



OCTOBER 12, 2025 | TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Covent Garden, Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Blessed Carlo Acutis shrine. London, England.

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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, October 11, 2025

11:00 AM Gerry Tengco (D); Braga Family & Intention for Their Children

4:00 PM Billy Cipriani (D); Birthday Ederlinda Austrial

Sunday, October 12, 2025 | St. Carlo Acutis

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Terry Dale Spittler (D)

10:00 Holy Souls

11:00 Arthur & Mary Bazzurro; Anna & Lino Corradi (D)

12:30 PM Jimmy & Reynaldo De Los Santos (D); Joseph Tommy

5:00 Mollie Ness (D); Gia Diamond Soto (D)

Monday, October 13, 2025

12:00 PM Menglong Yu

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

7:30 AM Victoria D. & Enrico Bazzurro

12:00 PM Elvira & Matt Miranda; Didier Neufcoeur

5:30 Efren Pangué (D); Birthday Onika Russell (D)

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

7:30 AM Reiji W.

12:00 PM Victoria Martinez Vazquez (D); Diospanes Omnes (D)

5:00 Repose Turingan & Arevalo Families (D)

Thursday, October 16, 2025

12:00 PM Diosdado Loleng (D)

5:30 Birthday Clara Giovanniello (D); Reynaldo Ondevilla (D)

Friday, October 17, 2025

12:00 PM Anibal Guerrero

5:30 Angelica Davis Williams (D)

This week's Bread and Wine:

Catherine Puangco

Birthday Francisco Carlos & Intention of Adelaida Carlos

This week's Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

Due to our bulletin print schedule, we were unable to include the following names for intentions for the October 5th bulletin:

Woongki Eun (D), Ness Family, Intention Of Uchenna Chukwujekwu, Guillermina Leon & Aurea Mason (D), Henry Bernardo Parreno (D), Our Lady of the Rosary, Carmelina Zicca Stancato (D), Healing Jose Viri David, Cecilia Ness (D), Celestina Mangroo (D), Mc Kechnie Family Intention of Mary Bostic, Nora Gallazzini (D), Mercedes Munoz De Agudo (D), Albert Distefano (D), Birthdays Carolyn Lamboa & Zalaya Piper, Special Blessing for Gloria Feierstein, Concepcion Tamos (D), and Joseph Sapporito (D).

The Pastor's Corner

Each month, a staff member or a parishioner will reflect about a key topic in the Roman Catholic Church. This weekend, our parishioner Jesus S. provides his reflections.

Dear sisters and brothers,

I could choose to write about all that is bad in the world – and there is plenty of it. Tariffs, government shutdowns, inhumane treatment of migrants (and minority citizens!), threats to private enterprise in NYC, etc. However, I think I'd rather share why I think that our parish should have reason to be hopeful.

In 1986, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) reminded us in "Economy for All" that "all people have a right to life, food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, education, and employment." I am sure that everybody would be happy to live in that world. But my guess is that we can all agree that we (humanity) have failed miserably.

So why am I so hopeful?

The same 1986 letter from the USCCB pointed out that 1 out of 7 people in the U.S. is poor. In 1900, 1 in 3 people in the U.S. was poor. Today, 1 in 10 people are poor. Despite the U.S. being a country that seems to propose that we are all on our own, life is getting better even for the poorest.

I'd also like to share some additional commonly held misconceptions from the book "Factfulness," by Hans Rolling:

Suppose I asked you whether the percentage of people living in absolute poverty in the world has a) doubled, b) stayed the same, or c) halved in the last 20 years. What do you think is true? The answer is c) In the past 20 years, the number of people living in absolute poverty has halved.

How about this? Do you believe that most of the world population lives in a) low-income countries, b) middle-income countries or c) high-income countries? The correct answer is b). In fact, only 9% of the world lives in low-income countries.

What's my point? We have a long way to go in achieving justice for all in the world. This goal should not change. As we saw in today's readings, God rewards the faithful. We have made a lot of progress, and I have faith tomorrow will be better. Politicians come and go, so it's not worth our time to worry too much about one or two decisions from people currently in power. I always think it's better to think of your neighbor and staying healthy.

Jesus S.

ALL SOULS DAY APPEAL

For the upcoming All Souls Day on November 2, we ask for your exceptional support so that we can continue offering **Masses, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pastoral Care, and Bereavement Programs**. With a heartfelt plea, I ask you to consider making a gift in honor of your departed loved ones. Your contribution, whatever the amount, makes a difference in bringing comfort, faith, and hope to those who need it most.



Scan the QR code to read Father Brian's letter for All Souls Day.

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

We had a weeklong celebration of St. Francis of Assisi for his Feast Day. We kicked things off with FrancisFest, Father Xavier Seubert, OFM engaged our community on a talk about St. Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of Creatures", and Father Jim Bernard, OFM presided over the Blessing of the Animals. We thank everyone who joined us to celebrate our patron saint. Photos provided by Father Jim Bernard, OFM, Loida Diaz-DeJesus, Mafe Iledan, and Mary Karpin.





JOIN US IN PRAYER

HOLY HOUR

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
STARTING OCTOBER 16, 2025
AFTER THE 5:30 PM MASS



Our monthly Holy Hour is starting on Wednesday, October 16 after the 5:30 pm Mass. The monthly Holy Hour will take place on the third Wednesday of each month.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

In-Pew Collections

Sunday, October 5	\$6,701.00
September 29-October 3	\$2,632.00

Online Collections

Update for online collections will be in the next bulletin.

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!