



APRIL 13, 2025 • PALM SUNDAY

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Bartolomeo di Domenico di Guido, Italian, 1430-1521. Manuscript Leaf with Entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday in an Initial D. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

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

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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, April 12, 2025

11:00 AM Victoria Fabre (D); Robert Thomas Armstrong (D)

4:00 PM Thomas & Edith Castellana; Albert & Venera Costabile (D)

Sunday, April 13, 2025

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

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

10:00 Violeta Puangco (D)

11:00 Arthur & Mary Bazzurro; Jose & Esther Medina (D)

12:30 PM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony; Thaddeus Albinski

5:00 Healing Providencia Castro Gilbride; Frank W. Cosie (D)

Monday, April 14, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM No Intentions

5:30 Edith Castellana

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

7:30 AM Birthday Olheia Garces

12:00 PM Rolando Coson, Sr.

5:30 No Intentions

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

7:30 AM St. Jude

12:00 PM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro; Sr. Helen McCaffrey (D)

5:30 Edgardo & Emma Cabrera

Thursday, April 17, 2025

12:00 PM No Intentions

5:30 No Intentions

Friday, April 18, 2025

12:00 PM No Intentions

3:00 No Intentions

5:00 No Intentions

This week's Bread and Wine: Catherine Puangco

This week's Sanctuary Lights: Catherine Puangco

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,

Greetings!

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Palm Sunday has been proclaimed for nearly two thousand years. The Passion speaks for itself. Today's version from St. Luke includes scenes from the Last Supper as well as the Passion of Jesus hung upon the Cross. Regarding the Last Supper, Jesus offers the first cup to his disciples to reinforce the need for fellowship and community to "share it among yourselves." The second cup serves as a reminder of how God saved the Israelites from Egyptian slavery. Jesus is now the "Precious Blood" for his disciples and for those who worship Jesus. This invokes the teaching of the "New Covenant" with Jesus.

The Passion on the Cross signifies that Jesus of fully aware of his betrayal by Judas; an unfair trial; Peter denies Jesus three times; most of the Apostles were not present when Jesus died on the Cross; confusion existed among the followers of Jesus and the agony of pain and suffering.

Jesus' mercy and self-control are evidenced by his prayer to his Father that the people be forgiven for what they are doing. It is interesting to note that in St. Luke's version of the Passion, Jesus's last words on the Cross are not the cry of anguish that we hear in St. Mark and St. Matthew's versions. When he says "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit," he affirms his trust in God's saving power that will ultimately vindicate him.

There are trials and tribulations in all generations since the death of Jesus on the Cross. But there are examples of "rising to the occasion" apart from the Resurrected Jesus we will celebrate next Easter Sunday. On Saturday, April 5, I marched in the "Hands Off" protest march down Fifth Avenue from Bryant Park to Madison Park. We began as strangers, but ended upon as friends united in the common cause of preserving our democracy and protecting our Constitution. People from all walks of life including Republicans, Independents and Democrats bonded together for 20 blocks to rally for Federal workers; object to dangerous tariffs; plead for the environment; protect the rights of US veterans; protect responsible medical science and other worthwhile issues.

Yes, the people of the US "rose to the occasion" by being walking witnesses to these worthy causes. One sign from a young family from Brooklyn summed it up best: "The power of the people is greater than the people in power." The Passion of Jesus Christ has new meaning and passion for those standing up for human rights!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian



For Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week, Masses and Confessions will follow the regular weekday schedule.

For Holy Thursday, Masses will be held at 12 PM, 5:30 PM, and 7pm (Korean). Confessions will be available 8-9 AM, 11 AM-12 PM, and 12-1 PM.

Good Friday is on April 18th this year. We will have the The Seven Last Words at 12 PM, the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 PM (English) and 7 PM (Korean), and Stations of the Cross at 5 PM. Confessions will be available 8-11 AM.

On Holy Saturday, we will have the The Great Vigil of Easter at 5 PM (Korean) and 8 PM. On Easter Sunday, we will have Masses at 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM (Korean), 10:00 AM (en español), 11:00 AM, and 12:30 PM. There will be no 5:30 PM Mass.

There will be one Mass on Easter Monday at 11 AM. There are no confessions on Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday, and Easter Monday.

PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION, GRANTS, AND SERVICES

The Archdiocese of New York's Sharing God's Gifts Pastoral Grants program is a new initiative focused on supporting parishes and local communities in serving God's people. It invites parishes in the Archdiocese of New York to reimagine faith formation and community engagement at all levels.

The program offers grant opportunities to strengthen existing or foster innovative ministry initiatives within the parish, particularly in the following key pastoral areas: (1) Adult Discipleship and Marriage Formation, (2) Respect Life, (3) Youth Faith Formation, (4) Youth/Young Adult Ministry and University Apostolate, and (5) Cultural Diversity.

To learn more about the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, contact us at 646-794-3300 or visit 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".

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

In person collection, weekend masses 4/5-4/6	\$5,230
Second Sunday Collection (Myanmar recovery)	\$2,192
In person collection, weekday collection 3/30-4/4	\$2,450
Online Sunday Collections, 3/24/25-3/30/25	\$3,020
Online Sunday Collections, 3/31/25-4/6/25	\$3,793

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CHURCH AT LENT AND EASTER

In the sacred season of Lent, the Cross stands as a beacon of hope and renewal. And our church stands as a beacon of light and a welcoming community. Your financial support keeps our church thriving — give today!

Since its founding, our beloved Church of St. Francis of Assisi has remained steadfast in its mission: to proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection, to spread the love and mercy of Christ, and to walk in the footsteps of our holy father, St. Francis. In this spirit, we continue to be a church for all people — a place where the doors remain open to welcome everyone, regardless of background, gender, ethnicity, or financial means. Here, all who seek hope and renewal find a home.

These past winter months have been particularly challenging for us financially. As you know, maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for all who seek solace and community at St. Francis of Assisi Church comes with significant costs. Despite our best efforts to conserve resources, our electricity, heat, and water bills remain exceptionally high.

As Easter approaches — a season of renewal and hope — I invite you to support our mission of faith, service, and unity through this year's Easter Appeal. Your generosity directly sustains our church, enriches our vibrant liturgies, and strengthens our essential pastoral programs. You can give online at stfrancisnyc.org/easter-donations or with the QR code here.



BROTHER ADOLFO'S RENEWAL OF VOWS — APRIL 27, 2025, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) AT 5PM MASS

Brother Adolfo has been serving in New York City since September 2024 on his pastoral year assignment. A friar in temporary vows must renew his vows annually, and it's time for Br. Adolfo to renew. Please join the Order of Friars Minor and the fraternity at Saint Francis of Assisi in NYC at the 5pm Mass when Brother Adolfo will renew his vows for one year. In August at our parish in Albuquerque, NM, he will profess solemn vows, or vows for life as a member of the Order of Friars Minor.



In a few short weeks we will celebrate Easter. Consider donating Easter flowers in remembrance of those who hold a special place in your heart. Your generous contribution will not only add beauty to our Easter celebrations but also serve as a heartfelt tribute to those who have touched our lives.

With each bloom, we honor their legacy and keep their spirit alive and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

Flower donations received by Thursday, April 17, 2025 will be listed on our website and parish email for Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. You can donate at stfrancisnyc.org/easter-flowers or use the QR code here.



CONVERGE @ ST. FRANCIS SPRING EVENTS

The Converge @ St. Francis ministry invites you to its Spring and Summer events. We invite the church community to events that will inspire, serve, and connect with one another.



This May, join us for the Converge Ministry Spring Book Club! We'll be reading *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Meetings will be Thursdays, May 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Clare Room.

And join us for a special Day of Reflection centered around the themes of hope, resurrection, and the Jubilee 2025. Pope Francis has chosen hope as the focal point for this holy year, and we invite you to explore its significance through reflection and discussion with Joe Nuzzi. The Day of Reflection will be Saturday, May 3rd 10 am-4pm in San Damiano Hall.