



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it...He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. (1 Kings 19: 4-5)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Xavier Mission

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2015

Eucharist

Main Church

Saturday: 12:05 pm, 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday Masses: 9:00 am (Family Mass), 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses: 7:45 am, 12:05 pm
(All Masses are Handicapped Accessible)

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 1:00 to 2:00 in the Main Church
confessional or by appointment with one of the priests.

Sacraments

Please call the office for information about
Baptism, Marriages & other needs.

Sick or Hospitalized

Please notify the office of parishioners who are
ill or in the hospital so that they can be included
in our prayers or be visited.

New Parishioners

Welcome! To register, please stop by the office
and fill out a registration form or register online at
www.sfxavier.org

Staff

Rev. Joseph Marina, S.J. (Pastor) — 204
Cassandra L. Agredo (Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208
Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207
Jacqueline Falco (Parish Manager) — 221
Rev. Peter Fink, S.J. (Associate Pastor) — 211
Stephanie Fuentes (Parish Secretary) — 222
Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201
Receptionist — 201
Dameley Tineo (Assistant to the Pastor) - 205
Rev. Sean Toole, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206
John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Jack Schmitt (Chair); Adel O'Regan (Vice-Chair);
Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Patricia Dahl;
Phil Gutierrez; Bob Lepisko; Deborah Olley Murphy;
David Pais

PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

Mission Statement



The Church of St. Francis Xavier, a Roman Catholic parish in the Jesuit tradition, strives to be a prophetic, welcoming community, and an inclusive witness to the presence of Christ Jesus in our midst. Mindful of our utter reliance on God, and need for God's grace, we rejoice together in our celebration of the sacraments and proclamation of the Gospel. As a people of hope, we commit ourselves through prayerful and creative discernment to respond to God in our time by: Being a respectful community Where seekers and their questions are welcomed, Where injustice is challenged, Where the poor, the alienated and the marginalized find a home, And where people are refreshed, reconciled and renewed.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday: 11:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices send e-mails to sfuentes@sfxavier.org and Space Requests send e-mails to jfalco@sfxavier.org

Deadline for bulletin copy—all copy should be in the office by 4:00 pm on Monday afternoon.

**Confessions are offered
Saturdays from 1:00pm-2:00pm**

**To make an appointment for
confession please call Parish Office.**

**Note: You must be a registered parishioner for a
minimum of six months before qualifying for a
sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.**

**Main Church Accessibility from 16th street during
regular office hours. Simply ring the bell on the
two furthest entrances on the West & East sides
of the Church.**

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, August 15th

5:00pm Vigil: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

Sunday, August 16th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Peter Fink, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us especially, remember those
who have asked for our prayers

*David Axod, Margaret Burns, Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell,
Kyle Cheplic, Alberto Cocorpus, Hugo Correa, Sheila Creasey,
Tom Cooney, Teddy D'Alesio, Louis DeFazio, Litha Edwards,
Tony Edwards, Sherry Folb, Racquel Gager,
Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Lewis Greenwald, Amy Hoffman,
Christine Kiss, Robyn Luisi, Edith Maier, John Marshall,
Margaret Mays, Elizabeth Miller, John Nesbit, Catherine Anne
Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek, Adele Porcelli, Silvana Puleo,
Denyse Robinson, Joan Schecter, Rocco Scura, Denton Stargel,
Thomas Stenberg, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend,
Carl Wassmann, Molly Wolfe*

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed
parishioners and friends, especially:

*Barbara Beharry, Michael Brooks, Graydon Elliott,
Irma Estevez-Reyes, Joseph Fortunato, Lorraine Greco,
Reina Henaine, Amadeo Hernández, Lori Mitchener,
Christian Negron, Charles Townsend, Laura Vesia*

We also remember all those who have been killed or
wounded through the violence of war. May all those who
have gone before us share the joys of eternal life.

**All prayer requests are listed for at least three consecutive
weeks. Please contact the parish office for an extension.**

From the Xavier Peace & Justice Committee

I saw water flowing...from the new SFX Fountains!

Thank you to those who stayed around for last Sunday's blessing of our parish's new environmentally friendly water fountains. It was a festive celebration and some photos are posted below, compliments of Eileen Miller.

In many other countries, families must spend as much as 10% of their income for safe drinking water. We are so fortunate to have clean, healthy water directly from our faucets and from the filtered system of our Xavier water fountains. The new fountains are located outside the Parlor area and the Music room.

Help us protect our environment from the overuse of throw-away water bottles and privatized water. Need a reusable water bottle? Already have one but want to help defray the cost of the fountains?

Then please come to the table at the back of Church today. Buy a **SFX Take Back the Tap bottle**, make a donation, or ask what more you can do to help.

Help us respond to Pope Francis' call to take better care of our common home.

Many thanks from the Xavier Peace and Justice Committee



(Photos graciously taken and provided by Eileen Miller)

**PAPAL ENCYCLICAL
ON THE ENVIRONMENT
(9TH INSTALLMENT)**

In his widely praised encyclical, "On the Care of Our Common Home," Pope Francis challenges us to make integral ecology and care for the poor central to Christian spirituality and religious education. To deepen your own understanding of these crucial matters as well as the understanding of your brothers and sisters, Google: "USCCB Laudato Si': On Care For Our Common Home. Discussion Guide." Consider using this guide in meetings of your parish ministries and religious formation groups, or forming a group to study Laudato Si' using this guide. **For more information, go to www.sfxavier.org/environment.**

WELCOME BACK!



Fr. James Keenan, SJ is returning to us this summer for most of August. It is great to have him back.

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, August 14, 6:00 pm—8:00 pm
Chelsea Pier 63, end of W. 23rd St.**

"A child who gathers in summertime is using good judgment" (Proverbs 10:5). Because the parish is closed on the second-Friday-of-the-month meeting date/time, we will meet at Chelsea Piers (the lawn area of pier 63 at the end of W. 23rd St.) for a picnic, prayer, and play. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804.

**FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM
REGISTRATION**

**Sundays~August 9, 16, 23, 30
West Room
9:00am to 1:00pm**

Tuition Fee: \$100 Per Student.
Snacks Fee: \$80 Per Student.

For students preparing for the Sacraments, there is an additional fee of \$50 per Sacrament.

*For more information contact Luz Marina Diaz
at LMDiaz@sfxavier.org*

CABARET



**August 23rd and 30th
6:30PM Music Room**

**Director: Paul Michael
Music Director: TBD
Producer: PAX, John Uehlein
Date of Cabaret: November 6th, 7th & 8th**

Please email *John Uehlein* at juehlein@sfxavier.org with subject heading "cabaret" to set up an audition.

Scripture Readings For the Week

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1 Kings 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51.
Strengthened by that food, he walked to the mountain of God. Walk in love, just like Christ. I am living bread that came down from heaven.

Monday~ Feast of St. Lawrence: 2 Cor 9:6-10; John 12:24-26. *God loves a cheerful giver. The Father will honor whoever serves me.*

Tuesday~ Feast of St. Clare: Deut 31:1-8; Matt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14. *Be brave and steadfast, for you must bring this people into the land. See that you do not despise one of these little ones.*

Nineteenth Wednesday in Ordinary Time: Deut 34:1-12; Matt 18:15-20. *There Moses died as the LORD had said, and since then no prophet has arisen in Israel like him. If your brother listens to you, you have won him over.*

Nineteenth Thursday in Ordinary Time: Josh 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matt 18:21-19:1. *The ark of the covenant of the LORD will precede you into the Jordan. I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.*

Friday~ Feast of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe: Josh 24:1-13; Matt 19:3-12. *I brought your father Abraham from the region beyond the River. I led you out of Egypt, I brought you to your land. Because of the hardness of your hearts Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.*

Saturday~ Feast of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary: Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27a. *A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet. Christ, the first fruits; then those who belong to him. The Almighty has done great things for me: he has raised up the lowly.*

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; John 6:51-58. *Come, eat of my food and drink of the wine I have mixed. Understand what is the will of the Lord. My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.*

Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

ADULT ACTIVITIES: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact bowcol@hotmail.com

BAGA: A parish youth group (for teens) that meets monthly to promote peace and justice by performing corporal works of mercy. Contact b.a.good.apostle@gmail.com

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday, 6 p.m., West Room, SFXWomen@aol.com, (917) 297-6804.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Contact **Katherine Cleary**, krcoff5th@netzero.com

FAMILY FAITH: Catechetical ministry for parents/guardians and children pre-K through 12th grade. Meets Sundays 10:00am, Mary Chapel. Contact **Luz**, LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

GAY CATHOLICS: Men meet in a caring and affirming environment on the first and third Fridays, 7pm Mary Chapel. Contact sfxgcgroup@gmail.com

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact **Jose Ramon**, joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com

SFX WOMEN: We continue to stay to address the specific concerns of women in the church. Xavier women are invited to join our ministry. Contact thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com or (917) 297-6804.

LITURGICAL COMMITTEES: See website or Contact **Luz**, LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact **James Fox**, sumiko120@nyc.rr.com, (212) 427-5070

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE: Examines root causes of injustice and works towards a more just and sustainable world. Contact **Tracey Tynan** or **Peter Locascio** at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact **Rose Alloca**, allocarose@gmail.com or **Marie Bannister**, mariebannister1@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Spiritual, service, and social activities for Xavier's 20s-30s community. Meets twice a month. Contact **Zahrah** or **Phil**, sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com.

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact **Peggy & Paul** 212-260-2486, schubertnyc@gmail.com

XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLOTHING ROOM: 2nd & 4th Sundays, contact **Ann Mary**: xmClothingRoom@gmail.com

FOOD PROGRAMS: Every Sunday soup kitchen and 2nd Saturday food pantry, contact **Christine**: xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com

L-STEP: Spring and Fall semesters, contact **J**: xmLSTEP@gmail.com

SHELTER: Every night, contact **Jim**: xmShelter@gmail.com