflect on our sinfulness. We give up what we enjoy making up for our failures in discipleship. I seriously doubt that God wants us to act like children who fear discipline. The fasting God seeks is the liberating of all who are bound, the welcoming of the stranger, and the binding of the wounds of all who have been broken under the slavery of oppression/abuse. It is time to move from focusing on ourselves to the vision of God's love for us and all. This shift calls us to ministry, service simply because it is natural to us. Realizing how greatly we are loved and the call to maturity in grace, we give ourselves generously in response to the needs that we see all around us. Christ has liberated us from the weight of sin. He has called us to live by the Word that comes from the mouth of God. He chides us not to put God to the test (God's love will always win.). He calls us to awe and wonder at the godness of God, who is compassion.

The first phase of our 2023 journey has begun. Can we make lifetime changes incrementally, responding to the communion we already enjoy with God? Let us take time to listen, watch, and pray. We are blessed as a Franciscan community of grace. St. Francis' life was shaped by his encounters with the Lord in people with leprosy, the friars, and his time among the Muslim community and in times of prayer. He learned to surrender to love. What God did for the poor man of Assisi; God does for us.

Sadly, our bulletin publishing company will no longer be able to publish any bulletins. They are one more business that did not survive the pandemic. We are looking to find another publisher. However, other companies are inundated with the many parishes affected by this loss.

Next week we will have cards and pens available for the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. We have \$10,000.00 of the \$73,000.00 requested of us.

As always, I thank you for your generosity and your presence.

Fr. Tom, ofm



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**LENTEN
SOUP AND SCRIPTURE**

Mondays • February 27 • March 6, 13, 20, 27
6:30PM
Francis Room

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 25, 2023

11:00 AM Jessie Q. Scotto (D)
4:00 PM Pierre Trenard (D)

Sunday, February 26, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00
12:30 PM Verna & Salvatore Bronzo (D)
& Jose Doriel Mendaros (D)
5:00 PM Henry Morris & Ricardo Mendoza (D)
Michael Di Bella (D)

Monday, February 27, 2023

7:30 AM Thanksgiving to St. Jude
12:00 PM Marie C. Barbera (D) & Yi He
5:30 PM Ysabel Sta. Cruz (D)

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

7:30 AM Netta Garnette (D)
12:00 PM Thanksgiving by Chen Wen Wei &
Agnes
5:30 PM

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

7:30 AM Nicholas & Maria Avansino &
Amelia & Frank Bettua
12:00 PM Thomas & Edith Castellana &
Hu Xiao Ji Thanksgiving
5:30 PM Special Intention of
Immaculate Egbosi

Thursday, March 2, 2023

7:30 AM David Carrinton
12:00 PM Sandra Vallozi (D)
& Agnes
5:30 PM Thanksgiving Bianca Despeignes

Friday, March 3, 2023

7:30 AM Eileen O'Hara (D)
12:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales & All Souls
& Prayers for Family Peace
5:30 PM

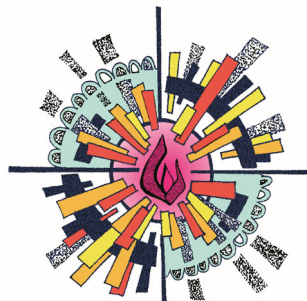


Bread & Wine for Masses this week
have been given for the intentions of:

Catherine B. Puangco

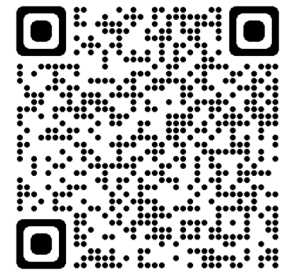
If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine
used at Masses each week,
or for the Sanctuary Light,
please go to the reception desk in the
lobby of St. Francis House.

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!!*

