



## MAY 3, 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*Apostle St. James the Elder and Philip the Apostle* (circa 1325), part of the Santa Croce Altarpiece. Ugolino di Nerio (1280–1330)  
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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, May 2, 2026

4:00 PM Purita Abat (D); Jose & Natividad Dianela (D)

### Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Rose & Paul Berardi

11:00 Ana Prpic (D); Healing Paul Hitchcock

12:30 PM Carmen Maria Morales & All Deceased;  
Thanksgiving Assunta Nieddu (L)

5:00 Elisea & Leandro Tanega (D); Paciencia Padua (D)

### Monday, May 4, 2026

7:30 AM Albert & Lillian Gennarelli

12:00 PM Mirko Prpic (D); Isabel & Arcadia Rivera Sanchez (D)

5:30 Victoria Pogue (D)

### Tuesday, May 5, 2026

7:30 AM Thanksgiving Assunta Nieddu (L)

12:00 PM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

5:30 Coleto Clavero (D); Rudy Winter (D)

### Wednesday, May 6, 2026

12:00 PM Alicia De Lopez (D);

Dr. Cynthia Maguire Bday/Healing (L)

5:30 Charles Janiak (D)

### Thursday, May 7, 2026

12:00 PM Albert & Venera Costabile (D); Joe Laguda (D)

5:30 Manette Marie Duveroass (D)

### Friday, May 8, 2026

12:00 PM Jeffrey Santos (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:

For Those With Financial Problems

Franciscan Jubilee Year 2026

Andria Amarosa (D)

Thomas De Grazia (D)

Sp. Ints. For Niña & Lucho Palabrica (L)

# The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings! How is your sense of direction? When Christopher Columbus started, he did not know where he was going; while traveling he did not know where he was; when he got there he did not know where he was; and after he got back he did not know where he has been. Does this sound familiar?

The readings today point us in the right direction where the early Christian community was heading to. Yes, they really knew where they were going.

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, a dispute in the early church between the Hellenist Christians and the Hebrew-based Christians was resolved due to a group of wise leaders. This resolution reinforced a greater sense of community. A strong sense of community among Christians was just as important then as it is now. "The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly."

In the second reading from the first letter of Saint Peter, the early Christians were exhorted by St. Peter, the first Pope to a strong sense of service to God and to one another. Peter proclaims "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises of him."

Jesus proclaims to his apostles, in particular Thomas and Philip, about the need to have strong trust in Jesus and his mission of salvation. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Even now in our own iconic parish, we need a strong sense of community, service and trust among us. These three hallmarks are the foundation of a synodal church. A strong, synodal church moves us into the right direction towards love of God and love of neighbor.

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.

## 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



Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs  
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## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

### In-Pew Collections

Sunday, April 26	\$4,112.00
April 20-24	\$1,816.00

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