



MARCH 1, 2026 | SECOND 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 28, 2026

11:00 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzarro (D);
Angels Praying for You Group

4:00 PM James & Gordon Shaw (L)

Sunday, March 1, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;
Gerolono & Mary Maggiolo

11:00 Young Yu (L)

Monday, March 2, 2026 | Feast of St. Katharine Drexel

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

7:30 AM St. Anthony

12:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales & All Deceased

5:30 David Strome (D)

Friday, March 5, 2026

7:30 AM KT Yeh & Family

12:00 PM Pol Lee & Casper Cihanek (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:

Filomena Paz (D)

Pablo Bernardo (D)

Healing Marijana Kustera

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,

In an earlier message, I shared that Pope Leo XIV has decreed the Franciscan Jubilee Year from January 10, 2026 till January 10, 2027. The purpose of this Jubilee Year is to observe the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi on October 3, 1226 at age 44. The Holy Father has made this known to all the Catholic faithful of the world and to all non-Catholics who recognize that St. Francis is a model for seeking peace in a world so plagued by conflict. This Jubilee Year is not just based on piety but an appeal for reconciliation, care for creation and a Church marked by humility rather than power—themes deeply rooted in the legacy of St. Francis of Assisi. Our parish is named after St. Francis of Assisi and we have been recognized by the Archdiocese of New York and nearby dioceses as a place for pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year of January 10, 2026 till January 10, 2027.



For more than a century, our parish has been recognized for the availability and presence of kind confessors for the sacrament of confession. Besides Catholics, even those from other houses of worship have come here for confession although they do not receive absolution but compassionate guidance. ALL are welcome here for confession. Therefore, we will abide by the Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary call during this Jubilee Year for the practice of plenary indulgences. However, the Franciscan friars and our lay leaders wish to broaden the horizons of the plenary indulgence from individual to communal.

The conditions for the indulgence is for oneself or for the deceased. I would ask that we expand these conditions to include world peace. The plenary indulgence also includes sacramental confession; participation in Mass and Eucharistic communion; going to a Franciscan church where one renews the profession of faith through the recitation of the Creed, to reaffirm one's Christian identity. Also, the recitation of the Lord's prayer; to reaffirm the dignity of the children of God received in Baptism. The plenary indulgence also includes prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father; to reaffirm belonging in the Church by praying for the love of God and love of our neighbor.

Within two weeks, we will publish adapted guidelines for the plenary indulgence which will include Catholic Social Teaching. It is our intention is to emphasize praxis in the present rather than personal piety in the past. In a world filled with danger and uncertainty, we are pursuing a Franciscan response that is relevant to the needs of contemporary society.

During this second week of Lent, let us be consoled by today's reading from the second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy: "Beloved, Bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God."

Blessings to all,
Father Brian

FOR THE LENTEN SEASON | SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER

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.



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: March 2, 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.



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**



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



**March 11-April 1, 2026:
The Writings and Wisdom of St. Paul**



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



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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