



JANUARY 4, 2026 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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

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, January 3, 2026

11:00 AM Thomas & Edith Castellana (D);
Carmen Maria Morales & All Deceased
4:00 PM 1st Lt. Russell R. Coates (D); Jose Matthew Thottam

Sunday, January 4, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Anita Pasquale (D)
10:00 Poor Souls; St. Francis
11:00 Jose & Esther Medina (D); Spc. Intentions For Celestin Lawson (L)
12:30 PM Milagros & Fausto Bautista Sr. (D); Lauro & Fausto Bautista Jr. (D)
5:00 Ronald Bautista (D); Lorna Bautista (D)

Monday, January 5, 2026

7:30 AM St. Jude; Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D)
12:30 PM Jacob K. Thottam; Healing Emmanuel Chukwujekwu
5:30 John C. Kampil; St. Joseph's Intercession

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

7:30 AM St. Anthony; Nicholas & Elena Daconta
12:00 PM Brian Jung (L); Adelena & Constantine D'Argenio
5:30 Thanh Nguyen (L); Jeanie & Joseph (L)

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

7:30 AM Mary & Tommy (L); Rev. Richard Conlon
12:00 PM Healing Jose Armijos; Birthday Dalma McDonald (L)
5:30 Mirelle Gbeasor (D); Susan Labio (D)

Thursday, January 8, 2026

7:30 AM Rev. William McLaughlin (L); Marcelo Barroso (L)
12:00 PM Wilson Castillo (D); Healing Myrta Vargas
5:30 Rommel Dabu (D); Alexis Morales (L)

Friday, January 9

7:30 AM Peter Chen (L); Patricia Gorham (D)
12:00 PM Mary Ann Burbage (D); Xavier Melendez (L)
5:30 Infant of Prague; Joseph Moroney (L)

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

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Jesusa Catahan (D)

SPECIAL NOTE ON DATED ANNOUNCED MASS CARDS

The price of a Dated Announced Mass is now \$20.

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Blessings upon you for the new year of 2026!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is fascinating and appropriate that the Three Wise Men were three foreigners. They traveled from a long distance to pay homage to Jesus in a humble setting in Bethlehem. They brought gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh. Since the inception of the United States, immigrants have always brought gifts to this great country. They brought their God-given gifts and talents and an intense desire to positively contribute to the common good of America.



The history of America begins with the history of immigration to this great land. This is reflected in the third verse from the first reading from Isaiah "upon you the Lord shines, and over you appear his glory. Nations shall walk by your light." On November 12, 2026, the US Bishops issued a special message on Immigration in the United States. It is a timely and important message to make given the climate towards immigrants, asylees and refugees. The US Bishops voted overwhelmingly for solidarity with immigrants as evidenced from today's second reading from St. Paul to the Ephesians. One verse reads "the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." The US Bishops defend the God-given dignity of immigrants, asylees and refugees.

Within the special message, the US Bishops state "Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures... We oppose indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement...we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform."

The clear majority of immigrants are gifts to this country and have been for centuries. It is interesting to note that the Feast of the Epiphany is the only time we hear of the Three Wise Men who are foreigners bearing gifts for Jesus. We never hear about them again in the New Testament. A verse from this Gospel passage from Matthew reads "They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures..." Since the beginning of America, immigrants have brought many gifts more meaningful than frankincense, gold and myrrh. They helped build the foundation of the United States and inspired the "soul of America."

This weekend, the friar presiders will connect the Feast of the Epiphany with the storied contributions of immigrants in the United States. The primary point of Catholic Social Teaching is the dignity of the human person—that includes ALL the people of God!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian Jordan, OFM
Pastor

PASTORAL NOTES

Please join us for an adult education seminar entitled "Catholic Social Teaching." This seminar will focus on the seven primary points of Catholic Social Teaching. The presenters for this seminar are Father Brian Jordan, OFM, our pastor and Professor Ronald Schramm of Columbia University and also the chairperson of the Social Concerns Committee of the parish. The seminar will be held on Saturday afternoon, January 24 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the St. Francis Room. The seminar is free and all parishioners and friends are welcome to participate. Light refreshments will be served.

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

January 3 & 4: The Feast of the Epiphany at 4:00 pm (Saturday), and 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 5:00 pm (Sunday)

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, recalling the journey of the Magi and the revelation of Christ to the world. Guided by a simple light, they arrive with trust, reverence, and gifts shaped by the road they traveled. As we begin this new year, Epiphany invites us to notice where God is already present and to respond with the faith we carry.

January 15: Holy Hour at 6:00 pm

We invite you to step away from the pace of daily life and enter an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Hour is a time to sit in God's presence, listen in silence, and offer what you carry. Come for the whole hour or for as long as you are able.

January 21: Worker's Mass at 12 noon, Upper Church

On the third Wednesday of each month, we gather to remember workers who lost their lives on the job in the past month and to hold their families in prayer. This January, during the week of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Mass invites reflection on the dignity of work and the ongoing call to justice. A guest speaker will join us.

January 30: February 1: Annual Parish Winter Retreat

Step away from the busy-ness 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. Join us to spend time with other parishioners to pray, reflect, and reconnect with God and each other. Scan the QR code for more information, registration fee, and to register.



WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Due to early deadlines for our bulletin print schedule for the Christmas season, we are unable to include up-to-date information for our collections in this bulletin. We will provide updates as they become available for each bulletin being drafted.

In-Pew Collections

Sunday, December 21	\$5,302.00
December 15-19	\$1,826.00

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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!

