



DECEMBER 7, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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The Virgin of the Immaculate Conception with Saints Anne and Joachim (between circa 1638 and circa 1640). Francisco de Zurbarán (1598–1664). National Galleries of Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland. Francisco de Zurbarán, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

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

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, December 6, 2025

11:00 AM Claude Etienne & Lucianne Bernard (D);
Marie Dieula & Conceptia Edouard (D)

4:00 PM Mr. Rebo Saguisag' Imelda De los Santos Caldito (D)

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;

Birthday Kusganon Garces

10:00 Marie Mercie Israel (D); Eric A. Rivera (D)

11:00 Jose & Esther Medina; The Earth, and for All of Us, that We May
Become Better Stewards Of God's Creation

12:30 PM St. Andrew; Thanksgiving Baltazar Miranda Family

5:00 Teresa & Frank Badami (D); St. Anthony

Monday, December 8, 2025 | Holy Day of Obligation

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro;

Thanksgiving Carreon-Jenosa Family

12:30 PM Sarah Flanagan (D); Intention of Marie Francois Altenor

5:30 Francisca P. Garcia (D); Nancy Tretinik (D)

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

7:30 AM Rev Fergus A Healey & Rev Raul Zapata (D); Ralph Aril (D)

12:00 PM Mary Hyland (D)

5:30 Josefina Magno (D); Thanksgiving Marie Paul Rouchon

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

7:30 AM Thanksgiving to St Anthony for Grace Granted;
Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM Joseph & Jeannie (L); Joseph & Jeannie (L)

Thursday, December 11, 2025

7:30 AM Adelena & Constantine D'argenio; Gerry Tengco (D)

12:00 PM Manding & Maria Castillo (D)

Friday, December 12, 2025 | Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 AM Poor Souls; Repose All Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM Carlos Lata Siavichay (D); Gia Diamond Soto (D)

5:30 Birthday/Thanksgiving Edmon M. Kwan;
Anna & Lino Carradi (D)

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

Advent Candles: The Advent wreath candles were donated by Cassandra Smith in honor of her two sons, Jay D. Smith and Lester B. Edwards and their families.

Due to early deadlines for our bulletin print schedule for the Christmas season, we were unable to include the following names for intentions in last week's bulletin: Carlos Ramirez; Bday Jose Maria Haquin & Family; Thanks. Uchenna Chukwujekwu; 100th Bday Fr. Robert Gavin (D); Intention of Immaculate Egbosi; Maria Fernanda De Las Fuentes & Family; Simon Sohng & Monica Uyeda; Intention of Alexander Egbosi; Seibio Uzcategui & Family; Family of Nkem Mbamelu; Natalie Yeh; Marie Lucie Telfort (D); Healing Uchenna Chukwujekwu; Joan Razza (D); Anne Marie Chauvannes (D); Bday Edgestone King Rivera; Herman Etienne (D).

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

The four Sundays of Advent are rich with readings from the prophet Isaiah and the second and third Sundays emphasize the importance of John the Baptist. Both prophets are preparing for the “coming” of Jesus Christ—fully human and fully divine.



This passage from Isaiah this Sunday is one of my favorite Old Testament applications regarding a tenacious hope of renewal “a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.” The house of King David appears to be coming to an end through the stump of a tree but renewal of that tree comes through the sprout that bears blossoming buds. The house of David is fully renewed through the birth of Jesus Christ.

A tenacious hope also takes place in the Messianic preaching from the last of the Old Testament prophets, John the Baptist. From the beginning of the Gospel passage from Matthew, he proclaims “Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.” John the Baptist also utters the words of the prophet Isaiah when he demands the people of Israel “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” These strong exhortations compel the People of God then and now for preparation for Jesus Christ. John the Baptist and other Old Testament prophets prepared for the first coming of Jesus Christ. These readings and the words of Jesus Christ before his Ascension prepare us for the second coming of Our Savior on Judgement Day.

The Advent theme for our parish this year is “Our Living Hope” for it is both communal and ongoing. We hope and pray for peace in Ukraine and in Gaza. We hope and pray for those seeking employment and sound health insurance in our nation. We hope and pray for those seeking affordable housing and affordable food prices in our own metropolitan area.

May we all be ambassadors of hope during this Advent season!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, December 6: Advent Day of Reflection at 12 pm

Monday, December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 12: Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6:30 pm with reception following

December 15-December 23: Simbang Gabi Nine-Day Advent Novena Masses

The Ugnayan Filipino Ministry at St. Francis of Assisi is hosting its Simbang Gabi Nine-Day Advent Masses. Weekday Masses at 6:15 pm in the Lower Church and Weekend Masses at 3:00 pm in the Lower Church.

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

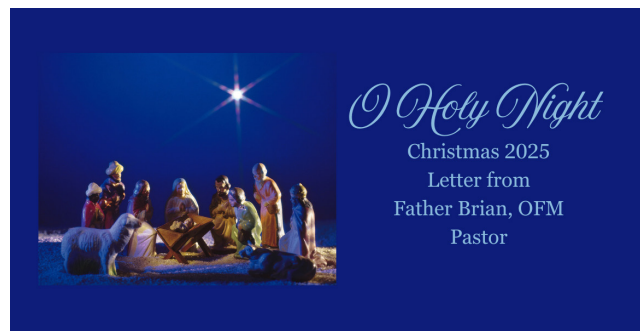
Confessions at 8:00 am - 9:30 am and 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Masses at 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm (Korean), and 10:00 pm

Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day

Masses at 8:00 am, 9:15 am (Korean), 11:00 am, and 12:30 pm

Friday, December 26: Day After Christmas

Parish office will be closed and there will be no confessions. There will be one Mass at 12 noon.



Scan the QR code to read Father Brian's letter for Christmas with the theme of Holy Night. You will also be able to make your Christmas gift to the parish via the QR code. We thank you for supporting the Franciscan Friars and the parish this Christmas season.





Fr. Brian Jordan, OFM with the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart who visited our parish in November.
Photo credit: Fr. Jim Bernard, OFM



Fr. Jim together with two members of our Filipino community (Shirley Domingo and Chato Morando) served Thanksgiving dinner to our friends at St. Francis Friends of the Poor - Residence #1. Pictured with staff members Cassandra and Al.



DECEMBER 15: RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Reconciliation Monday will be observed throughout the Archdiocese of New York on Monday, December 15th. Our confession schedule that day is as follows: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please plan accordingly.

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.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Due to early deadlines for our bulletin print schedule for the Christmas season, we are unable to include updated information for our collections in this bulletin. We will provide updates in upcoming bulletins.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHRISTMAS CARDS

Share the joy of Christmas with loved ones while helping to support our parish ministries and outreach programs with St. Francis of Assisi Christmas cards. To order cards, visit www.stfrancisnyc.org (scroll to "St. Francis Mass Cards and Gifts" and click "Visit Store") or call 212-736-8500, ext 307.

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



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We thank you for your continued support and generosity!