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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Sunday, November 22, 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 21, 2026

11:00 am Jacqeline Nedor (D); Russell & Joseph (L)

Sunday, November 22, 2026

8:00 am Members Franciscan Mass League

11:00 am Krystyna, Andrzey & Stanixawa Jarosinki (D); Stanisxawa & Edward Seferin (D)

12:30 pm James Polito (D); Healing Cedric Clairmont

5:00 pm Rosita Magno (D)

Monday, November 23, 2026

12:00 pm Jane Ginette; Maurice Boivert & Family (D)

Tuesday, November 24, 2026

7:30 am Bday Mervin Goh

12:00 pm Kevin O'Donohue (D); Dupuy Alabre & Family (D)

Wednesday, November 25, 2026

12:00 pm Soul of Salvatore & Verna Bronzo (D); Mercedes & Odette Jean Baptiste (D)

5:30 pm Thanksgiving Gotaco Lee Families

Thursday, November 26, 2026 | Thanksgiving Day

12:00 pm Arthur & Mary Bazzurro (D); Andre & Jeanne Darbouze (D)

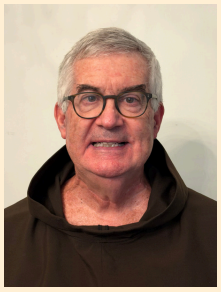
Friday, November 27, 2026

12:00 pm Franciscan Friars; Maria J. Carreon (D)

This Week's Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lights

Catherine Puangco

The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings!

This Sunday is the last week of the liturgical year, The Feast of Christ the King. The following Sunday begins the new liturgical year, cycle B which is the First Sunday of Advent. The Church does sing sentimental songs such as "Auld Lang Syne" at the conclusion of the year. Rather, both the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel and the Gospel passage from Matthew employs shepherding imagery the imagery of kingship. Both Ezekiel and Matthew press us to ponder the broad reach of the authority of Jesus Christ, while at the same time, inviting us to encounter his caring and life-giving rule. Jesus is not a King as in European or Asian monarchies where subjects are expected to walk in front or behind the King as an act of submission. Our Christ the King walks with us side by sider every second of our lives.

The word "Christ" means the "Anointed One" identical to the Hebrew word for "Messiah" that is "Savior" or "Deliverer." To acknowledge Jesus as the Christ is to acknowledge him as Savior. In this shepherd-King imagery of today's readings, kings had authority and responsibility. The chosen people were the sheep and the king was shepherd-like by feeding them, protect them and ensure that they did not wander off. Forgoing kings as intermediaries, God promises to directly shepherd the people. God pledges to seek out the lost, care for the wounded, gather the scattered and strengthen the weak. For both Ezekiel and Matthew, God as shepherd-king will restore justice and peace to the scattered flock.

We have witnessed clear evidence of shepherd servant through Pope Leo's Papal visits to Latin America this past week. Millions of people are flocking to see the Holy Father, our True Shepherd on earth. Not to engage in partisan politics but in governmental leadership, I hope and pray that next year's leaders abide by the message of the Judeo-Christian tradition—love one another as I have loved you.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Due to the early print deadline for this bulletion issue, we will include the collection amounts for the week of November 9 in the following bulletin issue.

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.