




## FEBRUARY 2, 2025 • FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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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)

# Mass Intentions for the Week

## Saturday, February 1, 2025

11:00 AM Thomas & Edith Castellana

4:00 PM Kuwantai Yeh; May Austria-Luis King (D)

## Sunday, February 2, 2025

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

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

11:00 Fabiola Suwanto

12:30 PM Martha Fernandez

5:00 Eric Castellana; Healing Providencia Castro Gilbride

## Monday, February 3, 2025

7:30 AM Erlinda Claudio Bernal (D)

12:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales Rosado & All Deceased Family Members; Andrew E. Murawski

5:30 Rosalie Huang (D)

## Tuesday, February 4, 2025

7:30 AM Thanksgiving Lucy McManus

12:00 PM No Intentions

5:30 Thomas Castellana; Ambrocio & Magdalena Sanjongco Wingco Family (D)

## Wednesday, February 5, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM No Intentions

5:30 No Intentions

## Thursday, February 6, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM Mary Yost & Miss T. Cihanek

5:30 St. Jude

## Friday, February 7, 2025

7:30 AM Jose Armas Bernal (D)

12:00 PM Casper Cihanek

5:30 Diane Bardy Zafiros; Benito Chua & Raul Paloma (D)

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

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

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

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## The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

What a whirlwind of fear that has descended upon our nation this past week! Undocumented people fearful of mass deportations. Budget cuts to our Federal climate change projects.

Birthright citizenship being threatened. The Affordable Care Act and other health care benefits are subject to cuts. WOW!

Our former governor and former president, Franklin D. Roosevelt once said "There is nothing to fear but fear itself." There is true genuine fear in our great nation. But it is how we face these fears with faith that makes the difference in how we live and cope in fearful times. Many of our parishioners are helping immigrants to know their rights as human beings. Our Laudato Si Circle and Converge Ministry are addressing climate change in a book club that begins this Monday, February 3. Some of our parishioners are lawyers and professors who are upholding the right of birthright citizenry. Many of our parishioners are in the health care field and are vigorously defending the right to health care. I am honored and privileged to serve in a parish that is active in their meaningful "ministries" to serve the People

of God. More has to be done, and we cannot rest on our laurels. The closing words of today's Gospel passage from Luke come from Simeon, an elder who waited for many years to see the Savior, Jesus Christ. He encounters the child Jesus in the Temple, holds him in his arms, and says with faith and gratitude "for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all peoples: a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

Let the light of Christ shine on our nation during these difficult times!

Father Brian

## PRESIDENTS' DAY SCHEDULE

On Monday, February 17 2025, our nation will celebrate Presidents' Day. 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.

**ABOUT THE COVER ART:** *Presentation of Jesus at the Temple*, 12th century Georgian cloisonné enamel icon. On display at the Museum of Fine Arts, Tbilisi, Georgia.

## 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



### Good Climate News – Part 1 of 2

It's not all bad news. We're still far from where we want to be, but we are moving in the right direction, and we are doing better than our worst-case scenario.

According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), our Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is decoupling from our carbon emissions. This trend is also happening in the EU, Japan, Korea, and Australia. The IEA projects that CO2 emissions may be nearing a peak, so the whole world is likely to reach this "absolute decoupling" very soon! It is possible to be both rich and green.

Correspondingly, the mortality rate of children under 5 has dropped. There's a connection here. We're all connected. The small actions you're taking are working and have not been in vain.

*"The very real and quantifiable benefits of what we've achieved so far encourage us to keep going, and there's plenty of positive momentum out there." — Katharine Hayhoe*

To contact the Laudato Si Circle here at St. Francis, please 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, 1/20-1/26: \$2,949

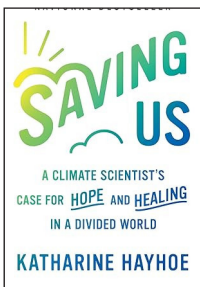
In-Person Collections, Weekend Masses 1/25-1/26: \$4,746

In-Person Collections, Weekday Masses 1/20-1/24: \$1,003

### 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@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:bjordan@stfrancisnyc.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 [stfrancisnyc.org/converge-and-laudato-si-book-club](http://stfrancisnyc.org/converge-and-laudato-si-book-club)