



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

*A JESUIT APOSTOLATE*

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Behold, Christ is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the One who is and who was and who is to come." (Revelation 1: 7-8)

## OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

Mass: 10:00am

& Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

Mass: 9:00am

*Please use 15<sup>th</sup> Street entrance.*

## SECOND COLLECTION

for the benefit Human Development-Thanksgiving

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**

**November 22, 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](http://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

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## **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.**

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## ***OFFICE HOURS***

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 7:30 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](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org) and Space Requests send e-mails to [jfalco@sfxavier.org](mailto: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.**

## ***Next Weekend Presider Schedule***

### **Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Vigil: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

### **Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Kyle Chepic, Sheila Creasy,  
Louis DeFazio, Gloria DeFranco, David Fuentes, Gary Gatza,  
Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham,  
Terry Higgins, Thomas Higgins, Anne Karle-Zenith,  
Robyn Luisi, Dee Kelly, Ann Malebra, John Marshall,  
Ron and Elizabeth Miller, Joseph Morrone, Kathy Mulvaney,  
Nicole Mysak, John J. Nesbit, Catherine Anne Olnek,  
Jacob Michael Olnek, Denyse Robinson, Rocco Scura,  
Thomas Stemberg, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend,*

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

*Alice Gonzales, Lucille Salamida, Marie Sanetra,  
Gerard Schmidt, William Jude Schmitt, Patricia Thornton,  
Esperanza Trinidad, Jason Vermonty, Marilyn Bosh Vojta,  
Michael Weber*

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.**

### THE CALL OF CHRIST: KINGSHIP AND KINSHIP

The title of the great feast we celebrate today --the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—is obviously filled with language and imagery that, in the 21st century, convey a clear sense of exclusiveness. A male monarch, who's in charge of absolutely everything, doesn't sound like the easiest person in the world to befriend! But at the time of St. Ignatius Loyola, such imagery was considered beautifully compelling, and easy to relate to, especially when considering the power structures of his day. Ignatius was born in 1491, the year before Columbus was commissioned by a king and queen to find a western pathway to the Orient. He was brought up in a culture that honored chivalry, heroism, and courtliness above the more humble virtues of Christianity. And so it is no surprise that Ignatius, as he composed his Spiritual Exercises, would be sure to include at least one meditation focusing on "kingship."

At the beginning of the Second Week of the Exercises, Ignatius invites the retreatant to engage "The Call of the King." At first, it all seems quite exciting --the chance to follow a hero, by special invitation, into a life choice of heroism! But as the meditation goes on, something changes. The great temporal king you imagined is replaced by a second king --Jesus Christ himself. The following of the king continues but at a much deeper level, to the point where you not only imitate Christ's heroic deeds. You also consent to suffer with him, for the sake of the world. If such consent is genuine and unconditional, the retreatant has truly answered the Call of the King.

Greg Boyle, SJ is an amazing Jesuit who has worked in gang ministry in East Los Angeles for over 20 years now. Greg is fond of calling out the desperate need for "kinship" in our time, "to be willing to stand with the lowly in a lowly place" as he puts it. But Greg wants us to do more than stand there. In his words, *"we are called to inch ourselves closer to creating a community of kinship such that God might recognize it. Soon we imagine, with God, a circle of compassion. Then we imagine no one standing outside of that circle, moving ourselves closer to the margins so that the margins themselves will be erased. We stand there with those whose dignity has been denied. We locate ourselves with the poor and the powerless and the voiceless. At the edges, we join the easily despised and the readily left out. We stand with the demonized so that the demonizing will stop. We situate ourselves right next to the disposable so that the day will come when we stop throwing people away."*



Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ with former gang members in Los Angeles, CA.

It's vitally important to know the difference between kingship and kinship on a day like today. But, in the light of the gospel and the Spiritual Exercises, it's even more important to understand the similarities between them. On this great and solemn feast of our faith, as we end one church year and prepare to begin another, let us not get caught up in the problem of language and antiquated imagery. Let's focus instead on the Call of the King that leads us closer to Christ and to "a community of kinship, such that God might recognize it."

## PADRE MELO'S VISIT

Last Sunday, Padre Melo from Honduras visited our church and spoke about the purposes of his work and the mission of the Jesuit radio station, Radio Progreso, which he heads. He stated that the intent is to highlight injustices and violations of human rights, and to look at the root causes of those violations. He listed four main areas of focus: youth formation, defense of natural resources from incursions by mining companies, formation of new organizations to defend human rights, and creation of support networks in communities to provide an alternative voice to that of the government. We are looking into ways by which parishioners here can contribute on a regular basis to the work of the radio station.

As in previous years, the Honduras Companion Communities Project will offer a selection of Alternative Giving cards for sale after the masses during the weekends of Advent. The cards provide a way for you to remember friends and loved ones and to contribute to supporting the education of a new generation of Hondurans which is so essential to Padre Melo's goals. Xavier and its parishioners have supported our efforts with several local community groups in Honduras for the last 15 years.

The selection this year is again based on artwork created by the children who live in Casa Corazon, a home operated by the Sisters of Mercy for children who are HIV+. Aside from printing expenses, you can be sure that all the proceeds from the sale flow directly to our local community groups in Honduras.

As always, thank you for your support!

## NOVEMBER IS JESUIT VOCATION MONTH

Has anyone ever suggested you might have a Jesuit vocation? Have you ever asked yourself the question? If so, the Jesuits of the Maryland and USA Northeast Provinces would be happy to help you learn more about the Society of Jesus. For more information, including details about vocation activities sponsored by the provinces, visit [www.jesuitvocations.org](http://www.jesuitvocations.org) or contact one of the Jesuits on the parish staff.



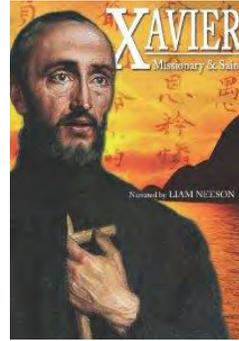
## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MISSIONARY AND SAINT

Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:00pm

West Room

Just before the Feast Day Mass



Fourth Week Films and the New Orleans Jesuit Province present Xavier, a new PBS-style documentary film on the life of the famed 16th-century Jesuit missionary Francis Xavier. Narrated by Liam Neeson, Xavier tells the missionary's compelling story through dramatizations, interviews, contemporary location

shots, paintings and engravings, maps, and most importantly, the extant letters of Xavier. The film features interviews with distinguished scholars of Jesuit and Renaissance history including Ingrid Rowland (Notre Dame University), Andrew Ross (University of Edinburgh), Lourdes del Costa (University of Goa, India), Anthony Ucerler, SJ (Jesuit Historical Institute in Rome), Gauvin Bailey (Clark University) and John O'Malley, SJ, (Weston Jesuit School of Theology).

## THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Please join us on  
**Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>,**  
to celebrate our patron saint and to say  
farewell to our parish manager,  
**Jacqueline Falco,**  
after 17 years of dedicated service.

Mass will begin at **6:30pm** with  
refreshments to follow in  
Larkin-Hurtado Hall.





**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE  
HANDCRAFTING JUSTICE  
HOLIDAY SALE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

After all Masses  
In the back of the church

*Find beautiful, Fair Trade gifts from around the world & empower women with every purchase.*

HandCrafting Justice provides access to Fair Trade markets for unique, handmade goods created by enterprising women in the developing world working to lift themselves and their families out of poverty. By fostering self-reliance, ensuring fair wages, and building support networks, the organization offers far more than Fair Trade: HandCrafting Justice promotes human dignity by empowering women to overcome social and economic injustice. <http://www.handcraftingjustice.org/>

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30PM – 9:00PM  
THE MARY CHAPEL**

*Kick off the Jubilee Year of Mercy and join  
The Peace and Justice Committees of  
St. Francis Xavier Church and St. Ignatius Loyola Church  
for a performance of "The Bullpen" to announce our new  
Prison Outreach Spiritual Ministry.*

Joe Assadourian, 37, found his writing and performing abilities while serving time for shooting a man in SoHo in 2001 when he was 23. He spent 12 years in various prisons, including three at Otisville, where he arrived in 2010 and participated in a theater workshop for inmates. "The Bullpen" is a multi-character comedy based on his experience of being arrested and put in a holding cell full of colorful personalities.

**CUBA PILGRIMAGE**  
**January 26, 2016 to February 2, 2016**  
*Spiritual Guide is Fr. Joe Costantino, S.J.*

Contact Angie Cruz at 917-607-0937 or  
[Angiecruzphd@gmail.com](mailto:Angiecruzphd@gmail.com)

**LESSONS AND CAROLS: Sharing the Joy**

*Featuring: Parish Choir, Bell Choir, Dancers,  
Xavier Players and String Quartet  
And Parish Lectors*

*John Uehlein, Director of Music Ministries  
Anne Holland, Assistant Director of Music Ministries*

On **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in the church, the music ministry will present Scripture, Poetry and Stories from writers like Thomas Merton, Fred Pratt Green, Henri Nouwen, Dietrich Bohhoeffer and Madeleine L'Engle. Musical favorites for the holiday season, Festive choral music and our favorite carols will be paired up with the various readings. Pieces like "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" and "O Holy Night." Afterwards, we will gather in Hurtado Hall for cookies, refreshment and fellowship to bring in the holiday season. Save the date for our Parish wide Christmas Party.

**CAN YOU BAKE COOKIES?**

Bakers sought for the Parish Holiday Celebration of Lessons and Carols. On **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**, the music ministry will present scripture, poetry, music, dance and COOKIES! Wouldn't you like your COOKIES to be part of the celebration? After the program we will gather in Hurtado Hall for COOKIES and refreshments to bring in the holiday season in a great communal way. We are looking for 30 individuals to commit to baking 2 dozen COOKIES a piece (or other baked goods) for the reception. If you think you can help out, please email John Uehlein at [juehlein@sfxavier.org](mailto:juehlein@sfxavier.org) or call 212-627-2100, ext. 202. Start softening up the butter!!!! (PS: leftovers will go to the shelter.)

**WORLD AIDS DAY MASS**

*"When did we see You sick,  
or in prison, and come to You?"*

On **Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM**, the community of Saint Francis Xavier will commemorate World AIDS Day with a mass in the main church.

Observed worldwide on December 1 since 1998, World AIDS Day unites people from around the world to raise awareness of the global AIDS response.

Please take this time to be with us and pray for those we have lost, for those currently living with HIV/AIDS and that one day we will "Get to Zero".



## GRAVY ON THE RISE!



As of press time (Monday, 11/16) the gravy has risen to \$11,051! We're 44% of the way to our goal with two weeks left!

We anticipate serving Thanksgiving dinner to 200 guests, delivering meals to 250 homebound individuals, and providing 250 full Thanksgiving baskets to guests of our Food Pantry.

We invite you all to join us as the gravy rises towards our \$25,000 goal. Turkey Up!

Visit [www.xaviermission.org/donate](http://www.xaviermission.org/donate) to donate online via Faith Direct, or make a check payable to Xavier Mission (indicate "Thanksgiving" in the memo line).



## ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION

*Confession and  
Adoration*

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

On **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**, across the Archdiocese of New York, churches will offer the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesuit confessors will be available in our church from 3-8pm and the Blessed Sacrament will be present on the altar during these 5 hours. Please come to avail yourself of the grace of reconciliation or simply to rest and pray for a while as we make our way toward the great season of Christmas. All are welcome.

## Catholic Lesbians

13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

## CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PARTY



**Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 pm—9:00 pm**

Mary Chapel, West Room, Parlor

All Are Welcome!

*Because of you, 131 children from Picture the Homeless, Community Voices Heard, Life Experience & Faith Sharing, and STEPS to End Family Violence had a present to open on Christmas morning last year. Thank you!*

Please contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804 for the name of a child and bring your unwrapped present to the wrapping party. Pizza and beverages will be served.

## Thinking and Praying with Pope Francis

*A West Side Deanery initiative  
Workshop – Human Roots of the  
Ecological Crisis (Ch 3 Laudato Si)*

*"A certain way of understanding human life and activity has gone awry, to the serious detriment of the world around us. Should we not pause and consider this?" (#101)*

Come, encounter and get the dialogue going. Be part of the change Pope Francis is calling us to lead!

**Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm - 9:00pm** - doors will open at **6:30pm** offering some networking time. Church of the Holy Name, Lower Church (96<sup>st</sup>, btw Bdway and Amsterdam)

**Recommended reading: Chapter 3 Laudato Si**  
**Participation in the previous workshop not necessary!**

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**SUNDAY~ FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS  
CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE:**  
Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37.

**THIRTY-FOURTH MONDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME:** Dan 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21: 1-4.

7:45AM CHRISTINA MANSDORF (L)  
12:05PM ETHEL LABISSIERE (D)

**TUESDAY~ FEAST OF ST. ANDREW  
DUNG-LAC:** Dan 2:31-45; Luke 21:1-4.

7:45AM DR. ROBERT GABRIELLE (D)  
12:05PM MICHAEL PATRICK GRIMES (D)

**THIRTY-FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME:** Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-  
28; Luke 21:12-19.

7:45AM JACQUELINE & PETER FALCO (L)  
12:05PM BARBARA MIRANDA (D)

**THURSDAY~ FEAST OF ST. JOHN  
BERCHMANS:** Dan 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28.

10:00AM AVAILABLE

**THIRTY-FOURTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME:** Dan 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33.

9:00AM AVAILABLE

**THIRTY-FOURTH SATURDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME:** Dan 7:15-27;  
Luke 21:34-36.

12:05PM MILDRED ALLEGRETTI (D)

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:**  
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37.

**YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS  
FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE  
PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.**

## Ongoing Parish Happenings

**ABILITY XAVIER:** Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact [abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com](mailto:abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com)

**ADULT ACTIVITIES:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [bowcol@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:b.a.good.apostle@gmail.com)

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

**EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:**  
Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sfxgcgroup@gmail.com)

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

**LITURGICAL COMMITTEES:** See website or  
Contact Luz, [LMDiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:LMDiaz@sfxavier.org)

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact James Fox, [sumiko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

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

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** Seeks volunteers to plan spiritual, service, and social activities for Xavier's 20s-30s community. Email [sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com) for more information.

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

### XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**CLOTHING ROOM:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, contact Ann Mary: [xmClothingRoom@gmail.com](mailto:xmClothingRoom@gmail.com)

**FOOD PROGRAMS:** Every Sunday soup kitchen and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday food pantry, contact Christine: [xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com](mailto:xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com)

**L-STEP:** Spring and Fall semesters, contact J: [xmLSTEP@gmail.com](mailto:xmLSTEP@gmail.com)

**SHELTER:** Every night, contact Jim: [xmShelter@gmail.com](mailto:xmShelter@gmail.com)