

## Roman Catholic Church Of St Frances Of Rome, St Francis Of Assisi, St Anthony & 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**

**Our Office is closed for Lunch from 1:00PM until 2:00PM**

### 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 church***

**Pastor :** Fr Georginus Ejiofor Ugwu, MSP  
**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Francis Oroffa, MSP  
**Sunday Assoc:** Frs Peter Pilsner & Charles Udokang  
**Parish Deacons:** Dcns John Maulucci & Jose Ojeda  
**Parish Secretary:** Michelle Roman  
**Parish Bookkeeper:** Melissa Leal  
**Parish DRE:** Sr. Karina Hernandez Gomez HMSP & Sr. Araceli Munoz HMSP

**Baptismal Instructions:** Dcns. John Maulucci & Jose Ojeda  
**Community Outreach (Food Pantry):** Lorrin Johnson  
**English Choir master:** Jose Cabada  
**Liturgy committee Chair:** Lorrin Johnson  
**Marriage Prep:** Fr. Ejiofor Ugwu, MSP  
**Nursing Home Ministry Coordinator:** Dcn Jose Ojeda  
**Organist:** Eugene Klymyshyn  
**Parish Music Director:** Carmine R. Abate (SFR)  
**RCIA:** Dcn. John Maulucci & Dcn. Jose Ojeda

**Religious Education Secretary:** Michelle Roman  
**Religious Education Office:** 718-324.5340 ext.4

### MINISTRIES' SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

**St Monica** - Fr Ejiofor  
**St Martin de Porres** - Fr Francis  
**Sagrado Corazon** - Deacon Jose  
**Altigracia** - Deacon Jose  
**Holy Name** - Fr Francis  
**Youth Ministry** - Deacon John and Sr Araceli  
**Catholic Women Assoc** - Fr Ejiofor  
**Catholic Men Assoc** - Fr Ejiofor  
**Charismatic Prayer Group** - Deacon Jose  
**Circulo de Oracion** - Srs Karina and Araceli  
**The Legion of Mary** - Fr Francis  
**Prayer Shawl** - Fr Francis  
**Hispanic Min. Committee** - Fr Ejiofor  
**Comunidades de Evangelizacion** - Sr. Karina and Sr. Araceli

### MEETING SCHEDULE FOR PARISH MINISTRIES (All meetings are in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated)

**Altigracia:** 3rd Sunday after 11:00 AM Mass  
**Bereavement Support:** 4th Tuesday 7:00 PM  
**Charismatic Prayer:** Sunday 4:00PM. Bi-weekly  
**Círculo de Oración:** Monday 7:00PM  
**Comunidades de Fe:** Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Food Pantry Ministry:** Friday (Bi-weekly). See schedule  
**Holy Name Society:** 2nd Sunday after 9:30AM Mass  
**Hospitality Committee:** 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM  
**Legion of Mary:** Every Sunday at 2:00PM  
**Marriage Preparation Class:** By appointment  
**Prayer Shawl:** 2nd & 4th Sunday after 8:00AM Mass  
**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:** Sunday after each Mass  
**Spanish Choir:** Saturday 2:00 PM  
**Praise & Worship Choir:** Saturday at 2:30 PM  
**Parish Main Choir:** Saturday at 6:00 PM  
**Catholic Men's Association:** 4th Sunday at 2:00PM  
**Catholic Women's Association:** 2nd Sunday at 2:00PM  
**Youth Ministries:** 1st & 3rd Sundays at 2:00PM

### OTHER PARISH PROGRAMS

**Weekly Adoration:** Saturdays: 9:00AM—12PM  
**Religious Ed:** Sunday: 10:45AM—12:30PM (Ends with Mass)  
**RCIA:** Sunday 11:00 A.M  
**Pastoral Council:** 2nd Wednesday of the Month  
**Liturgy Committee:** 1st Tuesday Feb, May, Sept & Nov 7PM  
**Baptismal Instruction Class:** 2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM

### Marriage

**Couples who intend to marry in the Church should speak with one of the parish priests at least six months in advance. Wedding date, time and venue should not be scheduled without first meeting with the pastor.**

### Infant Baptism

**To register a child for baptism, parents must complete the necessary registration form and provide the parish office with the child's birth certificate. Infant Baptism in Spanish is celebrated at 2:00 P.M on the 3rd Sunday of the month while Infant Baptism in English is celebrated at 2:00PM on the 4th Sunday of the month.**



**Saturday, August 31st,**

5:00 PM (SFR) Christine Geddes, Cristine Leslie & Ingrid Mothersill (Birthday)

**Sunday, September 1st, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29; Ps 68:4-7,10-11; Heb 12:18-19,22-24a; Lk 14:1,7-14

8:00 AM (SFR) Ernesto & Irene Orsino (+)

9:30AM (SFR) Rose Pirro (+)

10:00AM (SFA) Robin Douglas (+)

11:00AM (SFR) Enna Reyes Encarnacion (+)

12:30AM (SFR) Mr. & Mrs. Michael Laster (Anniversary)

**Monday, September 2nd, Weekday**

Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

9:00 AM (SFR) Mariam Kurian Valiplackal & Family (+)

**Tuesday, September 3rd, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church**

Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

9:00 AM (SFR) Claudine Boyd (+); Teddy Carr + (Birthday)

**Wednesday, September 4th, Weekday**

Readings: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

9:00AM (SFR) Kathy Vazquez (Birthday); Masha & Brenton Spence (Birthday Blessings)

**Thursday, September 5th, Weekday**

Readings: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

9:00 AM (SFR) Rose Pirro (+)

**Friday, September 6th, Weekday**

Readings: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

9:00 AM (SFR) Ms. Edwidge Emmanuel (+)

**Saturday, September 7th, Weekday**

Readings: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

8:00 AM (SFA) Abena Owusu-Afriyie (Birthday)

9:00AM (SFR) Mr. & Mrs. Michael A. Laster (Anniversary)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Eltee Pierre, Tonnie Rivera, James Coles, Phred Madsen, Carmen Perez, Michael A. Laster Sr., Mina Blesos, Donna Daniels, Maria Vasquez, Caroline Carol, Bernie Sammon, Carrie McGee, Theresa Murphy, Rosa Maria Gomez, Nancy Medina, Miracle Boston, William Bryne, Estephane Elizabeth, Henry Amadasu, Maria & Rafael Medina, Patricia Bent, Luz Helena Johnson, Doreen Peters, Timothy Sonowell, Mrs. Lowery, Francis Wynter, Lucille Thomas, Edward Lowe, Deacon Joe Mulryan, Rosemary Oshansky, Thomas Robertson, Ann Taylor, Dorothy Goshine, Dionne Spence, Bryan Ritchie, Hason Castell, Pearl Richardson, Patricia Barakat, Bernice Coles, Ekaterina, Natalie Migliaccio, Gale Lugo, Isabel Valdejulli, Ismael Rodriguez, Abel J. Santiago, Mildred Ramirez & Catherine Girardi. Let us also remember to pray for all caregivers.



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**HUMILITY**

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

**LA HUMILDAD**

La humildad es una virtud que no vemos mucho en estos días. Parece que la vanidad, la prepotencia y la arrogancia dominan nuestras costumbres de todo y en nuestras conversaciones en Internet. ¿Quién no se ha molestado por los *trolls* de quienes intentan (por lo general con una mala gramática y falta de ortografía) empezar una pelea con aquellas personas que no coinciden con sus opiniones? Nuestras tiendas, catálogos y tiendas virtuales en línea están llenas de cosas inútiles destinados al uso y por el precio a los ricos, en tanto las cosas ordinarias parecen desaparecer de esos lugares de venta. A medida que los ricos se hacen más ricos, los pobres se van haciendo más pobres y la clase media va desapareciendo. ¿Cuál es el antidoto para esto? La humildad es un buen lugar para empezar. La devoción a Dios vale mucho más que todas las riquezas. "Padre de huérfanos, protector de viudas, Dios vive en su santa morada, Dios prepara casa a los desvalidos, libera a los cautivos y los enriquece".

**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.

**Mass Book is Open**

To request a mass, you may go to the rectory; send an email to [stfrancesofrome@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**HALL RENTAL**

The School auditorium & SFR parish center are available for rent between the hours of 6:00 PM and 2:00AM during the weekend. Parking is available. For reservations, please contact the Rectory Office at (718) 324-5340 or [stfrancesofrome@yahoo.com](mailto:stfrancesofrome@yahoo.com) at least 30 days before the event.

**Food Pantry Schedule**

**Food is distributed on the following Fridays  
9:00 AM– 12:00 PM  
Please bring your ID**

**September 5 or 21**

**November 1 or 15**

**October 4 or 18**

**December 6 or 20**

**Parish Announcement**

- The Hospitality Committee's annual flea market will take place on Sundays after each mass in the church hall.
- Saint France of Rome choirs will begin rehearsals on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> Spanish Choir at 12:00 PM; Praise and Worship at 3:00PM and Main Choir at 6:00PM. If anyone is interested in joining the choir please see our organist after any of the weekend masses.
- Altigracia Society invites everyone to the Shrine of San Jose next Saturday, September 7th. The bus departure time is 8:00AM by the church entrance. The cost is \$40.00 per person. For further information please contact Brigida at (929)461-3980 or Miledys (917)705-1544.
- Sociedad Altigraciana invita a nuestro viaje anual de peregrinacion al Santuario de San Jose en NJ .Sabado 7 de sept. Saliedo del frente de la iglesia a las 8 am y regresamos a las 5pm. Costo 40.00 p/p . Para informes Brigida: 929-461-3980 or Miledys:917-705-1544.
- The Legion of Mary's 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary celebration will be on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 12:30PM followed by a reception in the church hall. Everyone is invited.
- The Filipino community invites everyone to the San Lorenzo Ruiz feast celebration on Saturday, September 21st beginning with mass at 12:00PM followed by a reception in the parish hall.
- The Catholic Men's Association is sponsoring a Parish Dinner Dance which will take place on Sunday, October 6th at Maestro's Caterers beginning at 4:00PM. Tickets are \$100.00 per person, and include a cocktail reception, full dinner, dancing and an open bar. Tickets are available in the rectory or from one of the members of the Catholic Men's Association or the Parish Council.
- Are you an adult, who has been attending St. Frances of Rome Church or another Catholic Church? Do you know a family member, neighbor or friend who has expressed a desire to become Roman Catholic but does not know how to go about it? Are you a person Baptized in the Roman Catholic Church but never received any other Sacraments? THEN, the RCIA (the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**) is what you have been looking for. *What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults?* It is a series of instruction that begins in September and ends with the reception of the Sacrament(s) at the Easter Vigil. *What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults?* Any person, over seventeen year of age, who has not been Baptized, anyone Baptized a Catholic but never received any other sacrament, or anyone who was baptized into another religion but now has the desire to be Roman Catholic. *When are the sessions held?* On Sunday morning English session beginning at 11:00 am and concluding with the 12:30 pm Mass. Spanish session begin at 9 am ending with the 11 am Mass. Sessions begin September 15 in the Parish Center. *What do you need to do in order to become part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults?* Complete an RCIA application or contact Deacon John Maulucci or Jose Ojeda: leave your application or contact information at the rectory during regular office hours.
- Congratulation 50/50 Winner: **Jose Tavares**
- CCD registration forms are available at the entrance of the church. Please complete the form and return it to Michelle at the CCD office located in the parish center or to the rectory. Classes begin Sunday, September 22nd.
- All announced mass intentions should be submitted to the rectory. Please do not hand your intentions to the clergy in the church.
- Please do not block parking spaces or the entrance during weekend masses. Any car blocking any entrance will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Sunday, August 25, 2019 \$5,657.77  
God Bless You