

*Come after me
and I will
make you
fishers of men.*

— Matthew 4:19




FEBRUARY 9, 2025
FIFTH 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, February 8, 2025

11:00 AM Veronica Bulong (D); Josefina Lopez (D)
4:00 PM The Earth, And For All Of Us, That We May Become Better Stewards
of God's Creation; Francisca P. Garcia (D)

Sunday, February 9, 2025

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Elizabeth Carole Michels (D)
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Poor Souls; Birthday Dolores Henry
12:30 PM Guillermo, Amparo & Alejandrino Parrilla (D); Intention of
Patricia Beaton
5:00 Fr. Peter Colapietro (D); Mrs. Mary Di Verna (D)

Monday, February 10, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions
12:00 PM No Intentions
5:30 No Intentions

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

7:30 AM James Flanagan (D)
12:00 PM Steven Ecrivata (D)
5:30 Anne & Joseph Hohnhorst (D)

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions
12:00 PM No Intentions
5:30 No Intentions

Thursday, February 13, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions
12:00 PM Martha Fernandez (D)
5:30 No Intentions

Friday, February 14, 2025

7:30 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro
12:00 PM Sarah Quigley (D)
5:30 No Intentions

This week's Bread and Wine: Catherine Puangco

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

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The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

What is the difference between a tariff and tithing? A tariff is a tax imposed by the government of a country on imports or exports on another country. Its purpose is to gain revenue, as well as to reduce pressure from foreign competition. The recent tariffs

imposed upon Canada and Mexico have caused controversy in our own North America. I thought we were allies — not competitors. But tithing in the Bible is the practice of giving 10 percent of one's earnings, possessions or productions to God. The word "tithe" comes from Hebrew and means "a tenth." Many other houses of worship, such as Jewish temples and Protestant churches, have adapted this practice to support their local faith community. It is a free will offering, not a tax.

Our weekend's readings view "tithing" not as a financial transaction, but as a vocational choice to serve God with free will. Throughout salvation history, God has used various messengers to communicate his words to his people. Today's readings share a common quality: Isaiah, St. Paul and Simon Peter have humbling realizations of their own sinfulness in the presence of true holiness. This is a "tithing" of vocational discernment.

In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, he purges his sinfulness and responds to the call of God: "Here I am," I said, "Send me!" In the second reading, Paul says in the first letter to the Corinthians "By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective." In the Gospel passage from Luke, Simon Peter admits his sin. But Jesus encourages his vocational choice by saying "Simon Peter, do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching men." And women too!

As we proceed into the beginning stages of our synodal process, let us all together "tithe" our vocational discernment in our wonderful parish!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

PRESIDENTS' DAY SCHEDULE

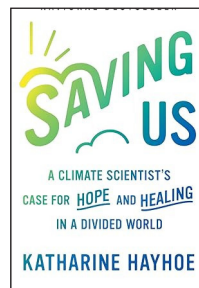
On Monday, February 17 2025, our nation will celebrate Presidents' Day. We will have only one Mass. This Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM. There will be no confessions, and the church offices and Adult Education Center are closed for the day. Please note: when the church offices are closed, all ministry meetings, classes and self-help groups are suspended.

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 or call 212-736-8500 ext. 232.

WILL AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR FEBRUARY 23

All parishioners and friends are invited to attend a will and estate planning seminar on Sunday, February 23 at 11 am in the St. Clare Room in the Parish House. The purpose of this seminar is to educate parishioners about how to include the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in your own will or estate planning. This seminar is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Father Brian at bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org or call him at 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. Registration closes after the Monday February 10th meeting. You can RSVP at stfrancisnyc.org/converge-and-laudato-si-book-club

LAUDATO SI

ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY

Good Climate News – Part 2 of 2

Solar energy is through the roof! It's getting cheaper and exceeding expectations. China is out in front most dramatically, installing more solar panels than any other country and at an alarming rate. They're getting creative too — or daring. Satellite pictures reveal one installation in the Kubuqi Desert that when looked at from above forms the outline of a running horse. The U.S. follows in a strong second place, thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act, and India too is advancing. Solar panels in deserts provide shade and windbreak. They allow moisture to accumulate beneath and are becoming little nurseries of new growth of grasses and other small plants and species. There are four deserts here in the U.S.

"Efforts to promote a sustainable use of natural resources are not a waste of money, but rather an investment, capable of providing other economic benefits. . . diversified and innovative forms of production which impact less on the environment can prove very profitable." — Pope Francis (LS 191)

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

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Online Sunday Collections, 1/27-2/2: \$3,048.70

In-Person Collections, Weekend Masses 2/1-2/2: \$4,785

In-Person Collections, Weekday Masses 1/27-1/31: \$2,634

SPRING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Join us for our Spring Adult Education classes! This term's courses include:

- Saints, Anchorites, Mystics, and Holy Women from the Middle Ages
- Jane Austen: A Writer and her Enduring Legacy
- The Life and Spiritual Theology of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity
- Jane Hirshfield: Questions and Observations
- The Life and Spiritual Theology of St. Titus Brandsma

Full course descriptions are listed online and will soon be open for registration at stfrancisnyc.org/courses

While we try to keep our registration fees low (generally about \$10 per hour of instruction) we also understand that for some this can be a burden. We do not want anyone who wants to attend a class to be prohibited by economic hardship. If the fee is a financial burden email Fr. Brian Jordan, OFM at bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org for information on full or partial scholarships.



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, and 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