



FEBRUARY 22, 2026 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 21, 2026

11:00 AM Marciano Jacela (D); St. Anthony

4:00 PM Laura Jack (D); Franciscan Handmaids of Mary (L/D)

Sunday, February 22, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Poor Souls

11:00 Young Yu (L); In Memory of Gilberte Joseph (D)

Monday, February 23, 2026

7:30 AM Sophie An (L); Kyu Cho (D)

12:00 PM Healing Richard Bender

5:30 Mr. Thomas (D)

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

12:00 PM Jessie Q. Sotto (D)

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

7:30 AM Birthday Anthony G. Lee (L); Agata Lee (D)

12:00 PM Soul of Salvatore & Verna Bronzo (D);
Pedro Semeo (D)

Friday, February 20, 2026

7:30 AM Franciscan Friars

12:00 PM Consuelo B. Dumlao (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:

Elena Diaz Ynoa & Albanelys De laCruz (D)

Fausto & Pilar Miraflores (D)

Birthday Juan Moreno (D)

Catherine J. Gastador (D)

NOTICE ABOUT ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

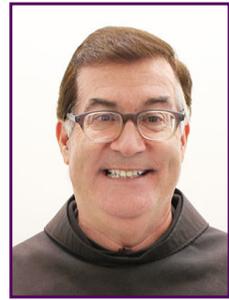
- All Weekday Masses during the season of Lent will be held in the Upper Church unless otherwise announced.
- Stations of the Cross during Lent will be held in the Upper Church.

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

The theme for our Lenten season is "The Spirit of Compassion." Why was that chosen by our liturgy and spiritual life committee? Every time we read a newspaper, listen to the radio or watch television, we were overcome with vile, disdainful acts whether by individuals, various organizations even leaders of certain countries. Many good, decent people are reviled by these actions and have grown weary of their consequences. Many of these same people call out for better behavior and compassionate public policy.



The readings for this weekend of Lent inform Christians worldwide about the consequences of temptation. In the passage from the Book of Genesis, both Adam and Eve suffer the consequences of falling into temptation by the Devil to eat the forbidden fruit. They are banished from the Garden of Eden.

Whereas in the Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus was tempted by the same Devil three times if he followed those evil directions. Jesus resisted each temptation with humility and authority. The consequences of his resistance was positive because he was a spiritual leader of compassion.

Throughout history and literature, many leaders taught compassion:

"Gentleness is invincible." Marcus Aurelius.

"Your gentleness shall force more than your force move us to gentleness." William Shakespeare.

"If you would reap praise, sow the seeds, gentle words and helpful deeds." Benjamin Franklin.

"A loving heart is the truest wisdom." Charles Dickens.

The example of certain saints teach us compassion:

"If we gain our brother, we gain God; if we upset our brother, we sin against God." St. Anthony of Padua.

"Welfare is for a purpose. Christian love is for a person." St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Let us be compassionate towards one another—it is widely contagious and promotes the common good!

Blessings to all,
Father Brian Jordan, OFM
Pastor

FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

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, and 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.



Saturday, March 7 at 1:30 PM: Spirit of Compassion with Father Kenneth Himes, OFM, Ph.D

Our Lenten Day of Reflection's topic is "The Spirit of Compassion." The speaker will be Father Kenneth Himes, OFM, Ph.D. 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. 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. All are welcome to join us in solidarity. Scan QR code to RSVP.



ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES | SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER

February 26 - April 9, 2026, 2026 (on Thursdays): Carson McCullers (1917-1967) : Telling Tales

The usual characterization of Carson McCullers' writings as Southern Gothic is both accurate and too limiting. The author describes her expansive writing process as an imaginative mix of memory and insight, reality and dream. After an introductory class, we will explore McCullers imaginative world through the following texts: *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*, *The Member of the Wedding*, *The Ballad of the Sad Café*, and *The Clock without Hands*.



March 2 - April 20, 2026 (on Mondays): Elizabeth Bishop (1911-1979) Poetic Sights and Insights

One of the most influential poets bridging modern and postmodern poetry, Elizabeth Bishop presents us with detailed personal observations and descriptions of the animals, persons and places she encountered during her many international travels. Personal, though not confessional, expressed in established poetic forms and free verse, Bishop's poems demonstrate her extraordinary ability to see and present the ordinary in a new light.



March 13, 2026: Women Saints and Holy Women from Asia Celebrating World Youth Day Seoul, Korea, 2027

This is an all-day seminar that will introduce some of the illustrious women saints, laywomen and martyrs from South Korea, China, India, Japan, the Philippines, and other areas of southeast Asia. Through a history of the rise of Christianity in South Korea, discussion of cultural and historical resources, readings, and a short film presentation, participants will explore the history and spiritual quests of the individuals presented as well as their achievements and tribulations.



WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Please note that updates on collections were not available at time of the bulletin's submission for printing. We will include updates in the next bulletin.

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