



## JANUARY 25, 2026 | THIRD 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

**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 24, 2026

11:00 AM Franciscan Handmaids of Mary (L/D);  
Healing Richard Bender

4:00 PM Nancy Magloire (L); Dr. Lester A. Deniega (D)

### Sunday, January 25, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Randal Fello (D)

11:00 Thanksgiving Ante Family;  
Birthday Angelita Pama (D)

12:30 PM Foley, Quirke & Murphy Families;  
Jan E. Puterbaugh (D)

5:00 Salvatore & Verna Bronzo (D);  
Cresing Gregorio & Bonifacio Taniega (D)

### Monday, January 26, 2026

12:00 PM Anniversary Maria Teresa Sanango (D);  
Idalra Dutan Sanango (D)

### Tuesday, January 27, 2026

12:00 PM Franciscan Handmaids of Mary (L/D);  
Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

5:30 Wali Waheed (D)

### Thursday, January 29, 2026

12:00 PM Healing Marijana Kustera; Healing Myrta Vargas

### Friday, January 30, 2026

7:30 AM Franciscan Friars

5:30 PM Charles Janiak (D)

### This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

### The following names were not included in previous bulletins at time of printing submission:

Healing Richard Bender

Frank O'Brien (D)

Eldon & Winifred Smith (D)

Ernest & Macarthur Smith (D)

Bernard Smith (L)

## The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

This new year has begun with international incidents that has caused tremendous controversy. The removal of the president of Venezuela and the seizure of its oil industry has placed dark clouds over American foreign policy. Equally abhorrent is the possible military takeover over Greenland, a possession of the sovereign nation of Denmark. This would pose dark days ahead for the long-standing NATO agreement.



We are hoping and praying that cooler heads will prevail. There are precedents in today's readings. A passage from today's first reading from Isaiah reads "Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness...The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."

Recalling Isaiah's prophecy in today's first reading, the passage from today's Gospel of Matthew highlights its prophetic fulfillment in Jesus early life and initial public ministry. It also repeats the verse from Isaiah "The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light." The light of Christ shines forth later in the Gospel when Jesus chooses the majority of his Apostles who are fishermen "Come after me, I will make you fishers of men." All Catholic Christians are called to be like Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

We can all learn from Pope John XXIII who convened the Second Vatican Council and tried all his priestly life to bring unity and harmony to all nations and avoid the temptation of nation-grabbing. He enlightened our darkness with these words "The true and solid peace of nations consists not in equality of arms, but in mutual trust alone." May his words and example shed light on our present world leaders!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian Jordan, OFM

### **SPECIAL NOTE ON DATED ANNOUNCED MASS CARDS**

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

### **UPPER CHURCH CLOSURE DURING WEEKDAYS**

The Upper Church is now closed on weekdays (Monday through Friday) until further notice due to important renovations.

# JANUARY CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

## 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.



If space is still available, registration will close on January 27, 2026.

### WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Please note that due to the print schedule deadline for this bulletin issue, we are unable to provide updates for our collections. We will include updates in the next bulletin. Thank you.

### 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!

