



## MARCH 8, 2026 | THIRD 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

### Sunday, March 7, 2026

11:00 AM Diego Apauricio (D); Joy Agoilo (D)

4:00 PM Patrick Mcmanus (D)

### Sunday, March 8, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;  
Peter Reilly (D)

11:00 Juana Tuya (D)

12:30 PM Pamela Yamamoto (D); Clara Sisco (D)

5:00 Orlando J. Gregorio (D); Leandro Tanega (D)

### Tuesday, March 10, 2026

12:00 PM Erlinda L. Que (D); St. Anthony

5:30 Luis G. Liwawag (D); St. Andrew

### Wednesday, March 11, 2026

7:30 AM Spc. Int. For Caroline G. Lee (L)

5:30 PM Jose T. Bobiles (D)

### Thursdays, March 12, 2026

12:00 PM Anna Corradi (D)

5:30 PM Gia Diamond Soto (D)

### Friday, March 13, 2026

7:30 AM Modesto Miranda (D)

12:00 PM Eva A. J. Carreon (L)

### 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:

Cecilia Ness (D); Mollie Ness (D); Susie McHugh (D); Mangroo Family (D); Robert & Margaret McKechnie (D); Kevin Hyde (D); 53 Wed. Anniv. John & Mary Capellan (L); Family & Friends of Eleanor; Kevin & Katherine Cahill (D); Juan Dulce Arguson (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,

Today, Sunday March 8 marks daylight savings time in which turn the clocks one hour ahead which results in more light during the course of the day.

May we shed light on today's long Gospel passage from St. John. It is about the interaction between Jesus, a Jew and an unnamed woman from Samaria. If this was a play, it would have four acts.



Act One would be the initial conversation between Jesus and this Samaritan woman. This is highly unusual because she is a woman and not Jewish. Are they sharing more than water at the well?

Act Two reveals a deeper conversation with the Samaritan woman where she would like to drink "the living water" that Jesus invites her to do so, by saying "true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." Act Three involves a conversation between Jesus and his disciples after he concludes his discussion with the Samaritan woman. The disciples talk about eating a meal together. Jesus goes beyond that context and talks of a harvest where both "the sower and the reaper can rejoice together."

Act Four is when the Samaritan woman recounts her conversation at the well with other Samaritans. They began to believe that Jesus is the One who will save the world. The other believing Samaritans respond to the woman with a leap of faith "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

Blessings to all,  
Father Brian

### PASTORAL NOTES

1. We publicly thank our Laudato Si Committee for composing a **Lenten List of nineteen sustainable practices** that we can abide by during this season of Lent. Another handout of this Lenten List will be included in this week's bulletin. Please share this list with family members and friends.
2. All parishioners and friends who would like to contribute to the **Annual Cardinal's Appeal** is asked to fill out their information and make a pledge to this worthy Appeal. **Please include the number 68 on this designated envelope. That is the identification number for our parish.** You can either mail your envelope to the Archdiocese or place the sealed envelope in next week's collection basket. We will deliver your envelopes to the Archdiocese.
3. Our Social Concerns Committee is planning a Catholic Social Teaching response to the recent bombing attack on Iran by the United States and Israel. Retaliatory strikes have already started by Iran to nearby nations. We are uncertain if such retaliation will strike in certain parts of the United States including New York City. A number of parishioners have already sent in these pearls of wisdom for world peace.

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

### 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 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



**NEW START DATE** March 18-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

#### In-Pew Collections

Sunday, March 1	\$5,582.00
February 23-27	\$2,116.00

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