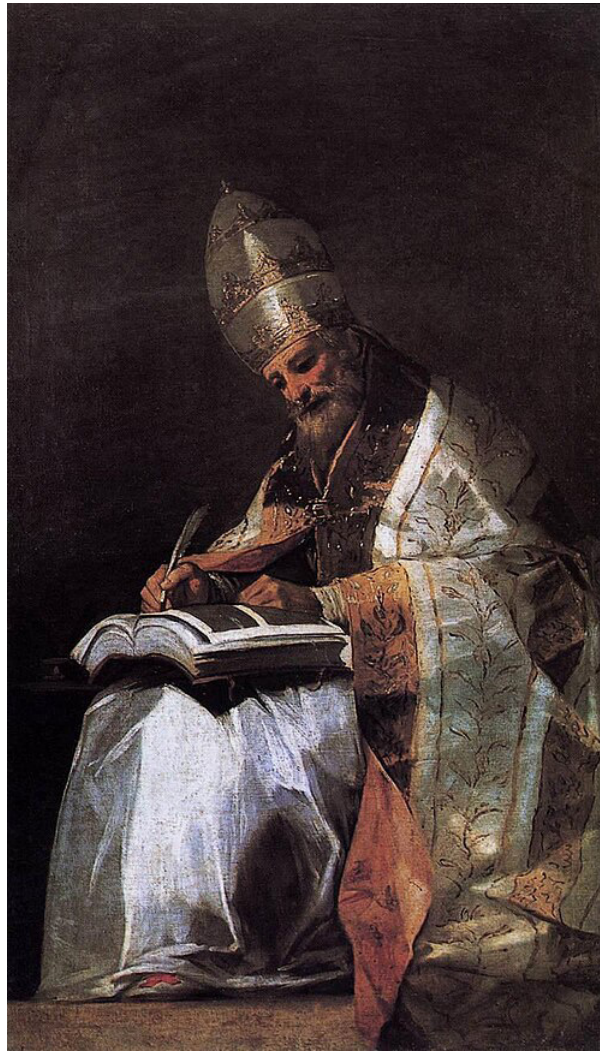




AUGUST 30, 2026 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 29, 2026

11:00 AM Rosendo Javier (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

4:00 PM Angelita Pama (D); Lydia Skoglund (L)

Sunday, August 30, 2026

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Margaret Yu (L)

10:00 Angelica Munos (D); Healing Silverio Guzman

11:00 Manolo de Angel Sola (D) & Family;
Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

12:30 PM Phi Gamma Delta at NYU; Gisele Lawson (D)

5:00 Birthday Rosalina S. Bobiles (L)
Catherine Lee Bernauer (D)

Monday, August 31, 2026

7:30 AM Rolando Banago (D); Mary O'Sullivan (D)

12:00 PM Annabelle Skoglund (L); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Una Ronayne (L); Thanksgiving Infant of Prague

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

7:30 AM Poor Souls; Rosario Palomero (D)

12:00 PM Ramon J. Carreon (L); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

5:30 Concepcion Tampus (D); St. Anthony

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

7:30 AM Marciano Jacela (D); Doris Ong (D)

12:00 PM Florence Merlino (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Thursday, September 3, 2026

7:30 AM Fe Tumlos (L); Annonciade Janvier (D)

12:00 PM Carmen Maria Morales & All Deceased;
Salvatore T. Dionisio (D)

Friday, September 4, 2026

7:30 AM KT Yeh & Family

12:00 PM Charlie & Casper Cihane (D); Salvatore T. Dionisio (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 Richard & Teresa Bender (L);

Susan Collins (L) & Peaceful Election; St. Anthony;

Florencio Jacela (L); Catalina A. Melad & Rosita N. Santiago (D);

Genoveva Gimev Benzan (D); Alexis Morales (L); Merin Thomas (L);

Chris Skoglund (L)

The Pastor's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

Our 21st century technology has certainly benefitted many institutions throughout the world—including our own Catholic parishes throughout the country. Besides the benefits of contemporary technology, there are also risks by scam artists who pose as a friendly agency of the parish. These scam artists try to gain access through our firewalls of computer passwords and other means to our financial information and other key documents. Their intent is to deceive and to steal money or vital information. We have devised ways to prevent these attempted thefts through sophisticated technology and wise guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese. Unfortunately, a nearby pastor recently informed me that he was “duped” by a scam artist and money was taken from one of his bank accounts. He now has to file an insurance claim to be reimbursed of the theft.

In today's first reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah, Jeremiah laments that he was “duped” by God for calling him to prophesy to the people of Judah. The people of Judah failed to be responsive to the commands of God for they were not prudent in their attitude to respond properly. “You duped me O Lord, and I let myself to be duped.” The virtue of prudence is the first of the seven cardinal virtues. Prudence is not just to avoid being scammed by unscrupulous persons, it is a way of life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says about prudence: “Prudence discerns our true good in every circumstance and strives to choose the right means of achieving it; Proverbs 14:15 says: “The prudent man looks where he is going.” Prudence is likely to lead us to take a big risk as to avoid tasking one. Prudence should not be confused of being overly cautious, restrained, timid or even conservative. Prudence can advise us to climb Mt. Everest or it may advise us to stay home. The virtue of prudence gives us the ability to figure out the right thing to do in a given situation and set of circumstances. For example, we have an excellent finance council. The finance council has the fiduciary responsibility to advise the pastor on the financial health of the parish. Their sound advice has proven to be helpful, wise and prudent. Our parish finances are going in the right way due to their prudent advice.

The lesson of prudence is echoed in today's second reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. St. Paul urges his followers “Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.” In other words, do not take anything for granted and be ready to receive wisdom to make the right decision. Prudence is often



evident in our synod meetings which discusses the three priorities of a parish: liturgy and spiritual life; education and evangelization and social concerns. Our synod members are not “prudes” but people of wisdom who want to make prudent decisions—and they do! The virtue of prudence does not mean being impulsive. Prudent people try to “get all of their ducks in a row” before making a decision. To act in a prudent manner means investigating the issue at hand and consulting others before choosing what to do. Our parish is going in the right direction.

Blessings upon you all,
Father Brian



AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL DALY, AUTHOR *The Book of Mychal: The Surprising Life and Heroic Death of Fr. Mychal Judge*

Join us on September 10 for an event with author Michael Daly in remembrance of September 11, 2001 and Fr. Mychal Judge.

Thursday, September 10, 2026
Event starts at 6:00 pm
RSVP via QR code



SEPTEMBER 11: MASS SCHEDULE

7:30 AM – Lower Church
10:30 AM – Upper Church with the local FDNY Battalion
12:00 Noon – Lower Church
12:30 PM – Upper Church with NYC Building Trades Unions
5:30 PM – Upper Church

SEPTEMBER 12: LABOR MASS & BANNER PROCESSION

The Church of St. Francis of Assisi is hosting this year's Labor Mass & Banner Procession honoring the workers of September 11. Please arrive by 10:30 AM for a banner procession prior to the Mass starting at 11:00 AM.



AUGUST 30: SUNDAE SUNDAY

Join us after the 5 pm Mass on Sunday, August 30 in the Clare Room to celebrate the end of the summer season and connect with your fellow parishioners.

SEPTEMBER 16: MASS FOR CARE OF CREATION

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026

5:30 pm

Church of St. Francis of Assisi

In the Jubilee Year of the 800th Anniversary of
the Death of St. Francis of Assisi

Special guest: Christina Leano,

Associate Director of the Laudato Si' Movement

Reception to follow



OCIA STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 15:



**Register for the
OCIA PROGRAM**

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a Fall to Spring program of prayer, learning and reflection designed for those seeking baptism, confirmation or full communion in the Catholic faith. It is open to all adults ages 18+.

If you are interested please contact us or fill out the interest form.

The interest form can be found on our website



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BITES & BLESSINGS

SEPTEMBER 21 • OCTOBER 19 • NOVEMBER 16
6:30 PM AT THE FRANCIS ROOM

A SEAT AT THE TABLE, A HEART IN THE WORD.

STARTING SEPT. 21 - BITES & BLESSINGS

Join us for Bites and Blessings, a new monthly gathering, where faith and fellowship come together around the table, and share a simple meal, reflect on Scripture, and enjoy meaningful conversation. No prior Bible study experience is necessary—just bring an open heart and a willingness to journey with others.

When: Third Monday of each month

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Francis Room



WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, August 23 \$4,231.00

August 17-21 \$2,396.00

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