

Roman Catholic Church of St Frances of Rome, St Francis of Assisi, St Anthony and Our Lady of Grace

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Office & Rectory: 4307 Barnes Avenue, Bronx New York 10466

Office Hours: Monday to Friday : 9:00AM—6:00PM

MASS TIMES

Church of St Frances of Rome

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM; 9:30 AM; 11:00 AM (Spanish); 12:30 PM

Mass Center: Saint Francis of Assisi (SFA) School

4330 Baychester Ave, Bronx NY 10466

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Weekdays: 9:00 AM Mon—Sat (St Frances of Rome)

8:00 AM on Saturday (St Francis of Assisi Mass Center):

Confessions: Saturdays: 4:15PM—4:45PM—in the Upper church

Pastor : Fr Georginus Ejiofor Ugwu, MSP
Associate Pastor: Fr. Francis Oroffa MSP
Sunday Associates: Fr Peter R. Pilsner, Fr Hippolytus Duru , Fr Charles Udokang
Deacons — Joe Mulryan and John Maulucci
Baptismal Instructions- Dcn. John Maulucci /Jose Ojeda/
Community Outreach—Lorin Johnson
DRE—Brother Lucian Knaap,, CFC
English Choir – Jose Cabada
Liturgy committee—Lorin Johnson
Marriage Prep— Fr. Ejiofor Ugwu
Nursing Home Ministry Coordinator
Organist - Eugene Klymyshyn
Parish Music Director - Carmine R. Abate (SFR)
Parish Secretary—Melissa Leal
RCIA—Dcn John Maulucci & Jose Ojeda
Religious Education Office: 718-324.5340 ext.4
Religious Education Secretary: Michelle Roman
CLUB MEETINGS:
Adult Club Every Tuesday at 12:00 Noon
Men's Club 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00PM
Women's Club 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00PM

MINISTRIES & SOCIETIES

****All Meetings are in the Convent unless otherwise stated****

Atlagracia: 3rd Sunday after 11:00 AM Mass
Baptismal Instruction Class Second Tuesday 7:00 PM
Bereavement Support: 4th Tuesday 7:00 PM
Charismatic Prayer Ministry: Every other Sunday 5:00PM—7:00PM
Círculo de Oración: Monday 7PM—Lower Church
Finance Council Meeting: As announced
Food Pantry Ministry: Posted Schedule, bi-weekly
Haitian Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesday 6:30PM –9:00PM
Holy Name Society: 2nd Sunday after 9:30AM Mass
Hospitality Committee: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Liturgy Committee Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the month in the convent at 7PM
Marriage Preparation Class by appointment
Pastoral Council Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the Month
Prayer Shawl Ministry: 2nd and 4th Sunday 9:00 AM- 12:00 Noon"
RCIA: Sunday 11:00 A.M
Sagrado Corazón: 2nd Sunday after 11:00AM Mass
St. Martin de Porres : 1st Sunday after 9:30AM Mass
St. Monica Society: 3rd Sunday after 9:30AM Mass
Sunday Coffee Hour: Sundays. After each Mass
Youth Ministries: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 2:00PM

PARISH PROGRAMS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturdays: 9:00AM—12 Noon
Religious Education Program
Sundays 10:45 AM—12:30 PM (Ends with Mass)
Choir Practice Saturdays
Praise & Worship Choir—Saturday—1:30 PM
Parish Main Choir—Saturday—6:00 PM
Spanish Choir—Saturday—1:00 PM: Lower Church

Marriage

Couples who wish to marry should speak with one of the parish priests at least six months (preferably a year) in advance. Wedding date, time and venue should not be scheduled without first registering with the parish.

Infant Baptism

Parents must pre-register by visiting the rectory and providing the child's birth certificate.
 Infant Baptism in Spanish is celebrated at 2:00 P.M on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the upper church at Saint Frances of Rome.
 Infant Baptism in English is celebrated at 2:00PM on the 4th Sunday of the month

5:00 PM (SFR)

Sunday December 3rd, First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 63:16b-17; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

8:00AM (SFR) Adriano C. Rodrigues (+); Margarita Ortiz (+)

9:30 AM (SFR) Dr. Joseph Rainone (+)

10:00 AM (SFA) Christopher J. Pisano (+); Daruiz Malisz (+); Bronislawa Elinger (Birthday)

11:00 AM (SFR) Luz Rhadames Cabrera (Anniversary)

12:30PM(SFR)) Nicodemus & Joshua Muela; Prisca Fowung (Protection & Blessings)

Monday December 4th, Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

9:00 AM (SFR) Constancia Pangilinan (+)

Tuesday December 5th, Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

9:00 AM (SFR) Pearl Woodfinich (Living)

Wednesday December 6th, Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

9:00 AM (SFR) Hilda Arocho Franco (+); Amelia K. Zalamea (1st Birthday)

Thursday December 7th, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

9:00 AM (SFR) Pearl Woodfinich (Living)

Friday December 8th, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

9:00AM (SFR) Gerald Onyeka Nnameka (Living)

Saturday December 9th, Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

8:00 AM (SFA) Susan Samuel (+)

9:00 AM (SFR) Victoria Lendor (+)

5:00 PM (SFR) Whittington Family (Living & Deceased)

Sunday December 10th, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

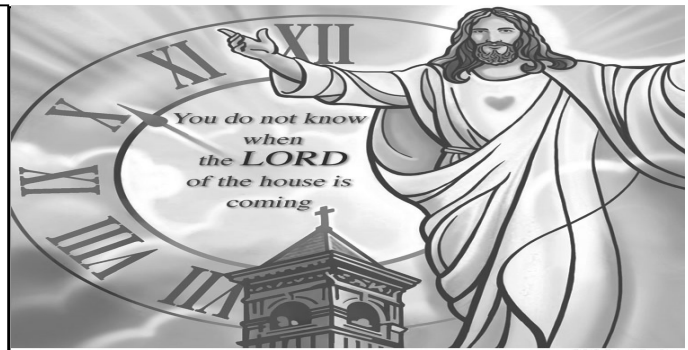
8:00 AM (SFR)

9:30AM (SFR) Thompson Akpata (+); Rose Amadasu & Family (God's Protection & Thanksgiving)

10:00 AM (SFA) Dorothy McIntyre (+); Phyllis M. Wong (+)

11:00AM(SFR) Ana Marin (+)

12:30 PM (SFR) Nicodemus & Joshua Muela; Prisca Fowung (Protection & Blessings)



GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

DIOS TIENE OTRO PLAN

Comenzamos el tiempo de Adviento con un llamado sincero al arrepentimiento. Recordamos el amor fiel que Dios siente por nosotros y le pedimos que nos ayude a emprender el camino de regreso: "estabas airado porque nosotros pecábamos" (Isaías 64:4). En la primera lectura y en el salmo, recordamos las promesas de Dios y lamentamos nuestra rebeldía y nuestra culpa. Invocamos el poder de Dios para salvarnos. Con Isaías, le decimos a Dios: "Ojalá rasgaras los cielos y bajaras, estremeciendo las montañas con tu presencia" (Isaías 63:19).

Sí, Dios nos es fiel, porque somos hechura de las manos de Dios. Dios es el alfarero, nosotros el barro. Y sin embargo, nuestro concepto de cómo Dios vendrá a salvarnos se origina en nuestra expectativa de un Dios guerrero que estremece las montañas y llega a nuestra vida con ruido y gloria. Pero Dios tiene otro plan: la Encarnación.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carl Finnegan, Geraldine Darnley, Wanda Moore, Alicia Singh, Pearl Woodfinich, Dionne Spence, Natalie Migliaccio, Angel Acosta, Daphne Abdela, Stefano Angel, Nancy Medina, Charlotte Trafton and Camille Kelly . Let us also remember to pray for all caregivers.

Request a Mass for your intentions

The custom of offering the Holy Mass for specific intentions is rooted in Catholic tradition. The Church teaches us that the Eucharist is the fount and apex of our life in Christ. It is the greatest possible prayer of intercession for our own needs and those of others. This is because it is the perfect reenactment of the Passion, death and resurrection of the Father's Only Son (Lumen Gentium 2:11). In the Mass, we the faithful offer up our own selves in union with Christ and also, in a special way, offer up Christ to his Father as our Supreme Intercessor. The catholic faithful request to have a mass celebrated for their specific intentions by making an offering—a parting with something which unites their prayers with those of Christ who offered his life for them. The sacrifice of Mass is infinitely valuable and can be requested as many times as possible by the faithful. Importantly, the offering of a stipend for the Mass is a holy practice of supporting the church and our priests' ministry.

How to book a Mass

To request a mass, you may go to the rectory; send an email to stfrancesofrome@yahoo.com; call the parish office at 718-324-5340; or drop your mass request in the collection basket. Please include your contact number.

Communion of the Sick

For communion and anointing of the sick and the homebound, please call the rectory at (718)324-5340. When a parishioner is hospitalized, a family member should call the rectory as soon as possible.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule**Christmas Vigil**

Sunday: December 24, 2017

8:00 PM (SFR)

Christmas Day Mass

Monday: December 25, 2017

8:00 AM (SFR)

9:30 AM (SFR)

11:00 AM (SFR) Spanish

New Year's Vigil

Sunday: December 31, 2017

10:30 PM (SFR)

New Year's Day**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God**

Monday: January 1, 2018

8:00 AM (SFR)

9:30 AM (SFR)

10:00 AM (SFA)

11:00 AM (SFR)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

- To add someone's name to the parish prayer list, please contact the rectory at (718)324-5340...
- If you would like to serve at mass please fill out the volunteer sheet located at the back of the church, bring it to the rectory and someone will contact you.
- Our annual Christmas Around the World dinner will be on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the auditorium.
- The new Kerygma community will have its retreat on Saturday December 9, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the lower church.
- Retiro para el nuevo grupo de Kerygma, Diciembre 9, 2017 a las 11:00 AM en la iglesia de abajo.
- Hispanic 9-day Christmas Novena will start Saturday December 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the lower church.
- Las Novenas de Navidad comenzaran Diciembre 16, 2017 a las 7:00 PM en la iglesia de abajo.
- Lessons & Carols Christmas Concert will be Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the upper church. Tickets cost \$1.00 get your tickets after mass or in the rectory.
- The pastor would like to meet with the leaders of the following Hispanic Ministries: Sagrado Corazon; Alta Gracia; Christian Communities; choir; and Circulo de Oracion after the 11:00AM mass on Sunday December 10, 2017. The meeting will be in the convent.
- The pastor would like to meet with all the men of our parish for an important discussion on Sunday December 10, 2017 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be in the auditorium .
- On December 24th The second collection is to the people of the hurricane.
- Our church is a tithing church. We thank all those who support our church with their weekly tithes and donations. We encourage everyone to please remember this church in their budget and in prayers.
- Congratulations 50/50 Winner-November 2017
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Leal
- Sunday, November 26, 2017 \$5,957.07
God bless you all.....