



## APRIL 6, 2025 • FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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*Raising of Lazarus.* Leaf from a 15th-century illuminated Book of Hours, French, artist unknown. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand.

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 5, 2025

11:00 AM No Intentions

4:00 PM Birthday Lilian Lozada

## Sunday, April 6, 2025

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

9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community

10:00 Maria Luisa Carrion (D)

11:00 Mireille & Marceline Lawson (D); John D. Livoti (D)

12:30 PM No Intentions

5:00 The Earth, And For All Of Us, That We May Become Better Stewards Of God's Creation; Ofelia Venturanza (D)

## Monday, April 7, 2025

7:30 AM Isabelle Tjokrosetio

12:00 PM Joseph D'Alessandro (D); Anniversary Rogelio De Los Santos (D)

5:30 Birthday of Celestin Lawson

## Tuesday, April 8, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM Amanda Jopongco (D); Zoila Pelonia (D)

5:30 No Intentions

## Wednesday, April 9, 2025

7:30 AM Kevin Boyle

12:00 PM Johnn Steve Zila (D)

5:30 Carlos De Celis (D); Birthday/Thanksgiving Edwin Kwan

## Thursday, April 10, 2025

7:30 AM William Flanagan (D)

12:00 PM Healing for Valerie Acevedo

5:30 Judith A. Wieman (D); Joseph Tursi (D)

## Friday, April 11, 2025

7:30 AM No Intentions

12:00 PM Jaime Cariaso (D); Eugenio Salazar & Family (D)

5:30 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!

It appears our nation needs to “restore” what good government is, as seen in the startling changes proposed in the current administration of government.

Recall the words of former president Thomas Jefferson about good government. The primary author of the Declaration of Independence wrote that “The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.” Over a century later, former president Dwight Eisenhower also “resurrected” the spirit of good government. The famous WWII general wrote as president “We must be willing, individually and as a nation, to accept whatever sacrifices may be required of us. A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.” We need a “resurrected” reminder from both past presidents what good government is and can be today.

The readings for today focus on God’s promise of restoration in life in him and point us toward our ultimate hope found in Christ’s resurrection. Today’s third and final scrutiny for our catechumens help us and them to reflect on being raised from a death in sin to new life in Jesus Christ.

The Gospel passage from John foreshadows Christ’s resurrection as well as our own bodily resurrection on the last day. It emphasizes the divinity of Christ while highlighting a lack of understanding of Christ’s mission for even the most devout of his followers. We are restored in faith when we fully accept the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Yes, it can also happen for us as believers and worshipers!

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

In person collection, weekend masses 3/29-3/30	\$4,313
Second collection (Catholic Relief) 3/29-3/30	\$1,109
In person collection, weekday collection 3/24-28	\$1,966

Online collections for last week will be included in next week’s bulletin.



Palm Sunday is April 13th. Masses and Confessions will follow the usual Sunday schedule.

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](http://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”.

## 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](http://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](http://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.