



*The Lord is
king;
he is robed in majesty.*
— *Ps. 93*

NOVEMBER 24, 2024
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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The Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Midtown Manhattan is a parish in the Archdiocese of New York and an urban ministry center staffed by the province of Our Lady of Guadalupe 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

Welcome  *Witness*
Worship

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 Masses

4:00, 5:15 PM

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM, 9:15 AM (Korean), 10:00 AM (en español),
11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 5:00 PM

Please join us for our Sunday 11:00 AM or 5:00PM livestreamed Masses. Special events will also be livestreamed.

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM; 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM; Saturday 11:00 AM

Please note that there will be no 7:30 AM or 5:00 PM Mass on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday 8:00 - 9:00 am; 11:00 am - 12:00 pm; 4:30 - 5:30 pm;
Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 am

DEVOTIONS

Monday: Devotions in honor of the Blessed Mother, after all Masses

Tuesday: St. Anthony Devotions, after all Masses

Wednesday: St. Jude Devotions, after all Masses

Thursday: The Sacrament of Anointing, after all Masses

Friday: Devotions in Honor of the Sacred Cross, after all Masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday-Saturday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm (Lower Church)

Dated Mass and weekly Bread and Wine or Sanctuary Lamp intentions may be reserved at our Hospitality desk in the Francis House where Mass cards are sold.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 23, 2024

11:00 AM Infant Of Prague; Erik Charles Cruz

4:00 PM Thanksgiving Baltazar Miranda; Thanksgiving Marilyn Roy

Sunday, November 24, 2024

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

11:00 Jody Durham; Elena Diaz Ynoa (D)

12:30 PM Clemente Listana (D); Poor Souls In Purgatory

5:00 Edwin Paul Kellerman (D); Jose Paulo Lacson (D)

Monday, November 25, 2024

7:30 AM Veneracion Czobor; Mike & Chris Flynn (D)

12:00 PM Jorge Sievert (D); Dimech Family (D)

5:30 Verna & Salvatore Bronzo (D); Reiji Wakayama

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

7:30 AM Frank & Mary Flynn (D); Healing Of Priscilla Kilayko

12:00 PM Thanksgiving & Blessings Gotaco - Lee Families; Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

5:30 Dennis Delio (D); Susan Porzio

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

7:30 AM Maria J. Carreon (D)

12:00 PM Sheldon St. Clair (D); Mathew Varkey (D)

5:30 Debra Mabasaqui (D); Holy Souls

Thursday, November 28, 2024

7:30 AM No Intentions — No Mass due to Holiday

12:00 PM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro; Esther & Jose Medina (D)

5:30 No Intentions — No Mass due to Holiday

Friday, November 29, 2024

7:30 AM No Intentions — No Mass due to Holiday

12:00 PM Helen Flanagan (D); Mercedes Luna

5:30 No Intentions — No Mass due to Holiday

This week's Bread and Wine: Catherine Puangco

This week's Sanctuary Lights: Catherine Puangco

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The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,
Greetings!

This weekend marks the end of the liturgical year cycle B on the Feast of Christ the King. Next week we begin the new liturgical year, cycle C with the First Sunday of Advent.

The Feast of Christ the King does not glorify itself like the royalty of kings and queens on an earthly understanding. Rather, it raises up Jesus Christ as a celestial King of the universe.

Verses from the first reading from the Book of Daniel indicate his kingship: "like a Son of Man received dominion, glory and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him." Jesus is our universal faith leader. This followed by meaningful verses from the second reading

from the Book of Revelation: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," which means Jesus is the beginning and the end. Jesus will meet all of us on Judgement Day as we make an account of our lives and amend for our sins.

In the passage from the Gospel of John, Jesus proclaims his mission in life: "For this I was born and for this I came into the world to testify to the truth." Sisters and brothers, in a world that seems to take liberties with the truth, it is refreshing to know that Christ the King exemplifies the Truth in our spiritual lives.

We look forward to the new liturgical year and the Holy Season of Advent as we await the Second Coming of Jesus Christ!

Blessings on you all,

Father Brian



The soup is on!
Come encounter God through the Word this Advent. Join us as we break bread, drink soup, and open the Sunday Advent Gospels.

Our Advent Soup and Scripture will be held Monday evenings,

November 25, December 2, December 9, and December 16. Join us for one, two, three or all four reflections. All are welcome!

This is a free event, but since soup is being served, we are asking for free will donations to offset the costs of the meal. Please register below to let us know that you are coming. You can RSVP using this QR code, or at stfrancisnyc.org/advent-soup-and-scripture



CAROLS WITH THE CHOIR

Join us on Sunday, December 1, at 3pm as we welcome the season with song and joy! This year, we're delighted to host our annual Carols with the Choir earlier than usual, offering the perfect opportunity to step into the Advent and Christmas season together.



christmas carols with the choir
featuring: THE EMPIRE CITY MEN'S CHORUS

Featuring not only our talented music ministry, but also a guest performance from the renowned Empire City Men's Chorus, this promises to be an inspiring afternoon filled with cherished carols, stunning harmonies, and the warmth of our community.

Bring family, friends, and neighbors as we celebrate the Light of the World with song. Don't miss the chance to gather early and joyfully this holiday season. We can't wait to see you there!

This event is free and open to the public. A Free Will donation will be taken up at the event.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY



Zero is a Positive Number

What does “Net Zero” mean? Why is it a goal and how do we achieve it?

Net Zero means that the scales are balanced — the amount of greenhouse gases (carbon, methane, others) that we emit into the atmosphere equals the amount we re-absorb. Right now, the scales are tipped, and an excessive build-up of gases is at the heart of the crisis. To achieve Net Zero, we need to reduce what we put out there, but also increase our re-absorption. Consuming fewer products, using public transportation, and planting more trees and plants will all help us get to Zero.

“It’s the little things citizens do. That’s what will make the difference. My little thing is planting trees.” — *Wangari Maathai, the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize*

Also, here’s a correction for the link from the Laudato Si Circle last week. You can find the joint statement issued from Catholic Climate Covenant and the Laudato Si Movement regarding the recent election here: stfrancisnyc.org/laudato-si-circle-part-of-gods-plan-et

If you have a question or something you’d like to share, please email us at stfrancislaudatosi@gmail.com



THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 28th is Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving and the following day, Friday, November 29th, we will have one Mass at noon. There are no confessions on Thanksgiving Day or the Friday after Thanksgiving Day.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI — CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

Advent is coming soon! Find out more about our seasonal traditions, including Soup and Scripture, Carols with the Choir, Christmas flower donations, the full Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass schedule, and more at stfrancisnyc.org/advent-and-christmas

And our Christmas cards are back! You can pick them up at our Hospitality desk in the Francis House, where Mass cards are sold, or find them online at stfrancisnyc.org/st-francis-mass-cards-and-gifts

A PERPETUAL PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

We invite you to remember or pray for a loved one 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. You can use this QR code for more information.



SAVE THE DATE — WINTER PARISH RETREAT

Our Adult Education with the support of Converge Ministry will be holding our Wappingers Falls winter retreat January 31-February 2, 2025. The retreat is open to all church ministers, volunteers, parishioners and friends.

Joseph Nuzzi, our former Director of Evangelization, will be joining us as retreat master. More information will be coming soon, including registration details and costs. Mark your calendars!