



*Church of*

## **Saint Francis of Assisi**

*The Heart of New York*

### **20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

**August 20, 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

Please check website for 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

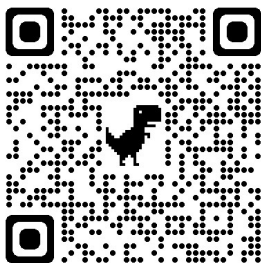
Monday—Friday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
in Lower Church

### Spiritual Direction

Are you in need of some time in your month to sit and talk about your faith and spiritual journey with a person trained to listen and offer some tools to deepen your journey? There are trained Spiritual Directors here at St. Francis of Assisi who can listen and journey along with you. To make an initial appointment to explore Spiritual Direction and to see if it is something you want to invest your time and energy in, contact Fr. Barry Langley at [BLangley@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:BLangley@stfrancisnyc.org).



Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming a Catholic or finishing other rites of Initiation like Confirmation? Click on the QR Code for more information about the RCIA here at St. Francis of Assisi!







## The Pastor's Corner

Dear Community and Friends of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi,

Matthew 15:21-28 tells the account of a Canaanite woman who approaches Jesus seeking healing for daughter.

At first glance, this passage may appear discouraging. Jesus initially ignores the woman's pleas, stating that his mission is only for "the lost sheep of Israel." But undeterred by His response, she persists in her request. Even when Jesus refers to her as a mere "dog," she humbly replies, "Yes, Lord, but even dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

This interaction reveals an inspiring lesson about unwavering faith and persistence. It demonstrates that true faith transcends boundaries and stereotypes. The Canaanite woman's unwavering trust in Jesus' ability to heal her daughter prompts Him to commend her great faith and ultimately grant her petition.

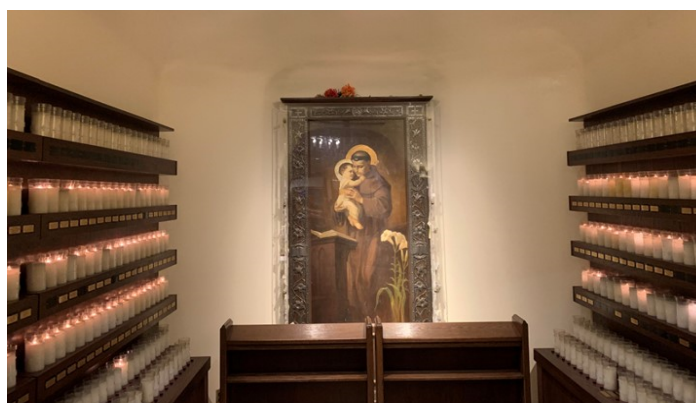
Upon reflection on this passage, I am reminded that there will be times when our prayers seemingly go unheard or unanswered. However, it is during these moments that our faith must remain steadfast like the Canaanite woman's.

As Christians navigating challenging circumstances and uncertainties in life, we can learn from this encounter by embracing perseverance despite setbacks or disappointments we may face along our journey.

Just as the Canaanite woman approached Jesus courageously with sincerity and hopefulness beyond societal barriers, let us approach life with unwavering trust in God's plan for us – knowing that even amidst adversity or seeming rejection - His love can transform any situation into one filled with blessings beyond measure.

Peace and all Good,

Fr. Joe, ofm



### A Perpetual Prayer Opportunity

We invite you to remember or pray for a loved one or a personal intention in a special way by lighting a candle for a year in the Shrine of St. Anthony in the Lower Church.

A small plaque displaying the name of your loved one or your intention will be mounted below the candle. The annual offering for each candle is \$200 which will benefit the outreach ministries of the Church. Click on the QR Code here to get more information.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, August 19, 2023

11:00 AM Elena Wenzel & Carmen Polynice (D)  
4:00 PM Marie Barrie (D)  
& Roberto Camacho Nieto (D)

## Sunday, August 20, 2023

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League  
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community  
11:00  
12:30 PM Elizabeth J. Carbone (D)  
5:00 PM

## Monday, August 21, 2023

7:30 AM Veline Vidal Joseph Birthday  
12:00 PM Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)  
5:30 PM

## Tuesday, August 22, 2023

7:30 AM Ann Matthew Birthday  
12:00 PM Asha & Dala George for  
Our Lady of the Assumption  
5:30 PM

## Wednesday, August 23, 2023

7:30 AM  
12:00 PM  
5:30 PM Brian Caulfield Birthday  
& Patricia Cuti (D)

## Thursday, August 24, 2023

7:30 AM  
12:00 PM Evan Netto Birthday  
5:30 PM

## Friday, August 25, 2023

7:30 AM  
12:00 PM Verna & Salvatore Bronzo (D)  
& Thomas James Albinski (D)  
5:30 PM Luis A. Carreon, Sr. (D)

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

Catherine B. Puangco

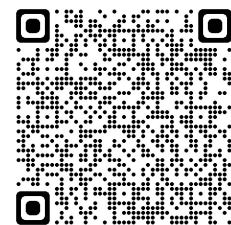
If you would like to make a donation for bread and wine  
used at Masses each week,  
or for the Sanctuary Light,  
please go to the reception desk in the  
lobby of St. Francis House.

## Take a Tour



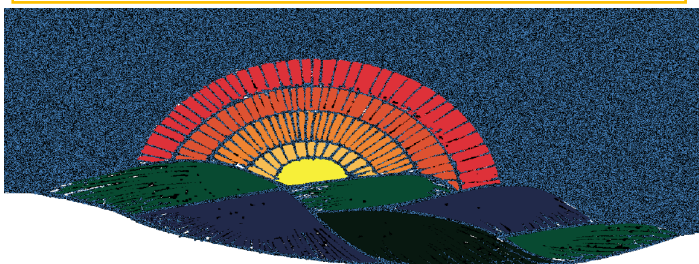
is sponsoring a  
tour of the  
Catacombs of

Old St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral  
on Saturday, August  
26th at 5pm. Click  
on this QR Code for  
more information  
and to buy your  
ticket.



## Migrant Center

The Migrant Center is  
partnering with a  
coalition of other  
agencies to provide job  
fairs and job training  
opportunities to newly  
arrived migrants and  
anyone who needs it.



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