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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 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.

Welcome  *Witness*
Worship

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, April 26, 2025

11:00 AM Birthday Christine DiGiovanni (D); Maria Lamonte

4:00 PM Rev. James R. Sidoti O'Carm. (D); Death Anniversary
Bertha Londoño (D)

Sunday, April 27, 2025

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

10:00 Dorila Doran (D); Thanksgiving to St. Rita

11:00 Cheyenne Mae Garces Birthday; Patricia Gonzales

12:30 PM Verna & Salvatore Bronzo & Family Living & Deceased;
For Peace

5:00 Thanksgiving Tanega Family/Healing Giglubacher;
Healing Providencia Castro Gilbride

Monday, April 28, 2025

7:30 AM Thomas McCarthy; Tri Nguyen (D)

12:00 PM Mathew Varkey (D); Healing Jose Silva

5:30 Thanksgiving Chantal & Nadege Louis; Healing Jaydon
Jeremy Gonzalez

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

7:30 AM Angela Horn; Servillano Zuniga (D)

12:00 PM Hugh A. Canavan; Thanksgiving Mary Valerie L. Sievert

5:30 Healing Jose Silva; Maria Alcantara (D)

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

7:30 AM Healing Jaydon Jeremy Gonzalez; Bridget Connolly

12:00 PM Poor Souls; Mary Keating

5:30 Alexis Morales; Ann Shelly

Thursday, May 1, 2025

7:30 AM Kuwantai Yeh; Ernesto Manalili (D)

12:00 PM Lilian De Paris (D); Mary Cihanek

5:30 Armondo Morales; Kathleen Darcy

Friday, May 2, 2025

7:30 AM Fabiola Sawanto; Chris & Lydia Skoglund

12:00 PM Frank Gallagher (D); Corazon Ganearz Birthday

5:30 Logan Dela Paz Ziegler; Annabelle Skoglund

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

This week the Church and the world lost a true Shepherd of the Catholic Church, a beacon of hope and voice of penetrating truth—Pope Francis, the first Pope of the Americas!

Pope Francis was the prophetic advocate for the poor and the dispossessed, the unborn and the immigrant, the victims of war and the Earth which is our common home. Pope Francis' vision of a synodal church—the People of God together. Our Church is nourished by Word and Sacrament, missionary on its outreach including the poor in spirit and the poor in poverty.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrated the victory of Christ over death itself, and the foundation for our belief that we live on this earth on a journey that leads to eternity and the loving embrace of our God. Pope Francis lived that journey preaching the Gospel and embracing the world we which we live.

We thank Pope Francis for the grace he has brought among us.

The period of liturgical time between the Easter Vigil and Pentecost Sunday is the Easter Season. For those participating in the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA), this same period is known as the "Mystagogy" which refers to a period of ongoing reflection and learning about the "mysteries" of the Church, particularly after the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. We are now living and bearing witness in this time period!

For the next four Sundays, we will be listening to the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. This passage written by St. Luke portrays the situation in which the Apostles find themselves after the Resurrection. We are called to be like these Apostles—to be emboldened to serve as emissaries of God's Grace. Their encounter with the Risen Jesus renders them to become new people.

In today's Gospel, all of us can identify in a way with "Doubting Thomas" who could not initially believe that Jesus actually rose from the dead. When he saw Jesus, this strengthened his faith in Christ Jesus. For us, we do not require a sign or proof. Jesus blesses all who believe in the Resurrection without seeing or witnessing it. This message assures us that we continue to receive the Lord's blessing today as we gather in his mercy and love.

Blessings to all,
Father Brian



We congratulate our sisters and brothers who participated in the OCIA program at St. Francis of Assisi and received their Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19, 2025.

Jack Barret (James); Mario Cuadros; Anne De Jong (Catharina); Paul Drespel (Christopher); Tyler Heiss (Joseph); Alisha Hinojosa (Francis); Regina Patino (Maximilian); Eusebe Paulin (Augustine); Richard Qi (Augustine); Jayne Roth (Anne); and Stacy Suh (Gabriella).

Thank you to the sponsors and the OCIA committee for their support and work.

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The Friars, staff, and volunteers at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi recognize that we are so greatly blessed to have the opportunity to serve you — our amazing and faithful worshipping community. Our family. We want to thank you all sincerely for being here with us during Holy Week and every time we come together to praise and give glory to our Resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ. Thank you for your continued financial support, your spirited participation in our liturgy, and especially your prayers.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Weekday and Holy Week collections update will be provided in the next bulletin.



CONVERGE BOOK CLUB SPRING 2025: THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS

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. A few copies of *The Screwtape Letters* are available for purchase at the parish bookstore.



We thank our donors for their generosity in support of St. Francis of Assisi and the parish's annual Easter celebration. The list of names commemorated in this year's Easter flower intentions are on our website.



A group of visitors from Alberta, Canada taking a photo with Father Frank Critch after the 8 am Easter Sunday Mass.

MIGRANT CENTER UPDATE

The Church of St. Francis of Assisi to have the support of Nunez Law PLLC.

At Nunez Law PLLC, we focus exclusively on U.S. immigration law, offering dedicated legal services in areas such as Asylum, VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) petitions, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Family-Based Immigration, Citizenship and more. We are passionate about helping individuals and families navigate their path to legal status with care, compassion and integrity.

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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".