

Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*Say to daughter Zion,
"Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass."*

- Mt 21:5

April 2, 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

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HOLY WEEK

THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
6PM

FRIDAY

SEVEN LAST WORDS
12PM
LITURGY OF THE PASSION
3PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
5PM

SATURDAY

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
7PM

SUNDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION
8AM, 11AM, 12:30PM, 5PM

ALL SERVICES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED AND AVAILABLE AT:
WWW.STFRANCISNYC.ORG/HOLYWEEK & WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/STFRANCISNYC



Easter Flowers

Click on the QR Code here if you would like to donate Easter Flowers in honor or memory

of a loved one. There are envelopes also available at the Front Desk as well as Easter Mass cards there.





The Pastor's Corner

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

Our solemn celebration of Holy Week has begun. We have prepared for five weeks. Our time of transformation continues. I invite you to listen to the passion through the ears of love. We began our season with Jesus in the desert. Having been named son, beloved, and favored at his baptism, his time of fasting is a time of faithfulness to this core identity and relationship with Father, lover, and giver of favor. The temptations to deny his identity fail. We go from the desert to the mountaintop, where this title is repeated in the presence of Peter, James, and John. Moses and Elijah are there. Moses, the instrument of the covenant on the desert, which was ratified by the blood of a sacrificed animal, encounters the giver of the new covenant, which will be ratified in his own blood.

Elijah, the great prophet, encounters the prophet who will give himself unreservedly in love for all people. We go to Samaria, where Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman at the Well of Jacob. He offers living water. The water of his grace flow without bounds through the Samaritan town calling the citizens to faith. At Bethesda, he opens the eyes of a man born blind and is grieved by leadership's lack of vision. They have eyes but do not see. They name others sinners while they attempt to limit the experience of God's grace. Then it is off to Bethany and his encounter with Martha, Mary, and those who with them grieve the death of Lazarus. He received a message noting, "the one you love is ill." He embodies what it is to be the "resurrection and the life" as he calls Lazarus forth from the place of death and restores him to life in the community. With this journey, we have been asked to realize that we, too, are daughters and sons, beloved, and favored. Despite many temptations to forego this identity, we are called to faithfulness. Like Peter, James, and John, we are encouraged to realize the glory of God, ever-present among us, and to affirm our commitment to the new covenant in him. With the woman at the well, we are swept up by the living water of grace. The new vision of man born blind is our call to wash the mud paste of cultural attitudes and bias from our eyes so that we might see the Son of Man. Jesus, the Lord of the living and the dead, calls us forth from our places of death and hiding. He invites our communities to liberate us from what binds us so that we can fully live as beloved daughters/sons and favored ones. From this space, we walk the way of the cross with him realizing the depth of his love and faithfulness to identity.

Please join us for as many of the Triduum celebrations as you are able. This will be a blessed time for our community and friends. The schedule is available on our website and also on the cards at the doors of the church. This year we invite any member of the congregation to come forward to have their feet washed. We will also restore the cup at mass as of Holy Thursday. You can choose to receive from the cup if you like. We have been through a lot in the last few years. We are blessed to be able to come together this year and delight in the love of God ever present among us.

Finally, on a sad note, another school shooting calls us to pray for the community of Nashville, TN. We pray for the healing of our nation and the care for all who grieve.

Thank you for all you bring to our community.

Blessings,

Fr. Tom, ofm



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 1, 2023

- 11:00 AM Adeline & Charles Santa Maria
& Bridget Reilly (D)
4:00 PM Tricia Rumola's Birthday
& Trudy Gallagher

Sunday, April 2, 2023

- 8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
& Arthur & Mary Bazzurro
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Eduardo Enrique Rochester Taylor (D)
& Lillian Halley (D)
12:30 PM Mercian Mascarenhas & Miguel
& Natalin Mascarenhas (D)
5:00 PM Mark & Andy Mascarenhas

Monday, April 3, 2023

- 7:30 AM Joshua, Isaiah & Nicole
& James Boyd Robinson (D)
12:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales (D)
& Salvatore & Nancy Pisani (D)
5:30 PM Lili & Mike Marullo
& Virgelio Y. Ramos (D)

Tuesday, April 4 2023

- 7:30 AM Modesto Miranda (D)
Ilona Szucs (D)
12:00 PM Thomas & Edith Castellana
& Maddalena Vallozi (D)
5:30 PM Harry Cafetz (D) & Ester Alino (D)

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

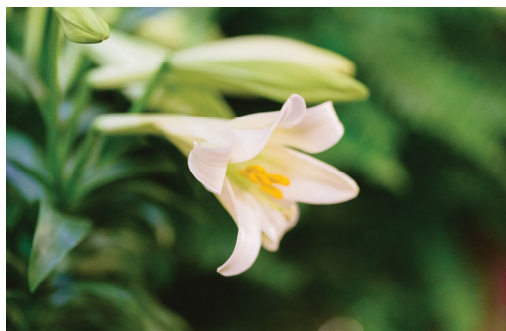
- 7:30 AM Lillian Lozada Thanksgiving
& Jemy Arcius Thanksgiving
12:00 PM Luis Mendez (D) & Patricia Quinn (D)
5:30 PM Cornelia & Matthew Melendez
& Gregorio Y. Ramos (D)

Thursday, April 6, 2023

- 7:30 AM No Mass
12:00 PM No Mass
5:30 PM No Mass

Friday, April 7, 2023

- 7:30 AM No Mass
12:00 PM No Mass
5:30 PM No Mass



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*

