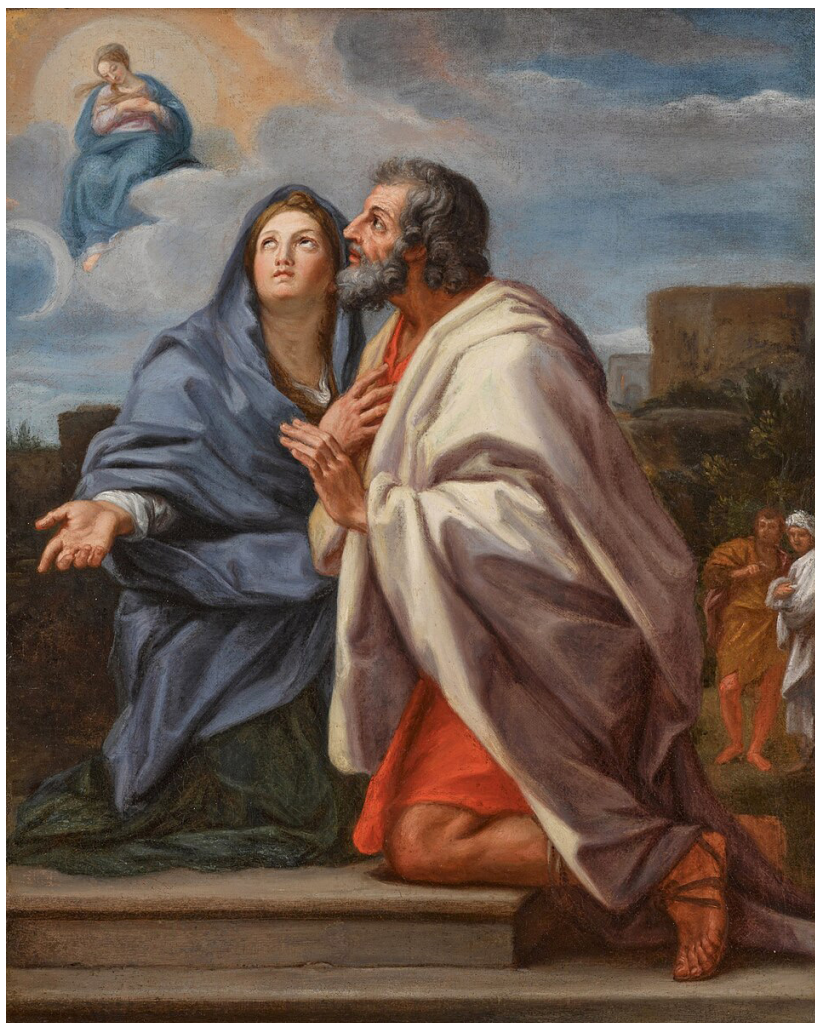




JULY 26, 2026 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 25, 2026

11:00 AM Susan Ledwith (D);

Thanksgiving-Birthday Marie-Jacques Saint-Amour (L)

4:00 PM Gloria Reese (D); Soul of Salvatore & Verna Bronzo (D)

Sunday, July 26, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Alice Saldanha (D)

10:00 Papa Leo (L)

11:00 Fr. John Bowe (D)

12:30 PM Mimie Laimay Li (D)

5:00 Orlando & Cresing Gregorio (D);

Thomas & Theresa Dolan (D)

Monday, July 27, 2026

7:30 AM Alice Saldanha (D)

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

7:30 AM Hugh A. Canavan (D)

12:00 PM Alice Saldanha (D)

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

7:30 AM Rosario Palomeno (D)

12:00 PM Alice Saldanha (D); Patrick Clark (D)

Thursday, July 30, 2026

7:30 AM Alice Saldanha (D)

Friday, July 31, 2026

7:30 AM Franciscan Friars

12:00 PM Alice Saldanha (D); Thanksgiving Rn Express

5:30 Cesario Carungay (D); Helen Hanlon (D)

This week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights:

Catherine Puangco

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

Healing for Rita Gordon

Federico Mercader (D)

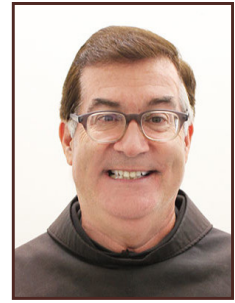
Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity

Birthday Carmen Maria Morales (D)

Healing Myrta Vargas

Healing Intentions of Belisse Mejia

The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

The readings this weekend center around faith from a Judeo-Christian perspective. The first reading from first book of Kings emphasizes the importance of the Hebrew scriptures "I serve you in the midst of the people who you have chosen." The Hebrew word for faith is "aman" which means to be firm, solid and true. It is a personal relationship with God on whose strength and absolute sureness we can literally stake our lives. The God in the Old Testament puts its faith in the God who liberates the Israelites from servitude in Egypt, who speaks through the prophets and who inspires the author(s) of the Psalms to sing his praises as well as personal laments.

Whereas, in the New Testament, the word faith in Greek "pisteuein" refers to our relationship with the risen Christ who claims from each of his followers the complete surrender to him that the Hebrew people gave to the Lord God. Faith in the Lord Jesus means turning around our entire existence in dedication to him, and finding in this experience a joy deeper than all the passing joys and sorrows of this life. Faith has great worth and meaning in the Christian scriptures. A passage from today's Gospel of Matthew indicates that great worth "When he finds the pear; of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and brings it.

People of faith in the United States must be sensitive to what our Jewish brothers and sisters are going through this country regarding the rise of antisemitism. As a child, a teenager and a young adult, I grew up with Jewish friends and their families. As an informed citizen, I can support the idea of the United States without supporting every position the US government takes. In a similar way, I can support the idea of Israel without supporting the actions of the Israeli government. Many of my devout Jewish friends have no problem whatsoever from separating the idea of Israel from the obviously destructive actions of the current Israeli government. They have made the proper distinction and I admire them for it. I hope and pray more people--both on the far left and the far right could see and accept that reality. In the Judeo-Christian tradition, faith goes a long way.

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

PASTORAL NOTE

Farewell to Brother Domingo Martinez, OFM who will be completing his first internship on August 1. Domingo has served with grace and poise this past year as part of his formation experience. Domingo will return to Chicago to complete his ordination studies at the Catholic Theological Union. Blessings upon Brother Domingo!

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 26: SUNDAE SUNDAY

Enjoy ice cream in fellowship with fellow parishioners. It's a wonderful opportunity to build community and connect with each other.

We hope you'll make it a part of your summer and invite family and friends to join us!

DATE: Sunday, July 26

TIME: After 5 pm Mass

WHERE: Clare Room

SFA WELCOMES WORLD CUP VISITORS

With the conclusion of the 2026 World Cup, we thank everyone who visited our parish during their time in NYC to attend the World Cup matches. On the morning of the finals, we welcomed visitors from Spain and Argentina who represent the World Cup finalists at the 10 am Spanish Mass.



FROM LAUDATO SI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

THANKS TO GOVERNOR HOCHUL FOR A ONE YEAR PAUSE ON LARGE DATA CENTER CONSTRUCTION. MORE URGING NEEDED.

Governor Hochul signed an executive order on 7/14, putting a one year pause on construction of all new large data centers. The governor deserves praise for what is the country's first statewide moratorium on centers. Parameters to be set may include:

- The Department of Public Services completing a full environmental review that includes public hearings.
- The State building a framework so local communities can negotiate the funding of infrastructure and financial support for a data center in their area.
- Regulators looking at making data centers pay for grid upgrades and insure costs are not passed onto consumers.

Public concern over data centers likely led to the Governor's executive order. In June, a bill with even stronger guardrails for a one year moratorium passed the state Senate and Assembly and is waiting for the Governor's signature. The public can urge the Governor to sign the moratorium bill.

Here's how: Call Governor Hochul at (518) 474-8390. Leave a voicemail or speak to staff.

Sample message: *Hello, my name is [YOUR NAME], and my ZIP Code is [YOUR ZIP CODE]. I commend the Governor's hyperscale data center moratorium, and am calling for her to sign the Responsible Data Center Development Act (S.10642/A.11560). Thank you.*

The next Laudato Si Environmental Committee meeting is Monday, August 3rd in the Clare Room from 5:30 to 6:30. All are welcome.

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, July 19	\$3,893.00
July 13-17	\$1,399.00

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