

# Church of the Blessed Sacrament Manhattan

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## **MASSES:**

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday evening at 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:00AM (Family Mass)  
11:15AM (Spanish), 12:30PM & 5:30PM (Young Adult Choir)  
WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM  
SATURDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM  
SPANISH WKDAY MASS: Every Other Wednesday of the month  
HOLY DAYS & EVES. OF HOLY DAYS: As Announced.

## **BAPTISM:**

Arrangements must be made at the Rectory. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must attend the Pre-Baptismal conference which is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the rectory.

## **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday afternoons 4:30 to 5:15 pm, and anytime at the Rectory.

## **MARRIAGES:**

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance at the rectory to ensure the date and the hour desired. The Nuptial Mass is the ordinary form of celebrating Christian marriage, and should be strongly considered when making Wedding plans. Attendance at the Pre-Cana Conferences, or the equivalent, is required by the Archbishop.

## **PARISH BOUNDARIES:**

Central Park West to the Hudson River, from the South side of 77th Street down to the North side of 65th Street.

## **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

We welcome new parishioners, and invite them to register at the Rectory. The registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish. If you move to another Parish, or change your address within the Parish, please notify us.

## **FATIMA DEVOTIONS:**

The Rosary is said daily after the 12:10 pm Mass. Friday from 6-7 pm there is a holy hour.

## **BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

First Friday - Exposition: 12:35 pm.  
Adoration: All day; Benediction: 5:15 PM.

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:**

Mondays, before the 12:10 Mass and before the 5:30 pm Mass.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS:**

Classes in Religion for Catholic children/teenagers, Pre-kindergarten - High School take place on Sundays. The Family Mass begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Church followed by class instruction in the school.

Ongoing religious education is important for the religious development of your children. First Communion and Confirmation require a two year program.

*Sunday School Website: [www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org)*

**PARISH NEWS**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

October is coming to an end...enjoy Halloween! As we enter the month of November, I thought I would share these words of Pope Francis spoken on Wednesday past....”In this, the last of our catechesis on Christian hope, I would like to speak of hope’s fulfillment in heaven. On Calvary, Jesus assures the Good Thief that he will be with him that very day in heaven. The Lord’s solidarity with us sinners culminates on the cross; there, as one of his final acts, he opens the gates of heaven to a repentant criminal. The Good Thief’s humble plea for mercy was sufficient to touch the heart of Jesus. His humility reminds us that, like the publican in the Temple, or the prodigal Son, we can only trust in God’s mercy, and, at every hour of our life, turn to him with hope in his promises. Jesus died on the cross to redeem our sins, our mistakes and our failings, and to bring us with him to the house of the Father. He desires that nothing be lost of what he has redeemed. No one, then, should despair, for his grace is always present to those who put their trust in him. The hour of our death need hold no fear for us if, like the Good Thief, we can turn to the Lord and pray in confident hope: “Jesus, remember me” (cf. Lk 23:42).

On All Saints Day the church honors all the saints, those who have finished the race and rejoice in God’s presence. We honor the towering figures like Saints Peter, Paul, Augustine, Claire, Francis, Catherine, Dominick, and we honor the humble saints, as well, those whose names are known to a few or to none: the grandparents and ancestors, the friends and teachers who lived their faith to the full and inspired faith in others. This is a day to celebrate them all. And so, just a reminder, All Saints Day, Tuesday, November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation ....a day when we Catholics oblige ourselves to celebrate the Eucharist.... the Masses: Monday evening at 5:30 pm, Tuesday at 7:30 am, 9:30 am (at which the school children will be present), 12:10 pm, 5:30 pm, and a Mass offered in Spanish at 7:00 pm.

On the day after All Saints comes All Souls Day, the commemoration of the faithful departed, in which the church remembers and prays for all who have died. As we remember and pray for all loved ones who have died, the reality that we ourselves must one day die is also brought home to us as a gentle, insistent reminder. In Mexico, “The Day of the Dead” as this day is known, is a way of praying for our ancestors, remembering and celebrating them, and making friends with death. As Saint Ambrose wrote: “Death is then no cause for mourning, for it is the cause of mankind’s salvation. Death is not something to be avoided, for the son of God did not think it beneath his dignity, nor did he seek to escape it.” While not a Holy Day of Obligation, I encourage you to celebrate the Eucharist on All Souls Day....the Masses on All Souls Day: 7:30 am, 12:10 pm, 5:30 pm, and a Mass offered in Spanish at 7:00 pm.....of course, throughout the day, the church will be open that you will be able to drop in to pause and pray. And if you have not yet done so, please stop off at the rectory to include in the parish shrine the names of those dear to you who have died. ***May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.***

On a personal note, I will be out of the parish for a week or so and then some what limited when I return....so I am told....I will be having my right knee replaced on Monday.....my only problem with all of this is that I have been told I have to be patient in this process...this is where I think I will need your prayers.....I think I missed that line when I was born.....

And as always, but especially now..pray every day for peace.....

Father Duffell



This Thanksgiving, help replenish our food pantry by donating food items via our online Thanksgiving food drive. With help from YouGiveGoods.com's online platform buying and donating food items has been made easier than ever.

Visit [www.yougivegoods.com/sbs-fooddrive-2017](http://www.yougivegoods.com/sbs-fooddrive-2017) to purchase from a list of preselected items.

The drive is open until the 8th of November. Once the drive ends, YouGiveGoods will deliver the items directly to our Church within 15 days, just in time for Thanksgiving!

*All donations processed through the YouGiveGoods website are safe and secure. Contributions are delivered directly to the charity of your choice.*

*Your donation is tax deductible. You will be emailed a receipt when your donation is processed which can be used for tax purposes.*

***Arts at Blessed Sacrament concerts this week:***

***Sunday Curiositeas***

***Wind-Up Elephant***

*October 29th, 2:30 – 3:30PM*

*Blessed Sacrament Salon (2nd Floor in the Rectory)*

*Our weekly concert series “Curiositeas” offers a place where performers and audience members can connect through casual concerts of music collaboration and personal story.*

*Please visit <https://blessedsacramentnyc.org/music-and-arts> for more information*

*Free events with goodwill offering*

## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Estimados Feligreses y Amigos,

Octubre llega a su fin ... ¡disfruten de Halloween! Casi cuando llega noviembre, pensé que compartiría con ustedes estas palabras pronunciadas por el Papa Francisco el miércoles pasado ... "A lo largo de este año litúrgico hemos meditado sobre la esperanza cristiana. Esta es la última catequesis sobre este tema, que dedicamos al paraíso como meta de nuestra esperanza.

La palabra «paraíso» es una de las últimas palabras pronunciadas por Jesús en la cruz y está dirigida al buen ladrón. Ante su muerte inminente le hace una petición humilde a Jesús: «Acuérdate de mí cuando entres en tu Reino». No tiene obras buenas para ofrecerle pero se confía a él. Esas palabras de humilde arrepentimiento han sido suficiente para tocar el corazón de Jesús.

El buen ladrón nos recuerda nuestra verdadera condición ante Dios: que somos sus hijos y que él viene a nuestro encuentro, teniendo compasión de nosotros. No existe ninguna persona, por muy mala que haya sido en su vida, a la que Dios le niegue su gracia si se arrepiente. Ante Dios nos encontramos todos con las manos vacías, pero esperando su misericordia.

En esta, la última de nuestras catequesis sobre la esperanza cristiana, me gustaría hablar del cumplimiento de la esperanza en el cielo. En el Calvario, Jesús le asegura al Buen Ladrón que él estará con él ese mismo día en el cielo. La solidaridad del Señor con nosotros los pecadores culmina en la cruz; allí, como uno de sus actos finales, abre las puertas del cielo a un criminal arrepentido. El humilde pedido de misericordia del Buen Ladrón fue suficiente para tocar el corazón de Jesús. Su humildad nos recuerda que, al igual que el publicano en el Templo, o el Hijo pródigo, solo podemos confiar en la misericordia de Dios y, a cada hora de nuestra vida, acudir a él con esperanza en sus promesas. Jesús murió en la cruz para redimir nuestros pecados, nuestros errores y nuestros defectos, y para llevarnos con él a la casa del Padre. Él desea que nada se pierda de lo que ha redimido. Nadie, entonces, debería desesperarse, porque su gracia está siempre presente para aquellos que ponen su confianza en él. La hora de nuestra muerte no debe tener temor para nosotros si, como el Buen Ladrón, podemos volvernos al Señor y orar con esperanza confiada: "Jesús, acuérdate de mí" (véase Lc 23:42).

El Día de Todos los Santos la iglesia honra a todos los santos, aquellos que han terminado la carrera y se regocijan en la presencia de Dios, honramos a las figuras imponentes como San Pedro, Pablo, Agustín, Francisco y honramos a los santos humildes, también, aquellos cuyos nombres son conocidos por unos pocos o ninguno: los abuelos y antepasados, los amigos y maestros que vivieron su fe plena inspirada en los demás. Este es un día para celebrarlos a todos. Y así, solo un recordatorio, el Día de Todos los Santos, martes, 1 de noviembre es un Día de Obligación ... un día en que nosotros, los Católicos celebramos la Eucaristía ... las Misas: el lunes por la noche a las 5:30 p.m., martes a las 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (en el cual los niños de la escuela estarán presentes), 12:10 p.m., 5:30 p.m., y se ofrecerá una misa en español a las 7:00 p.m.

El día después llega el Día de los Difuntos, la conmemoración de los fieles que nos han dejado, y la iglesia los recuerda y reza por ellos. Al recordar y orar por todos los seres queridos que han muerto, la realidad de que nosotros mismos debemos morir algún día también nos llega como un recordatorio suave e insistente. En México, "El día de los

Muertos", como se conoce este día, es una forma de rezar por nuestros antepasados, recordarlos y celebrarlos, y hacernos amigos con la muerte. Como escribió San Ambrosio: "La muerte no es causa de duelo, porque es la causa de la salvación de la humanidad. La muerte no es algo que deba evitarse, ya que el hijo de Dios no pensó que estaba por debajo de su dignidad, ni buscó escapar de ella." Aunque no es una fiesta de obligación, les pido asistir a la Eucaristía en el Día de Todos los Santos. ... las Misas serán a las 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:30 p.m. y una Misa ofrecida en español a las 7:00 p.m. .... por supuesto, durante todo el día, la iglesia estará abierta para los que deseen venir. Y si aún no lo ha hecho, por favor lleguen a la rectoría para incluir los nombres de aquellos seres queridos que ahora descansan con Dios. ***Que las almas de todos los fieles que se han ido por la misericordia de Dios descansen en paz.***

En una nota personal, estaré fuera de la parroquia durante una semana más o menos y luego por un tiempo limitado cuando regrese ... así me dicen ... El lunes me operaran la rodilla derecha ... mi único problema con todo esto es que me han dicho que tengo que ser paciente en este proceso ... aquí es donde creo que necesitaré sus oraciones ... Creo que me perdí esa línea cuando nací.....

Y como siempre, pero especialmente ahora ... recemos todos los días por la paz .....  
Padre Duffell

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION HAS REOPENED.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** began on Sunday, September 10. Religious instruction is held in the school from 11:00 -12:15. Registration packets are posted on the Sunday School website or can be picked up at the rectory. ([blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://blessedsacramentsundayschool.org))

**PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL THE COMPLETED FORMS BACK!!!** Please send by postal mail or drop off completed forms with a \$150 check per family at the rectory office.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday School teachers and Assistants are needed to serve in this important Parish Ministry. Volunteers who work with children follow a screening process as required by the Archdiocese. Please call or email Tina Silvestro for more information. 212-877-3111 or [tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](mailto:tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org).

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### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teaching and practice and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings. The sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Inquiry discussions for adults began on Monday, September 25 at 6:30 pm. If you (or anyone you know) are interested in learning more about our program or registering, please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111.

*Sponsors are needed for adults who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. You must be Baptized, Confirmed, and regularly receive Communion. You will be needed to assist someone as s/he prepares for the Sacraments and present her/him for the Rites of Christian Initiation. Please call or email Tina Silvestro for more information: [212-877-3111/tina.blessedsacramentnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:212-877-3111/tina.blessedsacramentnyc@yahoo.com)*



FORMED.org is a website that you log into with a parish access code that allows you to view this great Catholic material, such as movies, E-books, audio talks, Bible studies, and more. All you need to do is enter code 7W62F7 upon registering.

**LECTOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING**

Sunday, November 12, 2017 6:30pm in the Church

Become more involved in the Mass. We are in need of more Lectors to minister the Word and Eucharistic ministers. If you have a love for Scripture and would like to serve as a lector or would like to administer Communion to your fellow parishioners as a Eucharistic minister, please come to the training session. Training will be held in the Church. Please copy/paste or enter url <https://goo.gl/forms/OyV1vNflUSRgXOwm> to complete signup form it's appreciated but not required to participate. Email Kimberley LaMarque Orman (kimberley.lamarque@gmail.com) or Thomas Davis (tdavisnyc@gmail.com) with any questions.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

This Sunday, November 4th, all are invited to Coffee Hour and Spirit Sunday! Coffee Hour will take place in the Rectory after all the morning Masses and Spirit Sunday will take place in the Hall after the 5:30PM Mass.

If interested in baking for Coffee Hour please email James Palazza at [jamespalazza@yahoo.com](mailto:jamespalazza@yahoo.com)

**SEEKING P/T BOOKKEEPER**

Downey Side, a local adoption agency located in the Church Blessed Sacrament, is seeking a student majoring in Accounting for a part time position. Must be familiar with Quickbooks. Responsibilities include bank reconciliation, accounts payable/ receivable and billing. Heavy lifting is also required. Please send your resumes to [kfrinkdowneyside@gmail.com](mailto:kfrinkdowneyside@gmail.com)

**THEATER OF LIGHT INC PRESENTS:**

Three "Acts" of Grace a compilation of 3 original plays:

- \*THE ART OF TEA by Daniel Damiano,
- \*MORE HUMAN by Emily Snyder Play,
- \*A HIT'S A HIT by Colette Silvestri

FREE PERFORMANCES @ The Blessed Sacrament Theater  
Reserve free seats @: <http://bpt.me/3084171>

Saturday November 4 (3:00 to 4:00), Saturday November 11 (3:00 to 4:00),  
Sunday November 12 (3:00 to 4:00)

**CATHOLIC FAMILIES GROUP**

Please join our Blessed Sacrament Catholic Families Group! We offer a range of events to help each other in raising our children as Catholics and becoming better in our own practice of the faith. We also host a monthly moms' group. Sign up at [www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/](http://www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/) - free to join and events are free.

**November 4 – Second Collection**

Soup Kitchen. Blessed Sacrament's Soup Kitchen meets every Sunday at 2PM on 70<sup>th</sup> Street. Staffed by many wonderful parish volunteers, the Soup Kitchen prepares delicious meals for locals in need.



**Saturday Evening, October 28th**

5:30 Intentions of Helene & Javier – *Best wishes for their wedding*

**Sunday, October 29th**

8:30 Dale Cooper +  
10:00 Intentions of Marina & Michael *on their wedding anniversary*

11:15 Joseph Caceres +  
12:30 John Marsh, Sr. +

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Monday, October 30th**

7:30 Mary Sweeny +  
12:10 Intentions of Augustine Waters

5:30 Veta Dougherty +

**Tuesday, October 31st**

7:30 Carmine Magnone +  
12:10

5:30 Pauline Wandrey Claesson +

**Wednesday, November 1st**

7:30 Clarence Haydel +  
12:10 Anita Manalo +  
5:30 Intentions of Sheila Mannix on her Birthday  
7:00

**Thursday, November 2nd**

7:30 Intentions of Viola Kaufman  
12:10 Rosa Arcangel +  
5:30 Giovanni Ianni +

**Friday, November 3rd**

7:30 All Souls in Purgatory  
12:10 Carmine Magnone +  
5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Saturday, November 4th**

7:30 In Thanksgiving and Reparation for Sinners  
12:10 Kim Dziabis +

**Finance Committee Corner**

Last Sunday \$8,022 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$4,862 was received through WeShare, for a total of \$12,884. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection. The second collection in support of World Mission Sunday totaled \$2683. Thank you!

**Esquina Financiera**

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$8,022. Recibimos \$4,862 a través de WeShare para un total de \$12,884. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular. La segunda colecta para la Jordana Mundial de las Misiones totalizo \$2683. Gracias.



If you have not registered in the parish and attend our mass regularly, please fill the following form out and return it to the Rectory office. *All information will be kept confidential.*

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Spouses Name** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Only if BOTH are Registering)*

**Children** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Apt. #** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Spouses Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**How should we address you? (Check One)**

**Mr. & Mrs.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mrs.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ms.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like to receive weekly offering envelopes?**

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**If not, would you like us to sign you up for ParishPay?**

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your participation in ParishPay. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Please note that ParishPay has recently been bought over by Liturgical Publications. ParishPay's online giving platform has been transferred to Liturgical Publication's WeShare platform.*

*To log on to your account please visit Blessed Sacrament's website ([www.blessedsacramentnyc.org](http://www.blessedsacramentnyc.org)) and click on the "Donate Online" button on the top right corner.*

*You will be redirected to our WeShare page where you will be asked to verify your account or sign up if you are a new member.*

*If you run into any issues accessing your account, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-950-9952, Option One.*

*Thank you again for your help and for your commitment to our parish. We appreciate everything that you do for our community.*

**Weekly EM and Lector Schedule**

**Saturday, Oct. 28**

5:30 pm	1st	Anita Pearl
	2nd	Anita Pearl
	POF	Vincent Gardino
	EM	Joe Tessitore, Amy Kathuria, Ben Ventura, Edward Wiese, Julie Grega

**Sunday, Oct. 29**

8:30 am	1st	Damian Begley
	2nd	James Palazza
	POF	Brendan Contant
	EM	Louella Price, JoDell Sheilds, Damian Begley, James Palazza
10:00 am	1st	Mary Bradley
	2nd	Mary Bradley
	POF	Shirley Rodriguez
	EM	Deacon Scott, Julie Tom, Mary Bradley, Judy Braun, Andrew Jenkins, Patricia Caffrey, Shirley Rodriguez
11:15 am	1st	Cindy Ochoa
	2nd	Oscar Henk
	POF	Marina Che
	EM	Junior Santiago
12:30 pm	1st	Vivienne Singer
	2nd	Jack Going
	POF	Barbara Hanning
	EM	Deacon Scott, Anne Jason, Sheila Pender, Lidia Stempien, Wendy Pineda, Elsa Alvarez, Raul Garcia-Moncada
5:30 pm	1st	Alfred Sifunjo
	2nd	Adriana Gonzalez
	POF	Matthew Sitman
	EM	Maria LaMagna, Joyce Polistena, Tiffany Riady, Adriana Gonzalez, Rob Porell, Rebecca Painter, Matthew Sitman

**ALL ARE WELCOME! FREE COMPLETE SCREENING OF CLASSIC DEKALOG FILM SERIES**

This acclaimed film series raises the great moral questions embedded in real life, often lived out in difficult circumstances. In his ten hour-long films, the late and legendary director and co-writer Krzysztof Kieslowski explores the theme and challenge of each Commandment through characters living in a typical Soviet-era housing complex.

Come join us November 8th from 7:30pm – 9:00pm for this thought provoking series and for a discussion after each film.

**PRESENTED BY: REBECCA M. PAINTER**

Email: [dr.rmpainter@gmail.com](mailto:dr.rmpainter@gmail.com)

*Visit our website for complete schedule.*