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- St. Clare of Assisi

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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 9, 2025

11:00 AM Aida Nery Sotto (D); Anna Celia Ithier (D)

4:00 PM Jorge Granizo (D); Rosemary Mark (D)

Sunday, August 10, 2025

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

10:00 Juan R. Torres Villegas & Luis M. Torres Matinez (D);
Trabado Family All Deceased

11:00 Kuantai Yeh; Lamberto R. Simon (D)

12:30 PM Gloria Young Barcelona (D); Mary & Tom

5:00 Mrs. Terry Grilmaldi (D); Ceferino & Perciveranda Wingco (D)

Monday, August 11, 2025 | Feast of St. Clare

7:30 AM Anna Willert; Healing Margret Nietschke

12:00 PM Dolores Pacheco (D); Birthday Abraham G. Lee

5:30 Birthday Elizabeth Alfonso; Helmut Nietschke (D)

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

7:30 AM Sally C. Ticao, Md; Healing Kristina Alma Dacles Francisco

12:00 PM Caterina Meduri D'Agostino (D);
In Memory of Woolley Family (D)

5:30 Adeclat & Pady Families (D); Arturo Tobon (D)

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

7:30 AM Thanksgiving for Manuelita Nieves (L); Estelita Toribio (D)

12:00 PM Healing Myrta Vargas

Thursday, August 14, 2025

12:00 PM Healing William Hilaire & Erzuta Duprat;
Thanksgiving Pablo Ortega

5:30 Urina Milarme & Jules Nicolas

Friday, August 15, 2025 | Feast of the Assumption of Mary

7:30 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro

12:00 PM Spencer Greenwise; Gay Fruscione (D)

5:30 Harry Cafetz (D); Ginny Seibert (D)

This week's Bread and Wine:

Catherine Puangco

Healing for Ismenia Cuenca

This week's Sanctuary Lights:

Cathering Puangco

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

The **Feast of St. Clare of Assisi is Monday, August 11**. We will also observe her charism during this weekend of August 9 and 10. St. Clare was born on July 16, 1194 in the same birthplace as St. Francis in Assisi, Italy. She died on August 11, 1253 also in Assisi at age 59. St. Clare offers two magnificent lessons:



First, the recognition of how important women are in particular both in the Franciscan story and her role in the Catholic Church. Although a contemporary of Francis of Assisi, St. Clare was the first female founder of a religious order who was allowed by the hierarchy to write her own Rule for the Poor Clare Sisters. That was extraordinary at that time. St. Clare founded a contemplative order, was an accomplished writer, a compassionate spiritual director, and a role model for women.

Second, St. Clare's importance stems from the fact that she was the recipient of a powerful charism of her own—a gift bestowed by the Holy Spirit of the Lord and given to her in a fullness and forcefulness that was hers alone. She was a counselor to many Popes, Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, and fellow female religious.

Her story shows us what matters is not the effort to “draw down” from the spiritual wealth of others whom we admire as though only a supplicant's sharing of another's gift can make us good. What she shows us is that we need only have the courage to unlock what is within us, to spend our days powered by the graced anointing that we already possess.

Her insightful writings contain many beautiful and meaningful quotes that have been shared throughout the centuries. May I cite a few quotes:

1. “We are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others.” COMPASSION
2. “We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.” VOCATION
3. “What you hold may you always hold. What you do, may you always do and never abandon.” MINISTRY
4. “Let the love you have in your hearts be shown outwardly in your deeds.” MEDITATION
5. “God will be your helper and best consoler.” CONSOLATION
6. “May neither bitterness nor a cloud of sadness overwhelm you.” MATURITY

Please join us from August 9 to August 11 to celebrate the female face of the Franciscan charism!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - AUGUST 14-15

This holyday of obligation begins with the Vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14 at the 5:30 pm Mass and continue on Friday, August 15 at the 7:30 am; 12 noon and 5:30 pm Masses. The parish offices will be closed on August 15 but the church will be open with Masses and confessions.

A WEEK OF PRAYER TO: OUR LADY UNTIER OF KNOTS - AUGUST 18-22

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



UPCOMING FALL EVENTS HOSTED BY CONVERGE

As the leaves change and the air turns crisp, the Converge@St. Francis Ministry is excited to welcome you to a season full of fun, connection, and community spirit. We look forward to sharing this vibrant season with you through events that inspire, engage, and bring us together. Mark your calendars, and stay tuned for event details via the bulletin, website, and our weekly parish email.



OCIA AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) at St. Francis of Assisi for 2025-2026 will host its first meeting on Tuesday, September 16. If you're curious about becoming Catholic or looking to go through the OCIA process, scan the QR code for more information and to sign-up for additional information.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	
In-Pew Collections	
Sunday, August 3	\$5,162.00
July 28-August 1	\$2,587.00
Online Collections	
July 28-August 3	\$2,910.00

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