



AUGUST 2, 2026 | EIGHTEENTH 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, August 1, 2026

11:00 AM Thomas & Mary (L); Manny & Eric (L)

4:00 PM Joseph & Philip (L);
In Memory of Jeannine Brizard (D)

Sunday, August 2, 2026

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

11:00 Esther Medina (D)

12:30 PM Fr. John Bowe (D)

Monday, August 3, 2026

7:30 AM Alice Saldanha (D); Janet Soria (D)

12:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales & All Deceased;
Alexandru Militaru (D)

5:30 Aurea Jenosa (D)

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

7:30 AM Alice Saldanha (D); Salvacion Goltiao (D)

12:00 PM Esther Medina (D);
Special Intention Family & Friends Eleanor

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

7:30 AM Rosario Palomeno (D)

12:00 PM Alice Saldanha (D)

Thursday, August 6, 2026

7:30 AM Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D)

12:00 PM Alice Saldanha (D); Marie L. Cipriani (D)

5:30 Josefina Magno & Ng Do Kwan (D);
Dario Betancourt (D)

Friday, August 7, 2026

7:30 AM Kt Yeh & Family

12:00 PM Ania & Charlie Cihanek (D); Elizabeth Guy (D)

5:30 Alice Saldanha (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:

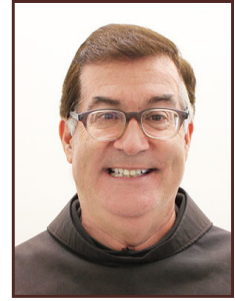
Richard & Joseph (L)

Dorothy Davis (D)

Thanksgiving Marva Joseph (L)

Healing Myrta Vargas

The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

All Franciscan houses of worship, residences, ministries and academic institutions are celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee while observing the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi (from January 12, 2026 till January 12, 2027). This Sunday August 2nd is the 18th Sunday of Ordinary time but it is also on the Franciscan calendar--the Feast of the Portiuncula or Our Lady of Angels. It marks the dedication of the small church in Assisi, Italy that St. Francis of Assisi built. The Portiuncula means "little portion." St. Francis died here in 1226. Then Pope Honorius III granted a special indulgence for this chapel in 1216. Later, other popes expanded it to all Franciscan and parish churches. This still the current practice.

How to gain a plenary indulgence? As I mentioned in previous bulletins, this is how one obtains a plenary indulgence: visit a Catholic church or Franciscan chapel between noon on August 1st and midnight on August 2nd; receive sacramental confession and Holy Communion (within 20 days); pray the Our Father and the Creed and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, the Pope. According to my late father Jerry and late uncles Joseph and Thomas McCormack, our parish of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi offered the plenary indulgence every August 2nd on the Feast of the Portiuncula. Many people came from the tri-state area to go to confession where lines were long and many people went to Mass and received Communion whether it was a weekday or a weekend. My father and two uncles were all decorated World War II veterans who saw upfront the horrors of war. They came here each year on August 2nd for this plenary indulgence when they took the train here from Brooklyn and eventually from Long Island for this meaningful feast day. They did this from the late 1940's until the early 1980's. It seems less and less people were coming in on August 2nd at our iconic church for the plenary indulgence. Even Franciscan friars who served for many years in the past made the same observation. I am not sure whether it is waning interest or a need for catechesis.

About seven years ago, Kevin Mullen, OFM, our former provincial of the legacy province of Holy Name wrote a masterful piece of the renewal of the practice of the plenary indulgence. He wrote that St. Francis literally and figuratively rebuilt a chapel as a means of renewal, renovation and repair. We must do the same for the plenary indulgence by putting new meaning and repurpose this practice in contemporary terms. Besides prayers of piety, how about social action that will improve the lives of people. This Sunday, August 2nd on the Franciscan Feast of the Portiuncula, there will be a blood donor drive in San Damiano Hall where parishioners and friends can donate a pint of blood so hospitals will have a blood supply for necessary surgeries. Your pint of blood will help save a life! Please do so.

Two verses from the today's reading from the prophet Isaiah reads "listen, that you may have life... I will renew you with the everlasting covenant." A verse from a passage from today's Gospel of Matthew reads "his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." Our world needs lots of healing--cure the ailments of war in Ukraine and Iran; cure the inequality of wealth in this world where many live in abject poverty and cure the anti-immigrant fervor in this country. Renew the plenary indulgence with prayer and social action. AMEN.

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

VANDALISM OF ST. JUDE STATUE

Dear sisters and brothers,

On Sunday afternoon July 26, a disturbed person or persons overturned the statute of St. Jude in the Peace Garden. As a result, the head of the statute fell off due to impact. The rest of the statute is permanently damaged. The police came and filed a report of vandalism and destruction of a religious statute which is a felony offense. We fully intend to replace the statute in a more secure setting. We pray for the person or persons responsible for this vicious vandalism. May they benefit from St. Jude's blessings. He is the patron saint of hopeless causes.

FROM LAUDATO SI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Laudato Si Ministry at St. Francis of Assisi Church seeks to deepen our commitment to stewardship of God's creation through environmental education, advocacy and ecospirituality.

Taking Pope Francis's encyclical, Laudato Si, as our guide, we advocate at the city and state levels to address environmental problems and solutions. We promote energy conservation, reuse, sustainability, and beauty.

Join us at our next monthly meeting on Monday, August 3rd in the Clare Room from 5:30 to 6:30.

Contact laudatosi@stfrancisnyc.org if you have questions.

Learn more about the Laudato Si movement across the country:

Laudato Si Movement: <https://laudatosimovement.org>

Catholic Climate Covenant: <https://catholicclimatecovenantorg/about/>

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, July 26	\$4,451.00
July 20-24	\$2,157.00

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