



JULY 12, 2026 | FIFTEENTH 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.

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, July 11, 2026

11:00 AM Hugh A. Canavan (D); Healing Anibal Guerrero

4:00 PM Gerry Tengco (D); Birthday Lyne Robert Desroche

Sunday, July 12, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Ames & Jean D'Argenio

11:00 Jose & Esther Medina (D); Anna Corradi (D)

12:30 PM Gia Diamond Soto (D)

5:00 Ana Marcela Ouano (D); Domenico Avena (D)

Monday, July 13, 2026

5:30 PM Elizabeth Flynn Fishman (D)

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

7:30 AM Mary & Frank Flynn (D)

12:00 PM Aine Devere (L)

5:30 Lorraine Escarche (L); Thanksgiving Noel Flynn (L)

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 | Feast of St. Bonaventure

12:00 PM Frances & Joseph (D)

5:30 Jane R. Janiak (D); Luz Elena Betancourt (D)

Thursday, July 16, 2026

12:00 PM Thomas James Albinski (D)

5:30 Maria Loida Diaz (L); Rosario Palomeno (D)

Friday, July 17, 2026

12:00 PM Michael Anthony Pacheco (D)

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

Due to the early print schedule for last week's issue of the bulletin, we were unable to provide the following names for the Intentions and Offerings:

Hernan Betancourt (D)

Wennie Denosta & Remuel Denosta (D)

Giuseppe D'Alessandro (D)

Thanksgiving Alice Kjae & Audrey Santjon

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

Over a week ago, I presided over my nephew's wedding in Pennsylvania. He is also my godson. It was great to reconnect with all my nieces and nephews from both sides of the family. They represent the young adult group of our American society. They are far more proficient in social media than my Baby Boomer generation. One of the topics we discussed at the wedding reception was—believe it or not—the looming role of artificial intelligence in our world. This young generation both welcomes it and also feels threatened by it due to the possibility of the elimination of job security during their lifetime. My nephew and his lovely wife want to start a family right away—but they are concerned about job security. I asked them to have courage and proceed with their plans.



It came as no surprise that most of their friends and family are not aware of Pope Leo's first encyclical "Magnificent Humanity" which advocates moral guardrails for artificial intelligence. For now I will call it A.I. At a time when technologies are developing at a rapid and unpredictable pace, every single person must decide if he or she will be a passive bystander, an unhelpful commentator, an architect of a new "Tower of Babel" OR as Pope Leo insightfully phrases "a patient, hope-filled builder of a civilization of love." The next day after the wedding reception, I sent my nephews and nieces paragraph 140 from the encyclical "Magnificent Humanity" and how its message affects their lives. "We must learn, then how to exercise restraint in the use of AI and to protect our young people from the promise of the perfect machine, from that subtle temptation which renders human thought seemingly superfluous precisely when it is most needed." Each of my nephews and nieces responded to my email message within a day and shared it with their friends. They intend to research and read passages from this encyclical and see how it applies in their lives both now and in the future.

Today's Gospel passage about the Good Samaritan tells us that we cannot afford to be passive bystanders but to have the courage and compassion to reach out to those who are in genuine need whether they be a friend or a stranger. True discipleship requires active compassion and crossing cultural or social barriers to care for those in need. As Catholic Christians, we are called to cross over any barrier technological or attitudinal to reach out to those in need. Today's refrain from the responsorial psalm is "Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live" which highlights God's great kindness to the lowly.

I was honored and privileged to preside over my nephew's wedding ceremony with his lovely wife. They are acutely aware of A.I. and its possible effects on potential job security in the future. However, they truly love each other as husband and wife. They also want to be father and mother in the very near future. They want to live out the sacrament of marriage by the procreation and education of their respective children. I am so moved by their dedication since they face their fears with faith both in God and in one another. They both epitomize the words of Pope Leo in "Magnificent Humanity"—we are called to "clearly interpret the challenges of the present and identify appropriate ways for living out a clear Christian witness, with joy and service to the world." It is a joy to know that Generation Z wants to make this a better world.

If possible, please join us for a study seminar about the encyclical "Magnificent Humanity" with Professor Ron Schramm of Columbia University on Saturday, July 18 at 2 pm in the Clare Room in the Parish House. All are welcome!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

PASTORAL NOTES

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.

Please note that the monthly Holy Hour for Thursday, July 16 will not take place.

JULY 18: MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

Join us on July 18 at 2 pm for “Magnifica Humanitas: A Conversation on Human Dignity, Hope, and the Future of the Human Person.” The conversation will be led by Professor Ron Schramm, Columbia University, and Father Brian Jordan, OFM. The event will take place in the Clare Room.

AUGUST 2: BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

On Sunday, August 2 from 9 am to 3 pm, our parish will partner with the New York Blood Center for 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 scan the QR code to register or contact Father Brian at 212-736-8500 ext. 232 or email him at bjordan@stfrancisnyc.org. Please note that each donor will be 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..



We thank you in advance for your patience with the registration process to participate in the blood drive.

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.

FROM LAUDATO SI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

TAKING TIME ON DATA CENTERS AND AI

Growing concerns around the growth of Artificial Intelligence (AI) include the effects that data centers that generate AI have on the environment. Data Centers use enormous amounts of energy, strain land and water resources, and cause noise pollution in communities that surround them.

That is why the New York State’s legislature passed a one year moratorium (a pause) in June on the approval of data centers to give towns and counties time to consider the benefits and risks of approving one. Governor Hochul must now sign the bill. The longer she waits to sign, the more permits for new data centers may be approved.

Please contact Governor Hochul and ask her to sign the data center moratorium bill into law immediately.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, July 5	\$4,798.00
June 29-July 3	\$1,433.00

Sunday, June 28	\$5,403.00
June 22-26	\$1,550.00

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