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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday, November 15, 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 14, 2026

11:00 am	Wilfer Miguel Ortiz Monroy (D); Thanksgiving & Healing Nelson Merchan
4:00 pm	Carol Emsworth (L); Marisa Pezzulich

Sunday, November 15, 2026

8:00 am	Members Franciscan Mass League; Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D)
10:00 am	Luz Luna (D); Animas Benditas del Purgatorio
11:00 am	Maritess Jacela (L); Alessandro M. (L)
12:30 pm	Special Intention of Dawn H. Sabol (L); Peggy McMahon & Monica Dolphin (D)
5:00 pm	Thanksgiving Manuelita T. Nieves (L); Poor Souls in Purgatory

Monday, November 16, 2026

7:30 am	Thomas & Edith Castellana (D); Thanksgiving to Padre Pio
12:00 pm	Thanksgiving Margaret & Charles Murphy & Family (L); Joseph O'Brien (D)
5:30 pm	Mercedita Catajan (D); Barbara Davis (L)

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

7:30 am	Frank & Amelia Bettua (D); To St. Anthony & For Luis (L)
12:00 pm	James A. Burns (D); Healing Bridget Moore
5:30 pm	Special Int. Josephine Abutal (L); Reynaldo Reyes (D)

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

7:30 am	Infant of Prague; Poor Souls
12:00 pm	Special Int. Josephine Abutal (L); Isabel Rivera Sanchez (D)
5:30 pm	Alicia Celis de Sanchez (D)

Thursday, November 19, 2026

12:00 pm	J. J. Medina (D); Albert & Venera Costabile (D)
5:30 pm	Maria Gloria J. Gastador (D); Francisco Cabarrubias & Michael Bernardo (D)

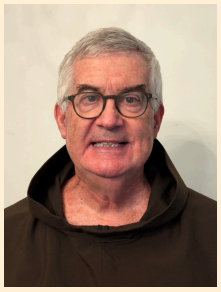
Friday, November 20, 2026

7:30 am	St. Jude
12:00 pm	Joseph D'Alessandro (D); William Baumert (D)
5:30 pm	Martin Ballod (D); Thanksgiving Gwyneth Lai (L)

This Week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights

Catherine Puangco

The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

Next week the US Conference of Catholic Bishops will meet in Baltimore, Maryland for their annual meeting. Among the topics to be discussed will be the impact of the nation's economy on Catholics in the US. They will highlight the 40th anniversary of their 1986 pastoral letter "Economic Justice for All." This seminal letter addressed the moral dimensions of the US economy, emphasizing the need for economic justice and the application of Catholic Social Teaching to economic issues. It called for a commitment to the common good and the dignity of every person in economic policies and practices.

The purpose of the letter was to guide Catholics in applying their faith to economic life and emphasize moral responsibility in economic decisions. It also discusses the importance of human dignity, the common good and the preferential option for the poor in economic systems. This has been a useful document to discuss US economic policy in light of Catholic Social Teaching. In light of artificial intelligence affecting the economies of both our world and our nation--this pastoral letter is still relevant and noteworthy.

The Gospel passage from Matthew today focuses on the parable of the talents affecting three servants--two worthy, one unworthy.The parable is meant to explore God's kingdom in light of ancient economic realities. The first two servants were willing to invest their talents for the best designed effect. Ther last servant was unworthy because he was afraid to invest himself for the sake of the common good. If this story is transferred to spiritual life, the master slave inequality reflects the divine-human divide and the talented represent unearned gifts that have corresponding responsibilities. Instead of focusing on money, let us reflect on gifts like life and those unique traits and abilities we were born with.

The two worthy servants were commended by their master after they executed their bountiful transactions with this Gospel verse “Well done, my good and faithful servant." When we, as a society, can encourage each other to pursue the common good for all, then we can also apply that Gospel gratitude of "Well done, my good and faithful servants" plural and not just singular. The economy exists for humanity and not vice versa. May God continue to inspire us as we seek economic justice for all!

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



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.



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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, Nov. 8:	$5,655.00
Nov. 2-6:	$2,827.00

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.