



OCTOBER 26, 2025 | THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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-Friday: 8:15 am - 5:15 pm (Lower Church)

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 25, 2025

11:00 AM Thanksgiving Marie Francois Altenor; Birthday Stefan Coty

4:00 PM Jeremy Diaz 50th Birthday; Cathy Leblanc (D)

Sunday, October 26, 2025

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Katherine Gabriel (D)

11:00 Celestin Lawson (L); Carla Johnson (D)

12:30 PM Thanksgiving Leandra & Lilia Mamaril; Greg & Miss X.

5:00 Sean Timothy Tenega; Thanksgiving, The Tenega Family

Monday, October 27, 2025

7:30 AM Lynne Pennington (D)

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 | Feast Day of St. Simon and Jude

5:30 Blessing Gotaco Lee Families

Thursday, October 30, 2025

7:30 AM Mary Hall (D)

12:00 PM Msgr. Oscar Aquino & Manny Pascual (D);
Dawnell Clark Gordon (D)

Friday, October 31, 2025

7:30 AM Intentions of Joseph Anv

12:00 PM Patrick McManus (D); Birthday Kenneth G. Lee

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

Due to our bulletin print schedule, we were unable to include the following names for intentions and weekly offerings in previous bulletins:

Weekly Offering of Bread and Wine:

Special Intention of Adelaida Carlos;
Memory of Jong-Soo Francisco Lee

Intentions:

Thanksgiving Marie Wilbertha Hilaire; Dolores B. Tolentino (D);
Mr. Ccj; Healing Myrta Vargas; Healing Jose Silva Nazario;
Jayden Jeremy Gonzalez; Sean Hesson (D); Healing Jose Silva Nazario;
Healing Nina Gonzalez

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

On September 6, 1995, I had the distinct honor of waiting outside Camden Yards Baseball Stadium in Baltimore, Maryland when Cal Ripken, Jr. of the Baltimore Orioles broke the record for the most consecutive games played in major league baseball with 2,131. That was 30 years ago! The old record lasted for 56 years was held by Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees with 2,130 consecutive games in 1939. The roar of the crowds both inside and outside of the stadium was deafening, but exciting. Cal Ripken, Jr. was humbled not exalted when he ran around the entire stadium on the playing field and profusely thanked the adoring fans. While he was interviewed on international television, I was struck by his answer to the question of how he broke the record. He humbly smiled and said, "With persistence and attitude." Cal Ripken, Jr.'s record remains at 2,632 consecutive games played.



Last Sunday's Gospel passage from St. Luke focused on the persistence of prayer "about the necessity for them to pray always." Whereas this Sunday's Gospel passage from St. Luke focuses on the attitude of prayer. There was a contrast between the attitude of prayer of the exalted Pharisee with the humble posture of prayer of the contrite tax collector who "beat his breast and prayed 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" This contrast is highlighted in the closing words of Jesus in today's Gospel "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled and the one who humble himself will be exalted." Cal Ripken, Jr. is still a role model for humility for still thanking God, his family friends and fans for his storied career.

Proof of my claim is when he retired from professional baseball at the conclusion of the 2001 season. On October 6, 2001, he tearfully thanked God and the state of Maryland for the great opportunity to play professional baseball. Cal Ripken, Jr. truly epitomizes a verse from today's reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy "I have competed well, I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." May we all learn from his inspiring example of humble faith!

Blessings upon you always!

Father Brian Jordan, OFM, Pastor



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. If you would like to have your loved one remembered in our special celebration, please submit the name(s) to be remembered at our All Souls Day Mass on November 2. **The deadline is Thursday, October 30 to submit the form.** You may also include a non-returnable photo of your loved one to be placed near the altar. Scan the QR code to read Fr. Brian's letter and to submit the form.





Marathon Masses

Saturday, November 1, 2025

4:00pm & 5:15pm

NOV. 1: MARATHON MASSES AT 4 PM & 5:15 PM

Next Saturday, November 1, we'll continue our beloved St. Francis tradition of blessing all NYC Marathon runners and their families! Join us at the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass, where we will honor these incredible athletes and offer a special blessing for strength, safety, and joy on race day. To accommodate the wide variety of runner and family schedules, we'll also celebrate an additional Vigil Mass at 5:15 PM. We invite the entire community: runners, visitors, neighbors, and friends—to come together in prayerful support. Let's fill the church with the same energy and spirit that fills the streets of New York on Marathon Sunday. Spread the word and bring your cheer!

OCT. 30: SCREENING OF *CABRINI*

Join us on October 30 at 6:00 pm for a screening of *Cabrini*—the inspiring story of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, a woman of faith and courage who changed the world through love and service. Admission is \$10 and refreshments will be provided. The event will take place in San Damiano Hall. Scan the QR code to register.



NOV. 5: MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Join us on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 PM for our Mass of Remembrance as we honor the lives of loved ones who have gone before us. At St. Francis of Assisi, many of us come from other places and often grieve our loved ones from afar. This celebration allows us to come together as one community of faith and memory. Names submitted by mail or online will be placed in the sanctuary. Our community is also invited to bring or submit a photo or memento of someone you've lost to be placed near the altar during Mass. Our Book of Names of the Dead will be available in the Pietà Chapel to inscribe the names of those you wish to remember throughout November until Advent begins.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

In-Pew Collections

Sunday, October 12	\$4,102.00
October 6-10	\$1,921.00
Sunday, October 19	\$4,562.00
October 13-17	\$2,187.00

Online Collections

October 6-12	\$1,956.00
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Correction from last week's Bulletin, we listed incorrect dates for the online collections, the correction is the following:
September 29-October 5 \$3,213.00

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!