



NOVEMBER 23, 2025 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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.

Rosary Group

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM; 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM; Saturday 11:00 AM

Rosary Group: Every second Wednesday, 6:30 pm Clare Room

Holy Hour: Every third Thursday, after 5:30 pm Mass

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, November 22, 2025

11:00 AM Birthday Emilda Garces

4:00 PM Thomas & Edith Castellana; Albert & Venera Costabile (D)

Sunday, November 23, 2025

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Robert Dyer (D)

11:00 Arthur & Mary Bazzuro

5:00 Thanksgiving Tanega Family; Cresing And Orly Gregorio (D)

Monday, November 24, 2025

5:30 PM Frank & Amelia Bettua

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

7:30 AM Merryn Goh; Birthday Remedios B. Cabanilla

12:00 PM Death Anniv. Jorge R. Sievert (D)

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

7:30 AM Intention of Marie Francois Altenor; Joseph D'Alessandro (D)

5:30 PM Gotaco-Lee Families

Thursday, November 27, 2025 | Thanksgiving

9:00 AM Infant Of Prague; Arthur & Mary Bazzuro

Friday, November 28, 2025

12:00 PM Blessings For Gotaco-Lee Families; Birthday Mary Caulfield

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

With the November and December holidays approaching, please note that we will have early deadlines for the printing of our bulletins and we may not be able to print all the names for the Intentions and Offerings for the week designated for their submission. We will include the names as they are updated in forthcoming bulletins. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

The first reading from this weekend's Feast of Christ the King is from the second book of Samuel where David is made King of Israel and is entrusted to be a just king for ALL the people of Israel by God, "You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel."



Just treatment of the People of God is demanded of every leader of every sovereign nation including the United States. This past week, the US Catholic Conference of Bishops issued a "SPECIAL MESSAGE" denouncing the harsh treatment of immigrants, refugees, and asylees by the current Federal government. This is not partisan politics, but emphasizing Catholic Social Teaching which stresses the moral dignity of ALL human persons born and unborn. The US Bishops' courageously defend the rights of immigrant and the need for due process of law.

Our first Catholic president, John F. Kennedy once gave a speech about the legacy of immigrants in America. The current Federal administration should heed this wise message:

"Immigration policy should be generous; it should be fair; it should be flexible. With such a policy we can turn to the world, and to our own past, with clean hands and a clear conscience. Such a policy would be but a reaffirmation of old principles. It would be an expression of our agreement with George Washington that 'The bosom of America is open to receive not only the opulent and the respectable stranger, but the oppressed and persecuted of all nations and religions; whom we shall welcome to a participation of all our rights and privileges, if by decency and property of conduct they appear to merit the enjoyment.'" (John F. Kennedy, *A Nation of Immigrants*)

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

PASTORAL NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

1. After all the Masses during the weekend of November 22 and 23, all parishioners and friends are asked to sign a petition asking the Federal government to increase the budget of the US Department of Agriculture in order to distribute more food for the needy and for research studies on nutrition. There will be tables in both on the lobby in front of the church and by the 32nd Street entrance to sign this petition. The petitions will be sent to the Manhattan office of US Senator Kristin Gillibrand who is on the US Senate Appropriations Committee. This joint effort is sponsored by our Laudato Si Committee and our newly-formed Social Concerns Committee. Please sign the petition.

2. Anyone who wishes to report an allegation of misconduct from a friar from Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, please call 1-800-770-8013 and ask for the Province's Victim Assistance Coordinator, Angelica Jokim. A thorough investigation will take place.

NOTICE ABOUT THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 28: The office will be closed and there will be no confessions for Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9:00 am.

Friday, November 29: There will be Mass at 12 noon.



OUR LIVING HOPE

Please join us for an **Advent Day of Recollection** “Our Living Hope” which will be led by Professor Natalia Imperatori-Lee, a theology professor at Fordham University. This will take place on **Saturday, December 6 from 12 noon till 3:30 pm in San Damiano Hall**. After light refreshments, Professor Imperatori-Lee will discuss the closing month of the Jubilee Year of Hope with the message of synodality both inspired during the papacy of the late Pope Francis. A free will donation is welcome at the door. All parishioners and friends of the parish are most welcome to join us on this day of Advent Spirituality.



We’ve been blessed over the past two weeks to have students from high schools near and far to visit our parish to expand their knowledge of the Church, Catholic theology, and Franciscan spirituality. Our pastor, Fr. Brian Jordan, OFM, has warmly welcomed and blessed each group publicly, praising them for their interest, their faith, and their participation in our liturgies. Pictured here is Fr. Brian with students from Bishop Kellenberg High School who visited the church on Veterans Day! May God Bless all students and continue to increase their faith! Photo courtesy of Pedro Tavarez.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Due to the early deadline for the print schedule for our bulletin for the Thanksgiving holiday, we will share updates on collections in the forthcoming bulletins.

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!