

APRIL 5, 2026 | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 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

Sunday, April 5, 2026 | Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Harry Cafetz (D)
10:00 Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D); Bday Lilian Lozada (L)
11:00 Young Yu (L); Carmen Maria Morales & All Deceased
12:30 PM Robert Blanco (D); Mary O'Sullivan (L);
1st Anniv. Luz Gotaco Lee (D); Bday Loraine Escarcha (L)

Monday, April 6, 2026

12:00 PM Bday Isabelle Tjokorsetio; Mireille Gbeasor (D)

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

7:30 AM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony; John & Maura Zoeller (L)
12:00 PM Lili & Michael Marullo (L); Eileen & Sean Kerwick (L)
5:30 Celestin Lawson (L); Healing Peggy & Mary Smith

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

7:30 AM Matthew & Cornelia Melendez (L)
12:00 PM John Masonsong (D); Francisca Villanueva (D)
5:30 Mary Esposito (D)

Thursday, April 9, 2026

7:30 AM Elena Daconta

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

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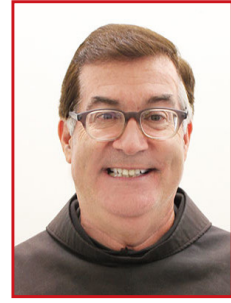
Lenny Mendonca (D); James Mendonca (D);
Birthday Andrew G. Lee (L); Lourdes Melendez (D);
Annabelle Skoglund (L); Teresa F. Esquivel (D);
Jay Martinello (L); Alexis Morales (L); Armondo Morales (L);
John Brennan (L); Ambrocio & Magdalena Wingco (D);
William Brennan (L)

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

Easter is a movable feast celebrated on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25, commemorating the Resurrection of Christ from the dead. It is considered the greatest of all Christian feasts and holds a central place in the liturgical year. The Easter season continues for a period of fifty days until the Feast of Pentecost which will be Sunday May 24. These fifty day period is known as the "mystagogia." This a period of instruction of the fully initiated members after the Easter Vigil until Pentecost. These members were previously the catechumens and the candidates. We had a beautiful Easter Vigil on April 4.



In today's Gospel passage from John about the Resurrection, Mary Magdalene was initially fearful. The Beloved Disciple "saw and believed." Peter was surprised at the empty tomb. All three did not YET understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Mary Magdalene represents the fearful of the world such as those subjected to the terrible wars in the Middle East and Ukraine. When will be these unjust wars end?

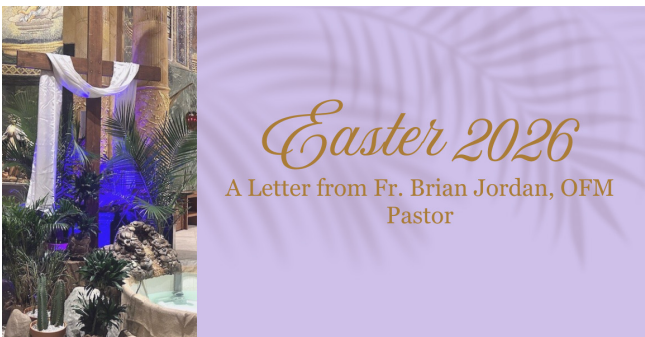
Peter's surprise represents our nation's reaction top the "demonization" of immigrants throughout the land. Our heritage is a nation of immigrants.

The Beloved Disciple "saw and believed" are Americans participating in a nationwide peaceful protest against unfair policies that go against the U.S. Constitution and being standard bearers of democracy.

On this sacred day of the Resurrection, may we all pray for peace in our world and may that peace begin within our hearts, minds and souls.

On behalf of the Franciscan friars, our parish staff and lay leaders, may you and your loved ones have a Blessed Easter!

Father Brian



If you would like to make a gift in honor of Easter to the parish, you may still do so. Please scan the QR code to read Fr. Brian's Easter letter and make your gift.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 11:
CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND WITH BR. DOMINGO**

Young adults from St. Francis will meet Saturday, April 11 at 7 pm outside the church on 31st Street to go to Catholic Underground together. Catholic Underground hosts a monthly holy hour and concert at Our Lady of Good Counsel on the Upper East Side. Please reach out to Br. Domingo at dmartinez@friars.us with any questions.



Join the Franciscans as we walk the **Camino de Compostela** (July 24 - Aug 2, 2026) in Northern Spain, or enjoy the beauty of Italy on our **Tourgrimage** to Florence, Assisi and Rome (Oct. 16 - 25, 2026) For more information, go to



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WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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