

*Church of*

**Saint Francis of Assisi**

*The Heart of New York*

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.  
If there were not, would I have told you that I am  
going to prepare a place for you?” - Jn 14:2

**May 7, 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 the website for any Holiday schedule changes.

### 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


CELEBRATE  
*Mother's Day*

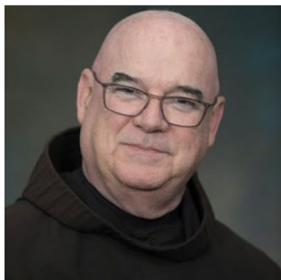


Remember your mother this Mother's Day with a Mass Card and Mass. Click on this QR code for more information and how to get your Mothers' Day cards!

Spring Book Club

Converge is hosting a three week Spring Book Club discussion of The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis. The book will be discussed on Three Monday evenings May 8, 15, & 22 from 6:30-8 pm. For more information click on this QR Code. The sessions are free but pre-registration is required.





## *The Pastor's Corner*

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

Alleluia! We continue our celebration of Easter! We give praise and thanks to God, who, in great love, is always faithful. Thank you for the many ways that you make the resurrection a reality for people today. We are indeed a graced faith community.

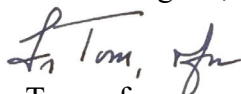
I am always curious about the text in the Acts of the Apostles. I do not dispute the need for ministry to all and the experience of underserved people. The Hellenists complained of being neglected. We continue to realize our limitations in our care for one another. Interestingly enough, the disciples' response to the cry of the poor was to see their primary role as prayer and the ministry of the Word. They needed to create a new ministry specifically for daily food distribution. Our call is to integrate the care for the community with prayer and the preaching of the Word. When we separate these, we miss the opportunity for encounter. Prayer and the preaching of the Word are essentially connected with engagement with people. Ministry with people is integrally linked to prayer and the living of the Word.

St. Francis understood this link. His encounter with people with leprosy was his encounter with Christ. His engagement with the Sultan was the discovery of a brother. Francis would spend hours in prayer shaped by his encounters with people. His prayer experience was not too busy to afford him the embrace of Christ in the human reality of the brothers, the poor, all afflicted with leprosy, and the infidels. He sent the brothers to live among the Saracens, the infidels. He did not send them to proselytize with words but with the example of their lives. When Francis talks of the poor Christ, he knows that he has bathed, fed, and embraced him/her as well as encountered him in the depths of contemplation. Prayer and service were essential to the lived experience of those who would walk the way of the Gospel with him.

It is wonderful to realize that we continue that tradition today. We have not fled the world but have engaged the mission of the Gospel. This community gives great witness to the love of God lived in care for each person. Our Gospel this weekend is one of my favorites. Jesus tells the disciples, "...you know the way." From the depths of our being, we know the way. Our engagement with one another, the joy of children, the love of companions, the awe at the migrants' journey, the courage of the homeless, and the gathering at the Eucharistic table show us the way. We hear Jesus, on the eve of his passion, declare, "Do not let your hearts be troubled, have faith in God and faith in me."

As we continue our Easter journey, let us be renewed in our commitment to recognize Christ present in creation, our sisters and brothers, joyful, loving, lonely, broken, fragile, or angry. Let our prayer be shaped by encounters and the mystery of God's love. We are indeed blessed.

Peace and all good,

  
Fr. Tom, ofm





## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, May 6, 2023

11:00 AM Mathew Hylton & Peter Shi (D)  
4:00 PM Charles Janiak (D) & Mathew Tran (D)

### Sunday, May 7, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League & Rodolpfo B. Aspillaga  
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
11:00 James Castellana & Lee Sherman (D)  
12:30 PM Jean Luc Bruballa (D) & Marty Gumb (D)  
5:00 PM Mary Shepherd (D) & Lizabelle Aron & Family

### Monday, May 8, 2023

7:30 AM Michael & Providencia Gilbride & Rizel Amancia & Family  
12:00 PM Olympio Leone (D) & Salvatore & Nancy Pisani (D)  
5:30 PM Rev. Ronald Strark (D) & Healing for Barbara Sonntag

### Tuesday, May 9, 2023

7:30 AM Damaris Castillo & Peter Shi (D)  
12:00 PM Jacqueline Dupree - Healing & In Thanksgiving by Lucy  
5:30 PM Alexis Morales & Rufino Ortiz (D)

### Wednesday, May 10, 2023

7:30 AM Xavier Melendez & Mercedes Ortiz (D)  
12:00 PM Ann Calam (D) & Pure Fiel (D)  
5:30 PM Bridget Connolly & Patricia McGuire & Friends

### Thursday, May 11, 2023

7:30 AM Mary O'Sullivan  
12:00 PM Ursula Mahoney (D) & Magda Garbalinska - Healing  
5:30 PM Lily M. Kwan & Deniece Dortch

### Friday, May 12, 2023

7:30 AM  
12:00 PM Intentions of Ruedas Family & Amani Stroude's Birthday  
5:30 PM Jose & Cirila Salumbre (D)

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

Catherine B. Puangco  
Adelaida Carlos Special Intentions

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

THANK YOU!!!



*Thank you for your on-going support of the Migrant Center's Drop-In Center where we have been able to assist so many of the 55,000 migrants who have come to New York to begin their new lives!!*

*We have phased out the Drop-In Center so that we can focus on other needed assistance for them like learning English and helping them fill out the Immigration forms and assisting them with job skills.*

*There is still a great need for people who are bi-lingual with either Spanish or French/Haitian. If you are able to help with these ministries, please contact Fr. Julian at [jjagudilla@stfranciscnyc.org](mailto:jjagudilla@stfranciscnyc.org) or call 212-736-8500 x377.*

*Again, many many Thanks for all you have done in helping us to provide for our sisters and brothers!!*

