The Church of

St. Francis of Assisi



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 minstry.

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, November 8, 2026

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Monday-Friday Mass:
7:30 am, 12:00 pm, 5:30 pm

Saturday Mass:
11:00 am, 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday Mass:
8:00 am
9:15 (Korean)
10:00 am (en español; Lower Church)
11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 5:00 pm

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Welcome, Worship, Witness

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, 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.

Weekly Schedule

Parish Hospitality Desk Hours

Monday–Thursday: 9:00 am–6:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am–3:00 pm
Saturday: 2:00 pm–5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am–6:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday-Friday: 8:15 am–5:15 pm | Lower Church

Rosary Group

2nd Wednesday at 6:30 pm | Clare Room

Holy Hour

3rd Thursday, after the 5:30 pm Mass

Devotions

Monday: Blessed Mother, after all Masses
Tuesday: St. Anthony, after all Masses
Wednesday: St. Jude, after all Masses
Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes after the 7:30 am and 5:30 pm Masses, Anointing of the sick after the 12:00 pm Mass
Friday: Honor of the Holy Cross, after all Masses

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Saturday:	10:00 am–11:00 am
Monday-Friday:	8:00 am–9:00 am 11:00 am–12:00 pm 4:30 pm–5:30 pm

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

Juan Pichie Moreno (D);
Matthew K. Thottam (D);
Anna Matthew Thottam (D);
Jose Matthew Thottam (D);

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 7, 2026

11:00 am Phi Gamma Delta @ NYU (L);
Jacob K. Thottam (D)

4:00 pm Ella Damour (D); Marie L. Cipriani (D)

Sunday, November 8, 2026

8:00 am Members Franciscan Mass League;
Rose Francis Canavan (D)

10:00 am Sts. Anthony & Jude; Glecy Mandrique (D)

11:00 am Marino P. Panes, Jr. (D); Gerry Tengco (D)

12:30 pm Philip K. Thottam (D); Bertrand Iloko Family (L)

5:00 pm Mary P. Thottam (D); Lady of Perpetual Help

Monday, November 9, 2026

7:30 am Bday Maria Soebekti;
Intention of Shawn & Alvin (L)

12:00 pm Maria Anna Thomas (D);
Rogelio de Los Santos (D)

5:30 pm Amelia Diaz Manaog (D);
Eleanor Herman & Christopher Freyberg, Sr. (D)

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

7:30 am Michel Sader Silho (D)

12:00 pm Willie Glober (D)

5:30 pm Thanksgiving Manhattan Employment Services Inc.;
Noemi Mascarenas & Simeona Herrera (D)

Wednesday, November 11, 2026 | VETERANS DAY

12:00 pm Thanksgiving May Miranda (L);
Victoria Manzanilla (D)

Thursday, November 12, 2026

7:30 am Thanksgiving May Miranda (L)

12:00 pm Esperanza Carreon (L);
For the Soul of Salvador (D)

5:30 pm Frank N. Severino (D); Anna & Lino Corradi (D)

Friday, November 13, 2026

7:30 am Thanksgiving May Miranda (L);
Jose & Felicidad De Guzman Bday (D)

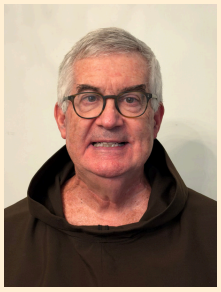
12:00 pm Guenevere Rodriguez (D);
Departed Members of the Lata Armijos Family (D)

5:30 pm Chester Gellido (D);
Eliseo R. Gastador (D)

This Week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights

Catherine Puangco

The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

Three well-known women died within the past few months—Dolly Parton, 80, singer, actress and philanthropist for children's issues; Dolores Huerta, 95, Latina union labor leader, activist for the poor and workers' rights; and Marcia Ann Gillespie, 82 a pioneering African American journalist and editor of Essence magazine and Ms. Magazine plus a role model for African American women. All of these dedicated women contributed to the arts and justice in the workplace in the United States through their courage and compassion.

In harmony with today's readings, the Book of Wisdom refers to wisdom as a personified woman. The personification portrays Wisdom as vibrant, beautiful and desirable. To seek wisdom is to seek a genuine relationship. The lives of these three prominent women demonstrate, the pursuit of wisdom involves engaging in work, sacrificing and anticipating the needs and actions of other people to forge better relationships. All three women accomplished that in their unique ways. All throughout human history, dedicated, resourceful women find ways to make meaningful relationships in the public square.

The traits include vulnerability, work, sacrifice, fostering wholesome desire and building trust. Women from many religious orders have made vast contributions in our nation's history through the building and administration of schools, hospitals, social outreach centers and care for the poor. Because of this, the pursuit of wisdom by any person, male or female, prepares us for a relationship with the Lord.

In today's Gospel passage, the symbol of the ten virgins actually represents ten unique Christian communities, and Jesus Christ is the bridegroom. He is exhorting the ten Christian communities to pursue wisdom by wisely lighting their candles and keeping enough oil to sustain these candles. The foolish are those who fail to prepare for their earthly journey and mission to serve.

Jesus shows how wisdom helps us to prepare for his return and prioritize him above all else. A word to the wise is sufficient—be prepared for our collective mission to serve both God and our neighbor.

Blessings to all,
Father Brian



SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Send Christmas cards to family and friends as a heartfelt expression of love, kindness, and holiday blessings—while supporting the Church of St. Francis of Assisi's ministries and outreach programs and continuing our mission of faith, hope, and service.

Christmas cards are available at the Hospitality Desk. You may also call 212-736-8500, Ext. 307 to request your supply.

Offering: $7.00 per card - $5.00 per calendar

Parish News & Announcements



Marathon Masses (10/31) and All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance (11/1)
We thank everyone who attended our masses this past weekend to support NYC Marathon participants and to remember and honor our loved ones on All Souls Day.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY PROGRAMS - WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9

MON., NOV. 9: Laudato Si Environmental Ministry meeting at 5:30 pm | Email: laudatosi@stfrancisnyc.org
WED., NOV. 11: Rosary Group at 6:30 pm
THURS., NOV. 12: Young Adult Ministry meeting at 6:00 pm | Email: yaministry@stfrancisnyc.org

NOV. 15: FRIENDSGIVING
Join us for Friendsgiving for an afternoon of celebration, community, food, and gratitude. Scan QR code for more information.

SUPPORT THE HOLIDAY HOODIES DRIVE!
Help keep our neighbors warm and provide a holiday feast. Scan QR code to support the hoodie drive and holiday feast. Collection until November 21.

NOV. 22: BLOOD DRIVE
There is a critical shortage of blood donations for life-saving surgeries and regular surgical procedures in the greater New York City area. The New York Blood Center will hold a blood donor drive on Sunday, November 22 from 9 am to 4 pm in the San Damiano Hall. They are in dire need of regular pints of blood and blood platelets. We invite all parishioners and friends to consider donating a pint of blood in order to save another person's life.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, Nov. 1:	$6,841.00
Oct. 26-30	$2,635.00

MAKE YOUR GIFT TO THE FATHER MYCHAL JUDGE, OFM BUILDING FUND

In honor of Father Mychal Judge's legacy of service and ministry, the Church of St. Francis of Assisi Parish launched the Father Mychal Judge, OFM Building Fund on September 7, 2025. This building fund is for the restricted and exclusive use of defraying expenses for renovation and repairs within our three buildings.