



AUGUST 9, 2026 | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saint Clare of Assisi (1515-1520). Benedetto Coda (Italian, ca. 1460-ca. 1520). The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD.

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 8, 2026

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

4:00 PM Porcia Fontilus (D); John Rigney (D)

Sunday, August 9, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League;

Ferdinand & Annunciata Graziano

10:00 Floralba Rodriguez (L)

11:00 Rosemary Alphonse (D); Fiji At Nyu (L)

12:30 PM Alice Saldanha (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:00 Maria Loida Diaz De Jesus (L); Fr. John Bowe (D)

Monday, August 10, 2026

12:00 PM Alice Saldanha (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Manuel Detoro, Jr. (D)

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 | Feast of St. Clare of Assisi

7:30 AM Anna Willert (L)

12:00 PM Pauline Roselany Smith (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Healthy Bday Abraham G. Lee (L)

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

7:30 AM Rosario Palomeno (D); Caterina Meduri D'Agostino (D)

12:00 PM Sally C. Ticao, Md (L); Anna Corradi (D)

5:30 Gia Diamond Soto (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Thursday, August 13, 2026

7:30 AM Mary Ellen Potucek (D); Healing Terence Mc Manus

12:00 PM Stephanie Rivera (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Friday, August 14, 2026 | Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe

12:00 PM Jorge Lanza (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Leonardo, Sean & Allan Selibio (D); Gloria Maria Costa (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:

Dorothy Davis (D)

Healthy Bday Marcos Lee (L)

Claire De Lune Obed-Uy (D)

Carmine Colasanto (D)

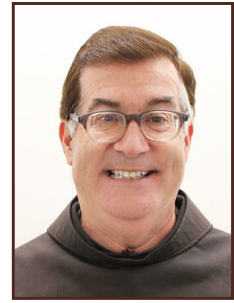
Healing Bernadette Carrizzo

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

Ansel Adams was a great American photographer and environmental conservationist during the 20th century. He is famous for landscape vistas of the American West such as mountains, lakes, rivers, farmland etc. He often captured these vistas in calm settings for dangerous settings such as high winds in the mountains or storms upon a lake. If you ever saw his work, one would get an idea of what took place in today's first reading and Gospel passage.



In today's first reading from the first book of Kings, the prophet Elijah took shelter from the storm in a cave on the high mountain of Mt. Horeb. The Lord God instructed Elijah to wait for God's presence through a unique natural manifestation. "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by." The Lord was not in the heavy wind, the Lord was not in the earthquake, the Lord was not in the fire—the Lord was IN "a tiny whispering sound." When Elijah heard this, he emerged from the cave and encountered the Lord God due to the "tiny whispering sound" of a calm wind.

In today's Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus like Elijah, was on a mountain to pray. When he came down from the mountain, he watched as his disciples were struggling to navigate their fishing boat on the lake due to stormy, treacherous winds. The disciples were amazed that Jesus was walking towards them from the lakeside. They were fearful of drowning. Jesus spoke to them with caring authority "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid!" Peter, the first Pope tried to walk on water with Jesus but failed due to his fear of the high winds and cried out to Jesus "Lord, save me!" Jesus stretched out his hand to Peter and replied "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" This a rhetorical question for all believers and worshipers—why do we doubt if we acknowledge that Jesus in our Lord and Savior? The winds died down and they all got into the same boat. They faced their fears with faith in Jesus. There was a calm wind with a "tiny whispering sound."

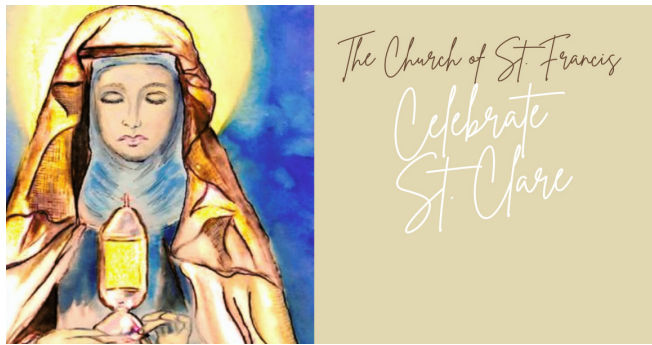
The "winds of war" have intensified in the Middle East due to the fragile conditions in Iran. One day leaders call for air bomb strikes in the Gulf States and Iran which include US military installations. The next day they call for peace talks. Two days later the air strikes resume. Days later are the call for peace talks. This a dangerous metronome of back and forth between war and peace. This war is entering its sixth month and all parties have suffered casualties—including a growing number of US soldiers and sailors. This is the price we pay for an unpopular war. World leaders should pay heed to the lessons of this week's readings. Rather than barrage each other with "the strong winds" of heavy artillery—world leaders should abide by the "calm winds" of diplomacy and find a lasting, complete resolution to this unnecessary war. Perhaps world leaders cannot "walk on water" but they can walk into a "shelter from the storm" and find a lasting peace. Ansel Adams would have loved to photograph that image!

Blessings to all,
Father Brian

PASTORAL NOTES

We would like to thank all who participated in the Mass of Christian Burial for our beloved minister of hospitality, Dorothy Davis on Thursday, July 30, 2026. Parishioners from all walks of life showed up in large numbers with only four days notice. Extraordinary! Thank you for the wonderful music ministry, the Secular Franciscans, the Korean community, old-timer parishioners, the Franciscan friars, and the current community of parishioners who contributed to this sacred and cathartic moment in our parish.

We would like to thank the 75 parishioners and friends who participated in the Blood Donor Drive on Sunday, August 2 which is the Feast of the Portiuncula on the Franciscan calendar. We were hoping for 40 blood donors and we are amazed that we nearly doubled that amount. There is a critical blood shortage in our country as well as the greater NYC area. For those who would like to donate a pint of blood, please register online at the New York Blood Center on 253 W. 35th Street. Our next parish blood donor drive will be on Sunday, November 22 which is right before the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Those who participate will find new meaning in a verse from the Franciscan Peace Prayer "it is in giving that that we receive." Please join us on November 22.

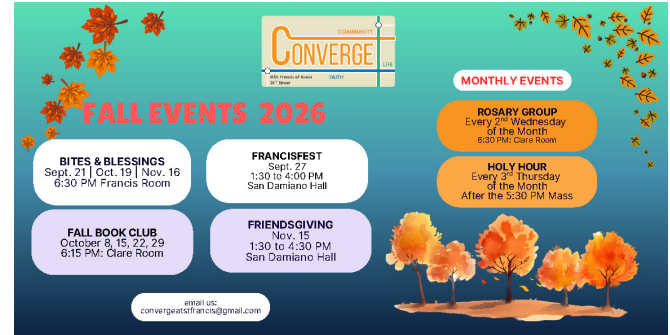


AUGUST 10 & 11: CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

Join us on August 10 and 11 to celebrate the Feast of St. Clare of Assisi:

Monday, August 10: Vigil at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, August 11: Feast day liturgies at
7:30 am, 12 pm, and 5:30pm



WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, August 2	\$6,191.00
July 27-31	\$1,785.00

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.

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We thank you for your continued support and generosity!