



JULY 5, 2026 | FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.



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, July 4, 2026 | Independence Day

11:00 AM Thomas & Edith Castellana (D);

Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D)

Sunday, July 5, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League

11:00 Mary & Tom (D); Fatima Grace Elcamel's Exam

Monday, July 6, 2026

5:30 PM Estefania Moina (D)

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

7:30 AM Birthday Nerlande Jean Baptiste (L)

12:00 PM Eric Castellana (D)

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

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

Thursday, July 9, 2026

7:30 AM St. Jude

5:30 PM Birthday Alexander Kwan (L)

Friday, July 10, 2026

5:30 PM Frank Lane (D)

This week's Bread and Wine:

Catherine Puangco

Solange Konan Blessing & Protection for Family

This week's Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

Due to the early print schedule for this issue of the bulletin, we are unable to provide all the names for the Intentions and Offerings for the week of July 7. We will provide the names in the next issue.

We also apologize that we were remiss to include the following names in the last issue of the bulletin for Bread and Wine:

Manuel, Julia & Marlene (D)

Dear sisters and brothers,

Our God is a God of time! Not just the measure of time “chronos” but more importantly the grace of time “kairos.”

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America, may we emphasize the “kairos” of time with moments of grace of Catholic highlights during its illustrious history. I am influenced by a timely article entitled “Catholicism in America: 1776-2026 in the June 20 edition of “The Tablet” the weekly paper published by the Diocese of Brooklyn.



1776 On August 2, Charles Carroll signs the Declaration of Independence, the lone Catholic to do so.

1789 On January 23, Father John Carroll establishes Georgetown University as the first Catholic institution of higher learning in the United States.

1789 On November 6, Pope Pius VI establishes the Diocese of Baltimore as the first diocese in the United States.

1852 On May 9 the First Plenary Council of Baltimore opens, bringing together for the first time the Catholic bishops of the United States. The US bishops now meet twice each year.

1891 On May 17, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issues the historic encyclical “Rerum Novarum” (On the Condition of Labor) which calls for the rights of workers in transition from an agrarian economy to an industrial revolution.

1926 On June 20, for the first time, the International Eucharistic Congress is held in the United States in the city of Chicago.

1928 On June 28, Alfred Smith becomes the first Catholic nominee for president, running as a Democrat against Herbert Hoover who went on to win in a landslide. Anti-Catholic prejudice was evident.

1933 On May 1, Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin launch the Catholic Worker Movement in New York City with the distribution of “The Catholic Worker.” Dorothy Day is being considered for canonization.

1961 On January 20, John F. Kennedy assumes office as the nation’s first Catholic president. His inaugural address is ranked as one of the greatest in US history by many historians.

1965 On October 4, Pope Paul VI touches down in New York City for a brief 14 hour trip to the United States—the first time a Pontiff ever visited our nation.

1979 On October 1, Pope John Paul II is the first Pope to visit numerous cities in the United States. He was the first Pope to visit the White House.

1983 On May 3, the US bishops issue their landmark document “The Challenge of Peace: God’s Promise and Our Response” denouncing the nuclear arms race of the Cold War. This was one of the earliest instances of the nation’s Catholic leaders using their prophetic voice on significant issues in the US and around the world.

2015 On September 22, Pope Francis arrives for his only visit in the United States. Among the highlights was the Mass of Canonization for Franciscan friar, St. Juniper Serra by the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Shrine in Washington DC. This was the only time in US history that a saint was canonized on American soil by a Pope.

2021 On January 20, Joseph R. Biden was sworn in as the second Catholic president in US history. This practicing Catholic completed his full term.

2025 On May 8, Cardinal Robert Prevost is elected the 267th Pope and takes the name Pope Leo XIV. He is the first-ever American Pope.

2026 Catholicism has been in the country for over 250 years due to Spanish, French and English missionaries. Today, Catholics make up more than 20 percent of the US population—with 196 dioceses, over 17,500 parishes and over 200 Catholic colleges and universities. Catholics—both lay and religious—have influence in all sectors of public life in America. AMEN!

Blessed Fourth of July America,

Father Brian

PASTORAL NOTES

1. During the weekdays from Monday, July 13 to Friday, July 17—there will be no 7:30 am Masses nor confessions from 8 am to 9 am.

The Lower Church will be undergoing a construction project during the early mornings of those respective weekdays. Mass intentions that week will be included in the following week's Mass intentions. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

2. We invite all parishioners and friends to consider donating a pint of blood in order to save another person's life. On Sunday, August 2 from 9 am to 3 pm, our parish will be partnering with the New York Blood Center with a major blood donor drive in San Damiano Hall. There is a critical blood shortage in New York City and many patients awaiting surgeries or transplants are in dire need of blood donor donations. Advance registration is required and please go on our website or see Father Brian in person who will fill out your registration form. The NY Blood Center needs at least 40 pints of blood for this blood donor drive. Please ask family members, friends, co-workers and anyone willing to offer a pint of blood. Please be patient because each donor is required to fill out a questionnaire before donating blood. Some of the questions are personal, but need to be asked in order to have healthy blood donations. Again, please be patient and understanding regarding the questionnaire. For more information, please call Father Brian at 212-736-8500 ext. 232 or email him at bjordan@stfranciscnyc.org.

JULY 25: CHURCH COMMUNITY SUMMER PICNIC

Join us for a joyful afternoon of fellowship and community at our Church Community Summer Picnic in beautiful Central Park! This relaxed BYO (bring your own) picnic is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the summer weather, share conversation, and strengthen the bonds of our parish family.

WHEN: Saturday, July 25, 2026 meeting at 11:30 am to 3:30 pm

WHERE: The Great Lawn at Central Park

Everyone is welcome—families, friends, and newcomers alike.

Come as you are and enjoy a simple afternoon of community, laughter, and sunshine.



VOLUNTEER TO WATER PLANTS AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Do you have time (about 30 minutes, once a week) to water the flowers in front of the church? We need volunteers to keep the plants healthy through the hot days of summer. Staff will set up the hose for you between 8am and 4pm.

Please contact eleonardstf@gmail.com to learn more.

VOLUNTEER TO CONDUCT MOCK INTERVIEWS

Volunteers needed for mock interviews with unhoused community members as a part of a St. Francis of Assisi's initiative with The Doe Fund of New York. Volunteers also needed for the migrant buddy system - an informal, nonlegal, nonfinancial commitment to become a buddy (friend and guide) of a migrant in New York - a St. Francis of Assisi's cooperative effort with TLCNYC.

Contact Ron Schramm at stfrancisc8@gmail.com to volunteer.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Due to the early print schedule for this issue of the bulletin, we are unable to include updated collections information from the previous week. We will include it in the next issue.

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!