

Church of
Saint Francis of Assisi
The Heart of New York



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one
speaking with you." - Jn 4:24-26

March 12, 2023

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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!





The Pastor's Corner

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

Our journey continues. In the last two weeks, we have been in the desert and on the mountaintop with Jesus. This weekend we are going to a village in Samaria. The Samaritan people were outcasts to many Jewish people. Yet, Jesus enters into conversation and asks a favor of a Samaritan woman. Our journey with Jesus continues to invite us to go deeper and wider in our ways of knowing and relationships. Jesus engages someone who is both a woman and a Samaritan. This was unheard of and shocking to the disciples. How can we follow this example? Paul offers some insight, "...the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Jesus embodies the love of God and the grace of the Spirit. Similarly, we are invited to do the same.

There are many outcasts in our society. Many people experience being marginalized not only in the larger community but also in the Church. Pope Francis, with the Synodal Way, asks us to be open to gracefully receive one another. Like the woman at the well, many women have been dismissed, and their gifts have not been respected. Jesus did not hesitate to have a difficult but respectful conversation with the woman. She becomes the apostle to the others of her village. Through her encounter with the Lord, she enables many to believe in him. She is transformed by her encounter and others are blessed by her courage. We give thanks for the many women who call us to encounter the Lord for ourselves.

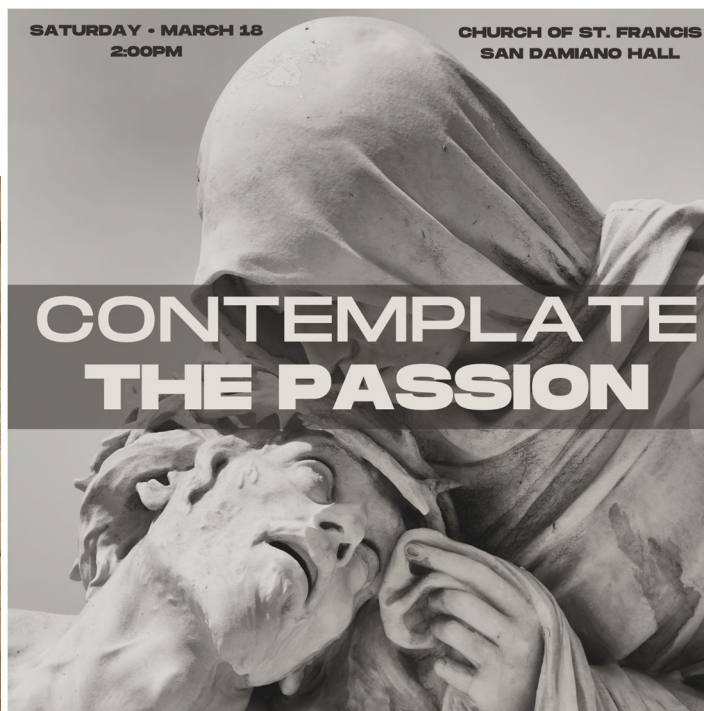
Unfortunately, Fr. James Martin, SJ is unable to join us on March 18th. Please keep his family in your prayers. He is a great blessing for the Church and has a significant message for all of us. He will reschedule for a later date. We are still planning to meet on the 18th and will spend our time contemplating the Passion from Matthew's Gospel. We do not often get a chance to sit together with the text. This is an opportunity to listen to the Word of God, to listen to others reflect on that Word, and to be heard as you allow the Spirit to speak from your heart. I will be facilitating the conversation.

Please note that author Maureen O'Brien has a new book. Maureen spoke with us last year, sharing her reflections on the psalms. Her new book is: *Gather the Fragments: My Year of Finding God's Love*. If you enjoyed her presentation last year, I am sure you will be taken with this new work.

Thank you for your response to the Cardinal's request for support in the Annual Stewardship Appeal. I know that times are tight for many of us. I jokingly suggested someone pledge the outstanding \$59,000.00. However, if 1000 people pledged just \$59.00, we would meet our goal. Please do what you can to stop the mailings! Thank you.

Peace and all good,

Fr. Tom, ofm



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 11, 2023

11:00 AM

4:00 PM Laura Jack (D)

Sunday, March 12, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
& Eileen Veronica O'Hara (D)

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

11:00 Melissa Koeutidis (D)
& Eduardo Cuevas (D)

12:30 PM

5:00 PM

Monday, March 13, 2023

7:30 AM Modesto Mirana (D)

12:00 PM Special Intention of Feng Ying
& In Thanksgiving by A Le

5:30 PM Eva J. Carreon & Natividad Dianela
& Leo Bacares (D)

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

7:30 AM

12:00 PM Special Intention of A Le
& In Thanksgiving by Feng Ying

5:30 PM Rosario Aytona Sarmiento (D)

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

7:30 AM Birthday of Michael & Matthew Mbamelu

12:00 PM Peace in the Family by Song Ying &
Thanksgiving by Mother of Li Meng

5:30 PM

Thursday, March 16, 2023

7:30 AM

12:00 PM Thanksgiving by Song Ying
& Peace in the Family by Ying Cong

5:30 PM

Friday, March 17, 2023

7:30 AM Sally C;ark (D)

12:00 PM Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald, OFM (D)
Special Intention of Song Ying

5:30 PM Elizabeth Jablonski (D) & Rosa Dino

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

Catherine B. Puangco

and

In Memory of Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald, OFM

If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine
used at Masses each week,
or for the Sanctuary Light,

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*



LENTEN SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

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