

*The Spirit  
of the  
Lord  
is  
Upon Me  
— Lk 4:18*



**JANUARY 26, 2025 • THIRD 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

*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 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 25, 2025

11:00 AM Verna & Salvatore Bronzo & Family Living & Deceased; Birthday  
Roberto Ghan (D)

4:00 PM Angelita Pama's Birthday (D); Sean & Edward Donoghue (D)

## Sunday, January 26, 2025

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

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

11:00 Poor Souls; Sp Intentions Celestin Lawson

12:30 PM No Intentions

5:00 No Intentions

## Monday, January 27, 2025

7:30 AM Jose Aridio Nunez (D)

12:00 PM Dominga Minerva Mercy Luna (D)

5:30 No Intentions

## Tuesday, January 28, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM Mathew Varkey (D); Anniversary Patrick J. Mcmanus (D)

5:30 No Intentions

## Wednesday, January 29, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM No Intentions

5:30 Kathy Muzinic (D)

## Thursday, January 30, 2025

7:30 AM Bernard Suwanto

12:00 PM Mary M. Hyer (D)

5:30 Charles Janiak (D); Virginia Huang (D)

## Friday, January 31, 2025

7:30 AM Jose Armas Bernal (D)

12:00 PM No Intentions

5:30 No Intentions

**This week's Bread and Wine:** Catherine Puangco

**This week's Sanctuary Lights:** Catherine Puangco; Carmelite & Victoria  
Maynard (D)

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## The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

Our parish is part of the Archdiocese of New York, which is part of the US Catholic Conference of Bishops of America, which is part of the Roman Catholic Church in the world. Therefore, we are all connected to one another like parts of

the body. In today's second reading from the first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ... Now the body is not a single part, but many."

Since we all agree that we are connected to a greater Body of Christ other than ourselves, we are part of the Archdiocese of New York as well as the Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This weekend, I will be speaking at all the Masses regarding the yearly Cardinal's Appeal for the Archdiocese. Records indicate that our parish has been generous before in the past. I am humbly asking that we be generous this year. Last year, our parish donated \$47,000 to Appeal. Two years before that, our parish donated over \$98,000 to the Appeal. This year, I am asking that we donate at least \$65,000 to the Cardinal's Appeal. The goal of the Archdiocese this year is \$21 million dollars. They break it down to five sections: \$9M for financial assistance for struggling parishes; \$3.5M for pastoral administration, grants and services; \$3M for retired

priests, priestly education and formation programs; \$3M for Catholic education; \$2.5M for charitable outreach. NOT a single dime goes to cases that have caused scandal! I assure you it does not!

I will be asking permission from our newly formed finance council with our two trustees — to give a substantial, designated gift to the Cardinal's Appeal. What would be this designated gift? We would designate the second section "pastoral administration, grants and services," because the Archdiocesan Offices of Real Estate and Insurance have been extremely helpful to our parish the last few months. I mean really helpful!

I fully understand that some parishioners may feel ambivalent to donating to the Cardinal's Appeal. I am personally appealing to you to faithfully reconsider. Some parishioners have already told me that they will be designating their donations to worthy causes such as Catholic Education and Charitable Outreach. You all have the spiritual and legal right to donate your funds to any specific section of the Cardinal's Appeal.

Again, as St. Paul writes in the second reading, there are many parts to the body. Let us be part of the Body of Christ!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

### 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](http://usccb.org/jubilee2025)

# LAUDATO SI

## ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY



### The Invasive Species

Most of us believe that if we humans just left nature alone it would do its thing and reset itself to become Eden once again. It turns out this isn't true, and that nature is telling us a different story. Studies of abandoned areas over large periods of time have revealed that nature does not reset and reach equilibrium or optimum biodiversity. It seems we humans are needed to achieve that. We are a part of nature — not above, or below, or otherwise separate. We play an important role and our relation to the natural world is complex. Our hope lies in what form our presence will now take. We are the only species that hasn't learned how to complete a circle of production.

*"In all things of nature, there is something of the marvelous." — Aristotle*

For more information about the Laudato Si Circle here at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, email [stfrancislaudatosi@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancislaudatosi@gmail.com).

### 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, 1/13-1/19: \$3,305

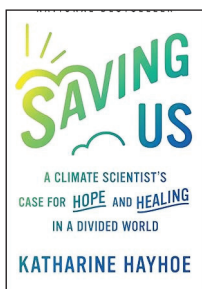
In-Person Collections, Weekend Masses 1/18-1/19: \$4,165

In-Person Collections, Weekday Masses 1/13-1/17: \$ 1,399

### SYNOD SPIRITUALITY

The new Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe recently convened a meeting in Kansas City, Missouri to discuss various aspects of the worldwide Synod that recently took place in Rome, Italy. They have asked that each Franciscan placement of our new Province form a synodal group. Since Father Brian has been here for the last six months, he has formed a finance council and is in the process of forming a parish council and a Development Committee. Once all those three committees are fully formed, select members of those three committees will comprise the synodal group. This may take a few months, but it will help us to truly listen to voice of the laity through our newly-charged lay leaders. For more information, please contact Father Brian at [bjordan@stfranciscnyc.org](mailto:bjordan@stfranciscnyc.org) or call 212-736-8500 ext. 232.

### 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 [stfranciscnyc.org/converge-and-laudato-si-book-club](http://stfranciscnyc.org/converge-and-laudato-si-book-club)