



JANUARY 19, 2025 · SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

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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), 10:00 AM (en español),

11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 5:00 PM

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

Weekday Masses

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

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: Our Lady of Lourdes, after the 7:30 am and 5:30 pm Masses;
The Sacrament of Anointing, after the 12pm Mass

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, January 18, 2025

11:00 AM Giovannie & Leonardo Mamaril & Jimmy Delos Santos (D)

4:00 PM Mangroo Family (D)

Sunday, January 19, 2025

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

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

11:00 Joseph Rufa (D); Sister Mary Perasa, CSJ (D)

12:30 PM Thanksgiving Agnes Revilla; Rogelio Delos Santos (D)

5:00 Cresing Gregorio (D); Rodrigo Baguyo, Sr. (D)

Monday, January 20, 2025

11:00 AM Police Officer Joseph R. Garcia (D)

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM No Intentions

5:30 Luz & Trinidad Parrilla; Nelida P. Legaspi (D)

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

7:30 AM Alfred & Olive Bazzurro

12:00 PM Mark Miranda

5:30 No Intentions

Thursday, January 23, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM Murawski Family

5:30 Birthday Angelica Davis Williams (D)

Friday, January 24, 2025

7:30 AM Jose Armas Bernal (D)

12:00 PM Gerard Celestin (D)

5:30 No Intentions

This week's Bread and Wine: Catherine Puangco

This week's Sanctuary Lights: Catherine Puangco; Intention of Dolores Henry

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The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

This weekend we return to Ordinary Time after the Advent/Christmas season. In today's Gospel passage from John, we witness the beginning of the three year public ministry of Jesus Christ. His very first miracle was performed at a Wedding Ceremony in Cana. The miracle was not merely changing water into wine. Rather, the significant change was evident in the married couple themselves, who were no longer two independent persons but a couple interdependent on one another. This interdependent couple serves both each other and the local community they live in. They share in a common ministry of being witnesses to local society through their marital commitment.

In the second reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, Paul has the delicate task of supporting their enthusiasm for the gifts of the Spirit, while insisting that these gifts be employed for the common good. That common good includes a mission with different ministries and giftedness — we are all blessed with various gifts to serve the local community, as evident in 1 Corinthians 12:11: "But one and the same Spirit produces all of these gifts, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes."

All of us are born with unique gifts and talents. And for the sake of the common good in our society, may we effectively utilize these gifts for the Kingdom of God here on Earth!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Going forward, we will include more information about our parish finances in the bulletin. This includes information about our collection totals, both in-person during Masses and online.

Online Sunday Collections, 1/6-1/12: \$2,289.88

In-Person Collections, Weekend Masses 1/4-1/5: \$5,003

In-Person Collections, Weekday Masses 1/6-1/10: \$1,290



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

On Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024, Pope Francis designated calendar year 2025 as the Jubilee Year of Hope. A Jubilee is one of the most significant events of the Catholic Church that occurs every 25 years.

With the beginning of the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, there are many questions the faithful may ask, including what the Jubilee Year of Hope can contribute to our life of faith. The Jubilee Year of Hope offers an extraordinary opportunity to attain salvation and experience that God's holiness can transform us. During the course of this calendar year, our parish will engage in periodic spiritual activities to celebrate and observe this Jubilee Year of Hope. Please stay tuned!

You can find out more about the Jubilee Year of Hope, including a calendar of world events and prayer resources, at usccb.org/jubilee2025

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK UPDATE AND DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Due to Pastoral concerns, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will only be administered at the Thursday 12pm Mass. This change will begin January 2, 2025. Here is the Church teaching from the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults — United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament of healing is given to a person who is seriously ill or in danger of death due to sickness or old age.* Elderly people may be anointed if they are in a weak condition though no dangerous illness is present.

**This also includes the mentally ill and those preparing for a medical procedure.*

After the Thursday 7:30am and 5:30pm Masses, we will have devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes. You can find those and all of our devotions here: stfrancisnyc.org/prayers-devotions



Mainstreaming Now

Thank you, Netflix, for your documentary “Buy Now! The Shopping Conspiracy.” Movies like this reach millions and bring the issues into the light, into the mainstream. The movie explores the tricks brands use to keep us consuming, and the real impact that has on our lives and the rest of the world. You can watch the trailer here: youtu.be/OVfZw_eqJW8

Thank you, “Common Ground”, for teaching us about regenerative farming and how filled with hope we really are. You can find out more about the film here: commongroundfilm.org

“to till and keep’ the garden of the world. ‘Tilling’ refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while ‘keeping’ means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving.” — Pope Francis (LS67)

For more information about the Laudato Si Circle here at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, email stfrancislaudatosi@gmail.com



WINTER PARISH RETREAT: JUBILEE — LIBERTY AND RENEWAL

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

In keeping with a centuries-old tradition of celebrating a Jubilee Year every 25 years, Pope Francis has proclaimed a Jubilee for 2025. During the ancient Jubilee, prisoners would be released, slaves would be set free, and justice would be restored. On this retreat we will reflect on this special time of Jubilee and how God sets us free to be people of peace, justice and equality.

Join us to spend time with other parishioners to pray, reflect and reconnect with God and each other. Joseph Nuzzi, our former Director of Evangelization, will be joining us as retreat master.

Registration is \$300. If you would like to reserve your spot, you can register now with a deposit of \$100.00 and make partial payments so long as your payment is complete by January 15, 2025.

For more information and to register, go to stfrancisnyc.org/st-francis-weekend-retreat-2025

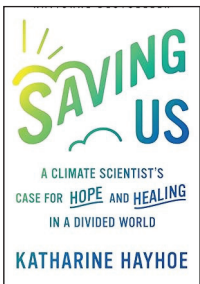
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY SCHEDULE

On Monday, January 20, 2025 our nation will commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We will have only one Mass. This Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM. There will be no confessions, and the church offices and Adult Education Center are closed for the day.

Please note: when the church offices are closed, all ministry meetings, classes and self-help groups are suspended.

HAYHOE LET’S GO! — CONVERGE AND LAUDATO SI BOOK CLUB



If you’re wondering how to have hope amidst the climate crisis, join the club!

The Converge Ministry and the Laudato Si Circle are co-hosting a new book club to discuss *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist’s Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*, by Katharine Hayhoe.

According to the author, a Christian and a climate scientist, simply talking about it is a huge step in the right direction. So that’s what we’ll do with the guidance she provides in the book.

We will meet in the Clare Room from 6:30-8:00 PM on five consecutive Mondays beginning February 3rd. It is FREE but registration is requested. You can RSVP at stfrancisnyc.org/converge-and-laudato-si-book-club