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Christ en croix apparaissant à Saint-Bernard. Cathédrale Saint-Étienne de Toulouse, Toulouse, France.

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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 16, 2025

11:00 AM Jeannine Brizard (D); Luis Rosa

4:00 PM Helen & Harry Downs (D); Desiree Dyer McMahon (D)

Sunday, August 17, 2025

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

10:00 Souls in Purgatory; Anibal Guerrero

11:00 John Salanga (D); Josephine Delgado (D)

12:30 PM Joanna Farmanfarmaian (D); Agustina Dominguez (D)

5:00 Mrs. Terry Grilmaldi (D); Birthday Gillian Telesford Kalloo

Monday, August 18, 2025

7:30 AM Nola Jean Marie (D); Alexis Morales

12:00 PM Helen & John Crowley (D); Elena Cariaso (D)

5:30 Mary O'Sullivan; Healing Kelly Ann Gorham

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

7:30 AM Elena Winzel (D); Emily Winter McSloy (D)

12:00 PM Roy Magtajas (D); Healing Sean Gorham

5:30 Anna Cremin; David & Hyacinth Lawrence (D)

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

7:30 AM Concordia L. Blanco (D); Angela Lawrence (D)

12:00 PM Healing Elizabeth Brennan; Compton Davis (D)

5:30 Foster Family (D); Carl Sylvester (D)

Thursday, August 21, 2025

7:30 AM John Foster (D)

12:00 PM Dr. David Altchek (D); Healing Carlos Lata Siavichay

5:30 Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 22, 2025

5:30 PM Thanksgiving Agrely Asuncion

This week's Bread and Wine:

Catherine Puangco

Birthday Lawrence & Cheryl Carlos

This week's Sanctuary Lights:

Cathering Puangco

Birthday Lawrence & Cheryl Carlos

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

Conflict resolution is a process to identify a present or potential problem and try to resolve by a consensus. It is completely new since there are antecedents in this weekend's readings such as Jeremiah being thrown in the cistern by a weak king's soldiers. They do not realize that the weak king is the problem not Jeremiah. Jeremiah prophecies warn of the fall of the kingdom of Judah to the Babylonians. He is trying to warn the people of Judah.



In today's Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus warns of division within the community who either accept him or reject him as the true Divine Savior. Jesus teaches us to learn to ACCEPT rejection in life. That is part of carrying the true Cross of Jesus Christ! The second reading from Hebrews offers Christians a New Testament way for conflict resolution. The opening verses of that letter reads: "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith."

This New Testament passage ushers in a contemporary form of conflict resolution called "The Synod Process." Pope Francis in October 2021 called upon the Church for a Synod on Synodality. A synod is essentially an advisory group in both the international and local community such as a parish. Three years later after dialogue, debate, and discernment on the direction of the Catholic Church, a 51 page "Final Document" was approved and published in October 2024. Our parish of St. Francis of Assisi is catching up with this synodal process after a 2022 local synod meeting occurred in San Damiano Hall with then Pastor, Father Tom Gallagher, OFM.

Our parish synod committee has only been recently formed with some outstanding members of our parish who are really excited about the three priorities of our faith community: liturgy and spirituality; education/evangelization and social concerns. We hope to have another local Synod gathering in San Damiano Hall in mid-October with a special speaker from a local university who is well acquainted with the synodal process. Meanwhile, the Synod Committee along with the parish staff have produced a master calendar which includes dates and times of events pertinent to the three priorities. That master calendar will be shared in the following weekend of August 23-24 and for our weekday assembly as well later in the week.

We are journeying together as the People of God. One particular statement from Preparatory Synod Document 32 best describes this form of conflict resolution: "The purpose of this Synod is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands."

During the year 2025-2026, we will be journeying together!

Blessings to All!

Father Brian Jordan, OFM



The Church of St. Francis
Mary, Untier of Knots
Week of Prayer
 August 18-22
 After our weekday masses Monday,
 Wednesday, Thursday (7:30am &
 5:30pm) and Friday

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.



CONVERGE LIFE
 COMMUNITY LIFE
 SEPTEMBER 28 FRANCISFEST
 OCT. 9, 16, 23 FALL BOOKCLUB
 EVERY 2ND WED. ROSARY GROUP
 OCTOBER 3 CANTICLE OF CREATURES
 OCTOBER 30 CABRINI FILM SHOWING
 EVERY 3RD THURS. HOLY HOUR
 NOVEMBER 16 FRIENDSGIVING
 FALL EVENTS
 SAVE THE DATE
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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.



Register for the OCIA PROGRAM
 The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a Fall to Spring program of prayer, learning and reflection designed for those seeking baptism, confirmation or full communion in the Catholic faith. It is open to all adults ages 18+.
 If you are interested please contact us or fill out the interest form.
 The interest form can be found on our website
 SCAN HERE
 For questions contact us: ocia.stfrancisnyc@gmail.com

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 10:

First Collection	\$5,009.00
Second Collection	\$1,181.00
August 4-8	\$2,335.00

Online Collections

August 4-10	\$2,227.00
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We thank you for your continued support and generosity!