



*Then from the cloud
came a voice
that said, "This
is my chosen Son;
listen to him."
— Lk 9:35*

MARCH 16, 2025 • SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Transfiguration of Jesus. Lebanese icon, 14th century.

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 8:00-9:00am; 11:00am-12:00pm; 4:30-5:30pm;

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 15, 2025

11:00 AM Esther Santiago, Son & Family; Esther Santiago's Grandchildren

4:00 PM Birthday - Scott March (D); Jinghue Xie & Children

Sunday, March 16, 2025

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

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

11:00 Dennis Collins (D); Birthday Cristina Zarejko

12:30 PM Isabel Gonzalez (D); Elena Diaz Inoa (D)

5:00 Healing Providencia Castro Gilbride; Florentino Mabasa (D)

Monday, March 17, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald, OFM (D)

5:30 Eileen Patricia Harris (D)

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM Elma Campos Cabacungan (D)

5:30 No Intentions

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

7:30 AM Victoria D Bazzurro & Adelena D'Aregenio; Joseph, Justin, Ms. B & Ms. C.

12:00 PM No Intentions

5:30 No Intentions

Thursday, March 20, 2025

7:30 AM Nicholas Suwanto

12:00 PM Healing Frances Rodriguez

5:30 No Intentions

Friday, March 21, 2025

7:30 AM Leonida G. Soresca (D)

12:00 PM Esmeralda & Frank Cantanhede (D)

5:30 Charles A. Scalafani (D)

This week's Bread and Wine: Catherine Puangco; Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald OFM (D)

This week's Sanctuary Lights: Catherine Puangco; Carmelite & Victor 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 cards are sold.

The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

Our Lenten theme is "Living in the Hope of the Cross!"

Our readings this weekend offer hope!

The first reading depicts the forming of the Covenant between God and Abram. This Covenant is reaffirmed later in Genesis 17, at which time God renames Abraham as a Patriarch of the Old Testament. Today's reading begins with God's promise of descendants from the house of Abraham — and that house will continue forth for centuries. All of us are descendants of our family origin. All of us are descendants of God's Covenant.

The second reading from Philippians indicates that St. Paul is the exemplar of virtuous Christian life. This helps other Christians deal with persecutions and trials.

This Lent calls us to reflect on how we respond to God's call to follow his will. We are slowly transformed so that we can conform and partake in the Mystical Body of Christ during this Lenten season!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Online Sunday Collections, 3/3-3/9: \$3,165

In-Person Collections, Weekend Masses 3/8-3/9: \$2,894

In-Person Collections, Weekday Masses 3/3-3/7: \$1,938

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!



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.

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.

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.

THE ANNUAL CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2025

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, a critical component of the Archdiocese of New York's mission, raises funds to sustain the various ministries, institutions, and outreach programs that serve thousands of individuals and families throughout New York state. The archdiocese serves Catholics across New York City, as well as in the counties of Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, Westchester, Ulster, Rockland, and Putnam.

Our parish's goal for this year's CARDINAL'S APPEAL is \$65,000. We have raised \$20,000 so far, and need to pledge the rest of the targeted goal this weekend and throughout the calendar year of 2025. The designated donations go to Catholic education, struggling parishes, pastoral administration and services to the poor and the needy. Pledge cards are available in the pews. You can find out more about the Cardinal's Appeal and donate at cardinalsappeal.org.

To make sure that your online gift counts as meeting our parish's goal, select "St. Francis of Assisi, Manhattan" in the dropdown menu under "Direct my gift to". On the form, it will look like this:

* Direct my gift to:

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St. Francis of Assisi, Manhattan



Our Lent Soup and Scripture will be held Mondays throughout March 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/

