



Charles de Groux, Ash Wednesday. Oil on panel, 1866.
Stedelijk Museum Wuyts-Van Campen en Baron Caroly, Liere, Belgium.

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*If today you
hear his voice,
harden not
your hearts.*

— Ps 95:8

**MARCH 2, 2025
EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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)

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 1, 2025

11:00 AM Mary & Nicholas Avansino; Thanksgiving To St. Anthony

4:00 PM Kuwantai Yeh; Laura Jack (D)

Sunday, March 2, 2025

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

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

11:00 Fabiola Suwanto; Lita Reyes Magtuloy (D)

12:30 PM Doug Besselman (D); Felomena Paz (D)

5:00 Healing Providencia Castro Gilbride; James T. Corbett (D)

Monday, March 3, 2025

7:30 AM Natalie Yeh

12:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales Rosado & All Deceased Family Members; Guy Chatellenaz (D)

5:30 No Intentions

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM 52nd Wedding Anniv John & Mary Capellan

5:30 No Intentions

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 (Ash Wednesday)

7:30 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro

12:00 PM Healing Arthur McGovern

4:30 No Intentions

5:30 No Intentions

6:30 No Intentions

Thursday, March 6, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM Pol Lee & Charlie Cihanek

5:30 Sr. Rosalinda & Gabino Sobremisana (D)

Friday, March 7, 2025

7:30 AM Birthday Patrick J. McManus (D)

12:00 PM Diego Apauricio (D); Eivaldo & Maria Jose Cantanhede (D)

5:30 No Intentions

This week's Bread and Wine: Catherine Puangco; 52nd Wedding Anniversary of John & Mary Capellan

This week's Sanctuary Lights: Catherine Puangco; Carmelite & Victor Maynard (D); 52nd Wedding Anniversary of John & Mary Capellan

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.

Please pray for Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who is critically ill. Please pray the Rosary for his body and soul!

Please pray for unity and solidarity in our universal Roman Catholic Church!



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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



Ash Wednesday will be March 5, 2025. The schedule for Mass, the Distribution of Ashes, and Confessions is as follows:

Masses: 7:30am; 12:00pm; 4:30pm (en español); 5:30pm; 6:30pm

Confessions: 8:00am - 9:00am; 11:00am - 1:00pm; 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Distribution of Ashes: 7:00am - 6:30pm in the Lower Church; Upper Church after 6:30pm Mass

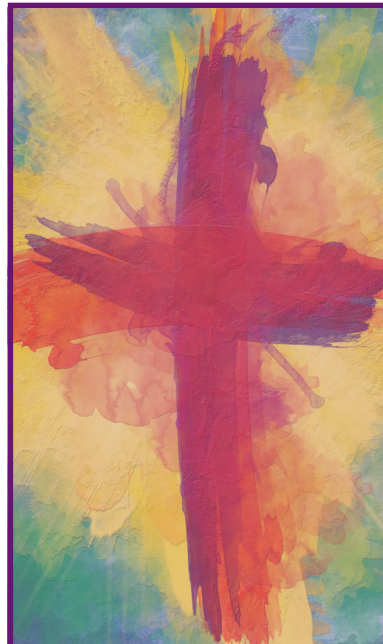
SPRING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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

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

You can find course information and register at stfrancisnyc.org/courses

While we try to keep our registration fees low (generally about \$10 per hour of instruction) we 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, please email Fr. Brian Jordan, OFM at bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org for information on full or partial scholarships.



Living the Hope of the Cross

In a world often marked by uncertainty and loss, the Cross stands as a beacon of hope and renewal. This Lent, we are invited to journey with Christ, embracing the promise of transformation and redemption. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, let us open our hearts to the hope found in the Cross and become bearers of that hope for a world in need.

Vivir la Esperanza de la Cruz

En un mundo marcado por la incertidumbre y la pérdida, la cruz es como un faro de esperanza y renovación. En esta Cuaresma, estamos invitados a caminar con Cristo, aceptando la promesa de transformación y redención. A través de la oración, el ayuno y la limosna, abramos nuestros corazones en la esperanza que se encuentra en la cruz y convirtámonos en portadores de esperanza para un mundo necesitado.

"십자가를 희망하며"

불확실성과 상실로 점철된 세상 안에서, 십자가는 희망과 새로움의 표지로써 단락을 이룹니다. 이번 사순절에 우리는 그리스도와 함께하는 여정에 변화와 구속의 약속을 기꺼이 받아들입니다. 기도와 금식, 그리고 자선을 통해, 우리의 마음을 열고 십자가 안에서 희망을 발견하여 도움이 필요한 세상을 위해 희망의 전달자가 됩시다.

LAUDATO SI

ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY



Prayer for Creation

Lord God of all creation, may the richness and beauty of the natural world never cease to uplift and sustain us. May we constantly be aware of how our actions affect the environment and strive to create a fairer and more sustainable world. May we always be grateful for nature's gifts, and may we continuously work to preserve and cherish them.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As we move into Lent and Easter, the Creation Corner will come out once a month. Stay tuned! For more information about the Laudato Si Circle here at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, email stfrancislaudatosi@gmail.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday during Lent following our 12 noon and 5:30pm Masses. Please join us.

JOIN RENEW PROGRAM

Come join St. Francis of Assisi's RENEW program, a group of retirees from throughout the metropolitan area. We tour museums, share holiday luncheons, visit exhibits, participate in spiritual activities, and make new friendships. If you are interested in joining, or for more information, call us on our Hotline, 212-736-8500, ext. 389. Please leave your name and number and someone will get back to you shortly.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Online Sunday Collections for the past week will be in next week's bulletin.

In-Person Collections, Weekend Masses 2/21-2/22: \$4,762

In-Person Collections, Weekday Masses 2/17-2/20: \$1,175

In-Person Collections, Weekend Masses 2/15-2/16: \$3,984

In-Person Collections, Weekday Masses 2/10-2/14: \$1,461

SUPPORT LENTEN PRAYER BOOKS

As we have in previous years, the Church of St. Francis of Assisi plans to offer Lenten daily prayer books to all parishioners and visitors. As the cost of printing rises, we need more support for outreach literature like this. Donate using this QR code to help bring the word to all!



CARDINAL'S APPEAL

The pledge project for the Annual Cardinal's Appeal will during the weekend of March 8/9. Our goal this calendar year 2025 is \$65,000. The parish finance council has granted permission to the pastor to cut a check out for the Cardinal's Appeal for \$10,000. Before the check is sent out, we are seeking your input for how we will designate this check. There will be three choices: 1. Catholic education 2. Charitable Outreach or 3. Pastoral Administration, Grants and Services (we truly benefitted from the Archdiocesan Offices of Real Estate and Insurance. Their advice was invaluable.)

Please indicate your preference to Father Brian, our pastor by email at bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org, by phone at 212-736-8500 ext. 232, OR in person by February 23. Once again, your funds will go to a worthwhile cause. We truly mean that.



Our Lent Soup and Scripture will be held Mondays March 3 – March 31 at 6:30pm-8pm in the Francis Room. Together we will break bread, drink soup, and open the Sunday Lent Gospels. Join us for as many reflections as you'd like.

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 RSVP using this QR code, or at stfrancisnyc.org/soup-and-scripture-lent-2025/

