



## APRIL 26, 2026 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*St Catherine of Siena* (17<sup>th</sup> century). Baldassare Franceschini(1611-1690). Dulwich Picture Gallery, London, England.

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, April 25, 2026

11:00 AM Patrick Reilly (D); Thanksgiving Assunta Nieddu (L)

4:00 PM Birthday Barbara Sonntag (L);  
The Salvatore Caronna Family (L)

## Sunday, April 26, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;

10:00 Franeska Santiago (L)

11:00 Rev. James R. Sidoti O. Carm (D);  
Healing Virgilio Martin Aragon

12:30 PM Thomas Hallahan (D); Luca Fusi (D)

5:00 Sylvia Sanon - Healing (L); George Pierre-Louis, Jr. (D)

## Tuesday, April 28, 2026

7:30 AM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony;

Thanksgiving Assunta Nieddu (L)

12:00 PM Eleanor's Family & Friends;

Thanksgiving Cata Personnel Services, Inc.

## Wednesday, April 29, 2026

7:30 AM Hugh A. Canavan (D);

Intention of John Ashlee Leid (D)

## Thursday, April 30, 2026

12:00 PM Therese Saloman (D);

Healing Caroline G. Lee & Gotaco-Lee Families

## Friday, May 1, 2026

7:30 AM Kareem Brown (L); Ernesto Manalili (D)

12:00 PM Mary Cihanek (D); Birthday Amanda Bazile (L)

5:30 KT Yeh & Family; Lillian De Paris (D)

## This week's Bread and Wine:

Catherine Puangco

Healing Nemencio Teodoro

## This week's Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

**The following names were not included in previous bulletins at time of printing submission:** Dr. Ronald Gallucio (L); Mary Keating (L);

Eduardo Fernando (D); Fr. Jack Holian (D); Mary Balite Faina (D);

Joseph F. Ruppel (D); Ernie Blass (L); Healing Jessie Gatchalian;

Healing Mary Ann Jaucian; Special Intention Annie Roldan (L);

Georgia Lawson Birthday (L); Souls in Purgatory

# The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

There has been significant attention to the controversy between Pope Leo XIV and our current White House administration. One compares himself to Jesus Christ while the other claims that "it would be best for the Vatican to stick to matters of morality." My response: There is only one Jesus Christ and Pope Leo is speaking about morality. The role of the papacy is to teach and preach about faith and morals. The unjust war in Iran is deeply IMMORAL and its effects are causing widespread economic chaos. Yes, Pope Leo is rightfully acting in his role to condemn this diabolical violence! Please write letters to local newspapers and local Congressional officials to condemn this unjust war and those who declared it without Congressional approval nor informing our worldwide allies. Pope Leo XIV is acting properly in his role as the successor to St. Peter, the first Pope.



Speaking of St. Peter, he is prominent in our first two readings this weekend. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter declares to unconvinced followers "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." These words admonished skeptical people and they joined the flock.

Second, in the first Letter of St. Peter, Peter warns people like (our current administration) not to go astray from God "For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls." Our God is a God of perpetual second chances. He always gives many second chances for people who go astray from the community. During this Easter season, let us invite family members and friends to please go back to Church and pray with the community. The Gospel passage from John refers to the Good Shepherd which is a common title for the role of the Pope. We have an excellent Good Shepherd in Pope Leo XIV. Let us follow his humble and peaceful example!

The Holy Father, Pope Leo has just returned from a very successful trip to Africa. He is the first Pope to visit Algeria where the namesake of his religious order lived and taught there for a period in his life—St. Augustine of Hippo, a famous theologian, philosopher and Doctor of the Church. The writings of St. Augustine are applicable today as they were in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries. One saying from St. Augustine applies to our world today "God is an infinite circle whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere."

Blessings to all,  
Father Brian



## MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES 2026

In celebration of Mother's Day, the Church of St. Francis of Assisi will honor mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures who have touched our lives. We welcome our parish community to submit the names of the women to be remembered for this year's Mother's Day.



## DENIM COLLECTION

The Laudato Si Environmental Committee is collecting used denim clothing to be used to create sensory boards for autistic students at a local school, as well as for other uses. Parishioners and friends can drop off freshly cleaned denim on two consecutive weekends. A large bin is available in the front lobby of the parish house.

- Saturday afternoon 2 pm till 5 pm May 9 and Sunday after all Masses May 10.
- Saturday afternoon 2 pm till 5 pm May 16 and Sunday after all Masses May 17.

**No weekday drop offs and no dirty denim will be accepted.** According to the UN, producing one pair of jeans requires around 3,781 litres of water. Our reuse of materials is one way to protect the planet and its people.

Thank you for helping us with this worthy cause.

## SPRING BOOK CLUB STARTING MAY 7

Join us this spring for a thoughtful and inspiring book club as we read *The Prophet* by Khalil Gibran. This timeless classic is a collection of poetic reflections on life's most meaningful experiences—love, friendship, work, joy, sorrow, and faith. Through beautiful and simple prose, Gibran invites readers to pause, reflect, and discover deeper wisdom for everyday living. Scan QR code to register.



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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### In-Pew Collections

Sunday, April 19	\$4,294.00
April 13-18	\$1,861.00

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