



## NOVEMBER 30, 2025 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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.



## 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 29, 2025

11:00 AM 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of William & Maryann Gaynor;  
Maria J. Carreon (D)

4:00 PM Diosdado A. Carreon (D); Health/Recovery Of Scott Ferguson

### Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League

11:00 Maura Lacap (D); Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Divina & Children

12:30 PM Porcillien Louis (D)

5:00 Jorence Durana (D)

### Monday, December 1, 2025

7:30 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro; Carlos Gabriel (D)

12:30 PM Kuantai Yeh; Isabel Rivera Sanchez (D)

5:30 Loretta Flynn (D)

### Tuesday, December 2, 2025

7:30 AM Fabiola Suwanto

12:00 PM Arcadia Rivera Sanchez (D)

### Wednesday, December 3, 2025

7:30 AM Arcadia Rivera Sanchez (D)

12:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales Rosado &

All Deceased Family Members Charles A. Sciafani (D)

5:30 Charles A. Sciafani (D)

### Thursday, December 4

9:00 AM Modesto Miranda (D)

12:00 PM Mary Cihanek & Mary Yost; Prpic Miroko

5:30 Thanksgiving Gerardo S. Calma

### Friday, December 5, 2025

12:00 PM Eleanor's Family (L/D)

5:30 Anniversary Jose Bobiles (D); Turingan Siblings

### 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 in last week's bulletin:

Edmond Seide (D); Thanksgiving Baltazar Miranda Family; Lortilia Marseille (D); Pascal Hyppolite (D); Alexis Morales; Rev. Richard Conlon; Marguerite Rodriguez (D); Cecile Bastiem (D); Isabel Rodriguez & Salvador Jimenez; Elizabeth Brennan; Nerette Seide (D); Rebecca Ili (D); Adeline Joseph (D); Lucienne Hilaire (D); Paul Murawski (L) & Fr. Warren Sullivan (D)

## The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

We now begin the new liturgical year (Cycle A) with the season of Advent 2025.



In the Advent liturgy, we listen once again to the words of the prophet Isaiah calling us to recognize our need for God. We experience the piercing challenge of John the Baptist, whose words and way of living call us to make straight the way of the Lord. John the Baptist (last of the Old Testament prophets) reminds us of the justice and peace of God's Kingdom, incarnated in Jesus and experienced when and where we live the values of the Gospel.

Advent means "coming". We are to prepare for the coming of God among us as a child who is a King, as an infant who is a savior, as one born at a given time and place yet who is a Messiah for all ages and peoples. Advent also turns our hearts towards the future when Christ "will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." Advent is twofold--it is a season of preparation for both the first and second coming of Jesus Christ.

Of the four Advent Sundays, it is the first that emphasizes Christ's second coming, a theme which is sustained throughout the weekdays of the first half of the season until December 16. The first Sunday of Advent emphasizes the "Christ will come again" aspect of liturgical prayer and helps us to "wait in joyful hope for the coming of the Savior." Our devout and joyful expectation is for the Lord to come again and take us to His Kingdom forever.

Advent is a season of moods and senses. Its liturgy is stark, simple and sober. Our watching and waiting is hopeful like our Advent theme which is "OUR LIVING HOPE." Advent prepares us for the birth of an infant Messiah and for the return of the Lord of Heaven and Earth! During this new liturgical year from November 30, 2025 to November 27, 2026, let us draw closer to the Lord and one another with sustained prayer that begins with this Advent season!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian



## DECEMBER 6: OUR LIVING HOPE

Please join us for an **Advent Day of Reflection** "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.

## PASTORAL NOTES

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.



## JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1: ANNUAL PARISH WINTER RETREAT

The Church of St. Francis of Assisi is again offering a WINTER RETREAT FOR MINISTERS, VOLUNTEERS & PARISHIONERS. Step away from the busyness of life and find renewal in God's presence. Join us for our parish retreat—a time to rest, reflect, and reconnect in faith. This retreat is a chance for parishioners to escape the city for a couple of days to connect with one another and reconnect with God. There will be time to pray, hear talks, discuss the faith, and enjoy quiet time on the beautiful property of the Mt. Alvernia Franciscan Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY. Scan QR code for more information, fees, and to register.

### WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

#### In-Pew Collections

Sunday November 16	\$5,837.00
November 10-14	\$1,811.00

#### Online Collections

November 3-9	\$2,837.00
November 10-16	\$2,693.02

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