



MARCH 29, 2026 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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 Holy 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, March 28, 2026

4:00 PM St. Anthony

Sunday, March 29, 2026 |

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8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;
Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D)

11:00 Jose & Esther Medina (D);
Eduardo Enrique Rocheste Taylor (D)

12:30 PM Bday Annie Sulaiman; Birthday Tricia Rumola (L)
5:00 Healing Maureen Ayres

Monday, March 30, 2026

12:00 PM Bday Jim (D) & Lilibeth Delos Santos (L);
Leonardo & Giovanni Mamaril (D)

5:30 William Lee Fishman & Irene Flynn (D);
Birthday Joeliza Magbanua (L)

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

7:30 AM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony;
Birthday Ermy Luz Rosario (L)

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

7:30 AM Adeline & Charles Santamaria; Bridget Reilly (D)

12:00 PM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D); Angelina Lim (D)

5:30 KT Yeh & Family; Birthday Maria Elba S. Bobiles (L)

This week's Bread and Wine:

Catherine Puangco
Birthday Mc Gringo Rosas

This week's Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

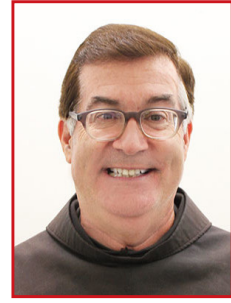
The following names were not included in previous bulletins at time of printing submission:

Healing Manong & Naty Manuel; Thanksgiving to St. Joseph;
Intention of Deonne Francisco (L); Thanksgiving to St. Anthony;
In Honor of Mary Untier of Knots; Nelsa Peralta (D)

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings! This week Christians around the world observe the most sacred week of the year—Holy Week. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday when Jesus enters triumphantly into Jerusalem. Churchgoers are holding palm in their hands during the dramatic reading of the Passion. The week continues where Catholics are encouraged to go to confession and for prayerful meditation. On Tuesday, March 31 is the Chrism Mass, the Holy Oils to be used throughout the coming year for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick are consecrated



The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The solemn liturgies of the Triduum are the most important liturgies of the Church teaching the meaning of Christ's life, death and Resurrection.

Holy Thursday. This commemorates the Institution of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and recalls the Last Supper of Our Lord. At this Mass of the Lord's Supper, three priests will wash the feet of select catechumens and candidates. This a symbol of humble service everyone is called to live.

Good Friday. This commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. It is a day of quiet fasting and mourning, remembering again how Jesus suffered and died for our sins. During the proclamation of the Lord's Passion the ceremony and prayers are solemn and reflective. A special collection will be taken up for the sacred ministry in the Holy Land.

Easter Vigil. This sacred Mass is the culmination of the Liturgical Year. We will have two vigils—the first in English and the second in Korean. The paschal candle is the symbol of the light of Christ, rising in glory, scattering the darkness of our hearts and minds. During this Liturgy, catechumens and candidates are fully initiated as members of the Roman Catholic Church. The local assembly are witnesses of their tremendous faith.

Easter Sunday continues with the glory of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The rite of the renewal of baptismal promises may take place after the homily, followed by the sprinkling of water blessed at the Vigil.

Due to the untimely war in the Middle East, especially in the Holy Land, I humbly ask you for two matters of importance. First and foremost, your prayers for the end of this terrible war. It has severely diminished tourism from Christians around the world to visit our Franciscan houses of worship in Bethlehem, Nazareth and other holy sites. Second, I ask you to be very generous in the Holy Land collection which will help our Franciscan friars continue their wonderful ministry in the land of the birth, the death and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Again, we truly appreciate your generosity.

On behalf of the Franciscan friars, our parish staff and our lay leaders, we wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Easter and an enduring peace in our world!

Father Brian

CELEBRATE & SUPPORT THE PARISH THIS EASTER SEASON

HOLY WEEK 2026

Thursday, April 2

Confessions: 8 am-10 am | 11am-1 pm
Multicultural Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 pm

Friday, April 3

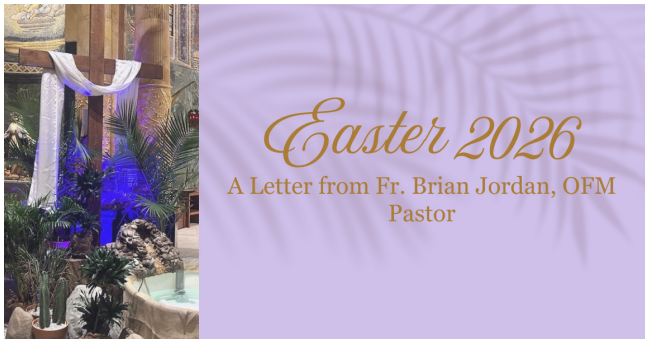
Confessions: 8 am-11 am
Seven Last Words: 12 pm
Liturgy of the Passion: 3 pm | 7 pm (Korean)
Stations of the Cross: 5 pm

Saturday, April 4

The Great Vigil of Easter: 5 pm | 8 pm (Korean)

Sunday, April 5

Mass of the Lord's Resurrection:
8 am | 9:15 am (Korean) | 10 am (Español)
11 am | 12:30 pm | 5 pm



Read Fr. Brian's Easter letter and make your Easter contribution online by scanning the QR code.



Celebrate Easter by honoring your loved ones through flowers that will decorate the parish this Easter season and with special intentions.



WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, March 22	\$ 4,814.00
March 16-20	\$ 2,488.00

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!