



## FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | SIXTH 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, February 14, 2026

11:00 AM Carmine From Grandma; St. Andrew

4:00 PM Pedjieline Martizano (D);  
Franciscan Handmaids of Mary (L/D)

### Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;  
Paulette Lingafelter (D)

11:00 Jose & Esther Medina (D);  
Valentina N. Madrid (D)

12:30 PM Terence Hall (D); Valentina N. Madrid (D)

5:00 Bdays Isabelita A. Glorioso Cynthia G. Belen

### Monday, February 16, 2026 | Presidents' Day

12:00 PM Lucia Torribio (D)

### Wednesday, February 18, 2026 | Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM Isabel Rivera Sanchez (D)

### Thursday, February 19, 2026

7:30 AM John 'Jack' Stapleton (D)

12:00 PM Healing Sophia Williams; Healing Marijana Kustera

### Friday, February 20, 2026

7:30 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D)

12:00 PM Joseph D'Alessandro (D)

5:30 Phillipe Mario Milorme (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:

Naomi Santiago-Thomas (D)

Michelle Jure (D)

Corazon Loyola Borres (D)

Pro Populo

Patrick Keller (D)

Barbara Keller (D)

## The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

As we prepare for the season of Lent which begins this Ash Wednesday, February 18--all Catholics are called to abide by the sense of sacrifice and penance. Our Liturgy Committee has selected a special theme for this Lenten season "The Spirit of Compassion" during these times of danger and uncertainty. Compassion not only for individual suffering but for the many who experience communal suffering in their lives.

The first reading this weekend is from the Book of Sirach which teaches how to deal with suffering through compassion. "If you choose to keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live;" This means that God places within all of us a sense of conscience plus knowledge of right and wrong. We know what is right which enables us to be compassionate towards others. This is connected to the second reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Paul writes of distinguishing between right and wrong "Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory." Paul emphasizes to make the right choice and the right action as the heart of that grandeur. His model is the Cross of Christ.

The long passage in this week's Gospel of Matthew challenges us to change our behavior for the greater good of God's mercy. "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven." During this season of Lent (February 18 till March 28 AND Holy Week is from Palm Sunday March 29 till Easter Sunday April 5) let our parish abide by "The Spirit of Compassion" through our words and actions.

Blessings to all,  
Father Brian Jordan, OFM  
Pastor



## Pastoral Notes

### Saturday, February 21 at 1:00 PM

1. Please join us for our next class on "Catholic Social Teaching. Professor Ronald Schramm of Columbia University and Father Brian Jordan, OFM will continue to lead the discussion of Catholic Social Teaching. This will take place on Saturday afternoon, February 21 from 1 pm till 2:30 pm in the St. Clare Room in the Parish House. All are welcome to join us.

### Saturday, March 7 at 1:30 PM

2. Our Lenten Day of Reflection's topic is "The Spirit of Compassion." The speaker will be Father Kenneth Himes, OFM, Ph.D. Father Ken has taught for many years at the Washington Theological Union and concluded his teaching career at Boston College. He is an international scholar as a moral theologian whose specialty is Catholic Social Teaching. He has written and edited many books plus writing numerous articles for many journals around the world. Presently, he is a scholar in residence at Siena University in upstate New York. Father Ken's talk will be composed of a social analysis to comment on the social ills of our present society and how we can address them on a local level. This is guaranteed to be a worthwhile experience. Please join us on Saturday, March 7 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in San Damiano Hall. Light refreshments will be served. A free will offering is suggested. Please go on the website to RSVP your attendance for this meaningful reflection. All are welcome to join us in solidarity.

## FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

### February 15: Mardi Gras Hospitality

The parish invites you to join us for Mardi Gras Hospitality on Sunday, February 15, immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass at the Clare Room. Come enjoy festive treats and good fellowship as we celebrate together. All are welcome!

### Lenten Soup and Scripture

The parish is delighted to revive Soup and Scripture this Lenten Season. Join us for Soup and Scripture on three Mondays of Lent at 6:00 PM in the Francis Room:

February 23  
March 9  
March 23



Come for a simple meal, Scripture reflection, and faith-filled fellowship. RSVPs are encouraged so we know how much soup to prepare. Scan QR code to RSVP.

## SPECIAL NOTE ON DATED ANNOUNCED MASS CARDS

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

### February 18: Ash Wednesday

#### Mass:

7:30 AM  
12:00 PM  
1:15 PM  
4:30 PM (en español)  
5:30 PM  
6:30 PM

#### Distribution of Ashes:

We will impose ashes in the Lower Church from 7:00 AM to 6:30 PM

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

8:00 to 9:00 AM  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

## UPPER CHURCH CLOSURE DURING WEEKDAYS

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

## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

### In-Pew Collections

Sunday, February 8	\$3,847.00
Second Collection - Peter's Pence	\$822.00
February 2-6	\$2,266.00

## MAKE YOUR GIFT TO THE PARISH

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