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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 Franciscan Friars of 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 8:00-9:00 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, August 2, 2025

Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula

11:00 AM Fabiola Suwanto; Aurea Jenosa (D)

4:00 PM The Earth, and For All of Us, That We May Become Better
Stewards of God's Creation;
Elena Cariaso (D)

Sunday, August 3, 2025

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

10:00 Rafael Aquino (D); Healing Ermy Luz Rosario

11:00 Alexandru Militaru (D);
Carmen Maria Morales Rosado & Deceased Family Members

12:30 PM Ames & Jean D'Argenio; Natalie Yeh

5:00 Thomas & Edith Castellana; Esther Medina (D)

Monday, August 4, 2025

7:30 AM Thanksgiving to St. Andrew; Joseph Moroney

12:00 PM Esther Medina (D); Dominga & Dante Luna (D)

5:30 Mary Bernstein; John Battaglia

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

7:30 AM Mary O'Sullivan; Jose Reyneil Sumiguin (D)

12:00 PM John & William Brennan;
Thanksgiving Chukwujekwu Family &
Healing for Emmanuel

5:30 St. Jude; Felicidad Tupas (D)

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

7:30 AM Santiago Tupas (D); Healing Kwan Kim

12:00 PM Marie Louise Cipriani (D); Rev. Dario Betancourt (D)

5:30 Josefina Magno & Ng Do Kwan (D); Roger Degennaro (D)

Thursday, August 7, 2025

7:30 AM Dulce Kabia (D); Judy (D) & Larry O'Brien

12:00 PM Elizabeth Guy (D); Ania & Miss T. Cihanek

5:30 Carmela & Gene Souza; Reynaldo Siochi (D)

Friday, August 8, 2025

7:30 AM Samuel Hudsworth (D); Jackson & Joan Russo

12:00 PM Martha Fernandez; Porcia Fontilius (D)

5:30 Carol & Paul Reiss; Edwin Vaz (D)

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

You have heard the term “You cannot live on your laurels!” This means that the tendency to live on past accomplishments and forge undue attachments to worldly things. The past is a guidepost not a hitching post! We need to move on to accomplish greater goals and not live in nostalgia. Today’s first reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes encourages the speaker Qoheleth to gain greater wisdom and understanding in many new areas as read “Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill.” The Wisdom literature found in the Book of Ecclesiastes calls us to see that worldly things are best framed relative to an eternal horizon—a horizon of infinite meaning. The philosopher Roger Ashean once taught that “It is costly wisdom that is bought by experience.”



Our Synod Committee has met a number of times and is future-focused for our parish’s three priorities and their respective committees:

1. Liturgy and Spirituality;
2. Education and Evangelization; and
3. Social Concerns.

Eight dedicated parishioners comprise the Synod Committee and come September will invite other parishioners to join these three committees. I have found great inspiration in this contemporary “Wisdom Community.” They have all the best intentions for the parish with vision and vitality. This Synod Committee will eventually become our parish council that will deliberate on pastoral matters of our beloved parish. Our finance council has done a wonderful job so far by focusing on the financial and administrative health of the parish.

In today’s Gospel passage from St. Luke, Jesus echoes the lessons from the first reading and the second reading from St. Paul—Jesus emphasizes the things of this world are passing by quickly while the things of Heaven endure eternally. We are a God-centered parish that focuses on love of God in our worship and love of neighbor in the interactions among ourselves in this world. Muriel Ruckseyer once wrote “The universe is made up of stories, not of atoms.” Each member of our iconic parish has a story to tell that encourages a promising future during our Synod journey!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

In-Pew Collections

Sunday, July 27	\$4,129.00
July 21-25	\$1,737.00

Online Collections

July 21-27	\$2,582.31
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MAKE YOUR GIFT TO THE PARISH

Our parish relies on the support of our parishioners and community members to sustain and grow our programs, ministries, and community. You can make a one-time donation or set-up a recurring donation by scanning the QR code to the donation page.



We thank you for your continued support and generosity!

CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF THE PORTIUNCULA

On August 2, Franciscans all over the world celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula. It honors the Blessed Mother and a small chapel dedicated to her just outside of Assisi. Near this chapel, St. Francis gathered his first followers and received St. Clare. Known as the Portiuncula ("little portion"), the stone chapel is one of those St. Francis rebuilt and where he chose to return when he embraced Sister Death. It is now enclosed by a grand basilica that is an important pilgrimage site. The Portiuncula is the chapel surrounded by angels in the great mosaic over the altar in our Upper Church.

Our Korean community invites all to a special celebration of Our Lady of the Portiuncula on August 2 at 2pm—gathered in the spirit of St. Francis.



Photo Credit: Ellen Fishman

Conditions for receiving the Portiuncula Indulgence (for oneself or for the deceased)

The Pardon of Assisi can be obtained from noon on August 1st to midnight on August 2nd in all Franciscan or parish churches, observing these conditions:



- Sacramental Confession to be in God's grace (in the eight days before or after);
- Participation in Mass and Eucharistic Communion;
- Visit to the Church of the Portiuncula or a Franciscan church or a parish church in the world, where the profession of faith is renewed, through the recitation of the Creed, to reaffirm one's Christian identity;
- Recitation of the Our Father, to reaffirm one's dignity as children of God, received in Baptism;
- A prayer according to the Pope's intentions, to reaffirm one's belonging to the Church, whose foundation and visible centre of unity is the Roman Pontiff.

Credit: <https://ofm.org/en/pardon-of-assisi-2025.html>

Scan QR code for more information.

JOIN US FOR OUR AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

August 2 CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF THE PORTIUNCULA (see information above)

August 11 THE FEAST OF ST. CLARE

Join us on the Feast of St. Clare as we lift our hearts in prayer and gratitude for her shining example of Franciscan joy and faith. Masses in the Upper Church at 7:30am, 12pm, and 5:30pm.

August 14-15 THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Join us in the Upper Church as we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—her glorious entry into heaven and our hope of what is to come. Masses: Vigil at 5:30pm, then 7:30am, 12pm, and 5:30pm on the feast day.

August 18-22 A WEEK OF PRAYER TO: Our Lady Untier of Knots

Come and bring your intentions to Mary, Untier of Knots after our weekday masses Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (7:30am & 5:30pm) and Friday.