



Palm Sunday

Church of

Saint Francis of Assisi

The Heart of New York

March 24, 2024

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Welcome  Witness
Worship

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 & bulletin for holiday schedule changes.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Friday

8 - 9 AM; 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM;
4:30 - 5:30 PM

Saturday 10 - 11 AM

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



Let it begin with Trees

An Earth Day & Arbor Day Event
hosted by the Laudato Si Circle
at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi

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Circle at St. Francis

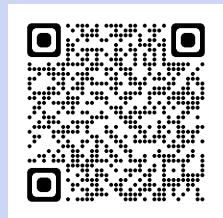
Jesus Falls A Third Time

Pray the Stations of the Cross using this guide that relates what is happening to Jesus on his way to Calvary with what is happening to our common home and people with the climate crisis. Visit <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/stations-of-the-cross-in-the-wake-of-the-climate-crisis/>

Jesus' journey nears the end, and the weight of evil in the world bears down on Him as he grows weaker and falls a third time. As climate change intensifies, our crosses will become heavier and our commitment may wane, causing us to fall again. Yet the cries of the poor and the earth motivate us to get up from our fall and remain steadfast in our response as Christians.

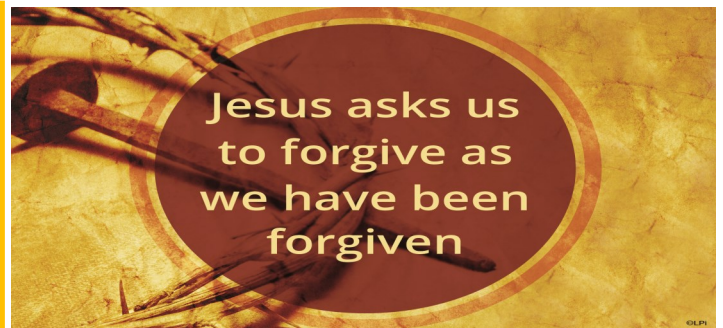
"Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident." Pope Francis (LD 5)

For more information about the Laudato Si Circle here at St. Francis or to share your own tip of the week, email: stfrancislaudatosi@gmail.com
Click on the QR Code to go to our page on the website for St. Francis Church.



Weekly Collections Weekend of March 9-10, 2024

In-Pew Collection	\$8,185.76
OnLine Collection	1,887.00
OnLine Church Support	802.00
Total:	\$10,874.76



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 22, 2024

11:00 AM Jean Castellana & Erik Charles Cruz
4:00 PM Carmine Caronna & Rena Karlene Kalloo

Sunday, March 23, 2024

8:00 AM Members of Franciscan Mass League
& Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Arthur & Mary Bazzurro
& Mercedes Joachim (D)
12:30 PM Sunghee Kim (D) & Napoleon Luna (D)
5:00 PM Artemas Beattie (D)
& Healing for Arthur Faison

Monday, March 24, 2024

7:30 AM Healing for Joseph Previl & St. Anthony
12:00 PM Xing Hua (D) & Yolanda Fonseca (D)
5:30 PM Verna & Salvatore Bronzo (D)
& Ms. Jenny (D)

Tuesday, March 25, 2024

7:30 AM Anna M. Thottam (D)
& Annabella Wong (D)
12:00 PM Ma Din (D) & Manuel Eslao (D)
5:30 PM Eleuteria Amora (D) & Eileen Kerwick

Wednesday, March 26, 2024

7:30 AM Mary Margaret O'Hara (D)
& Annabella Wong (D)
12:00 PM Ma Din (D) & Jose Medina (D)
5:30 PM Christopher Temple (D)
& Roberto Moscaya (D)

Holy Thursday, March 27, 2024

7:30 AM
12:00 PM
5:30 PM

Good Friday, March 28, 2024

7:30 AM
12:00 PM
5:30 PM

The Liturgy of the Triduum is celebrated for the intentions of the community.

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 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.

For more information scan the QR Code.



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HOLY WEEK 2024

THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper
6pm

FRIDAY

Seven Last Words
12pm

Liturgy of the Passion
3pm

Stations of the Cross
5:30pm

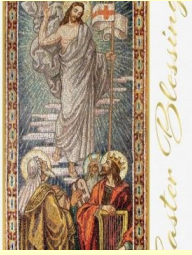
SATURDAY

The Great Vigil of Easter
6:30pm

SUNDAY

Mass of the Lord's Resurrection
8am • 11am • 12:30pm





Remember your family & friends with an Easter card!

We have a few styles of Easter cards available to remember and honor your loved ones. Click on the QR Codes to order them!



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PALM SUNDAY



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

The Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

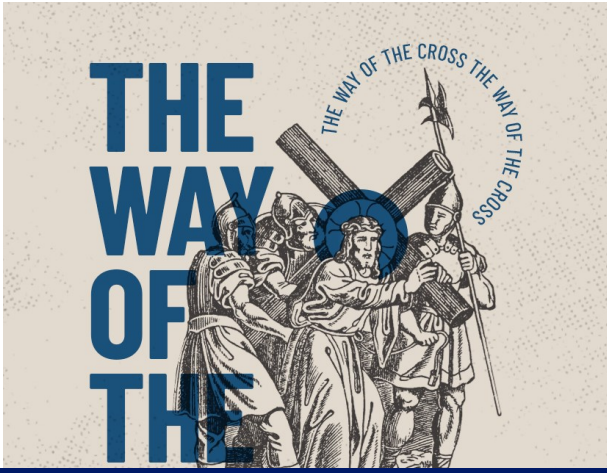
How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16

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RESURRECTION

Join us for the Stations of the Resurrection

Every Friday during the Easter Season we will pray the Stations of the Resurrection after the Noon and 5:30pm Masses. Fr. Michael Carnevale will lead the prayer.

Come and join the community in this Easter Season devotion!



We're invited to Good Friday Way of the Cross

We are invited to accompany the members of Pax Christi Metro New York in a Christian Peace Witness on Good Friday, March 29th beginning at 8:30 am. They will start at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza between 2nd and 1st Avenues at E. 47th Street and then process to 42nd Street



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.

