



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance. He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
(Philippians 2: 6-8)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Music Ministry

Palm Sunday

March 29, 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

Rev. Marc Roselli, S.J. (Visiting Priest) - 206

Receptionist — 201

Dameley Tineo (Assistant to the Pastor) - 205

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Jack Schmitt (Chair); Jacqueline Perez (Vice-Chair);

Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Patricia Dahl;

Phil Gutierrez; Bob Lepisko; Deborah Olley Murphy;

Adel O'Regan; 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.

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 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, April 4th

8:00pm Easter Vigil:

Presider, *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

Homilist, *Rev. Peter Fink, S.J.*

Sunday, April 5th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Marc Roselli, SJ*

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

1:15pm Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Barbara Beharry, Robert Boeskool, Bettie Bose, Lisa & Chris Cirri, Tom Cooney, Louis DeFazio, Nela Faddis, David Gotay, Johnathan Gotay-Caban, Francis Coleman, Frank Fiore, Racquel Gager, Mary Hannan, Jesus Jimenez, Marianne Githens, Ken Latsch, John Marshall, Herminda Matallana, Rosemarie McGrath, John Nesbit, Carmine Novembre, Dennis Petragrani, David Saulius, Rocco Scura, Teri Sheridan, Mary and Gabino Torres, Charles and Janet Townsend, Carl Wassmann, Katie Wohlstadter

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

Arturo Boquiren, Adeline Bucki, Cardinal Edgan, Shirley Haanio, Walter Myers, Consuelo Pizarro, Neil Waldrop

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 Gay Catholics Ministry will sponsor the next

Parish Coffee Hour



as we welcome parishoners

New to SFX on

Sunday, April 19th

in the Mary Chapel (following the 11:30 Mass)

All are welcome.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES FOR LENT AND HOLY WEEK

“Igniting Our Values: A Jesuit/Ignatian Pilgrimage for 2015”: An online program of daily prayer, reflection, and readings. More information at

www.jesuits.org/ignite

Creighton University’s Online Ministry Website:

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

A Collection of Diverse Resources, all grounded in the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola, may be found here: <http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/len/>

“AWAKENING OUR BASIC GOODNESS: FOSTERING A FAMILY’S HEALING CONNECTIONS”

featuring David Greenan

**Sunday, April 19th
Xavier High School Library
10:20 am to 11:25 am**

Dr. David Greenan is a psychologist and family therapist in private practice and a professor at Teachers College, Columbia University. A practicing Buddhist, he has a special interest in spirituality, education and family therapy.

Lent & Easter 2015

March 30th~ Lenten Reconciliation:

Confession and Adoration

4:00pm to 8:00pm

April 1st~Tenebrae Service

7:00pm

April 2nd~ Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00pm

April 3rd~ Good Friday

Seven Last Words 12:00pm

Service of the Passion: Veneration of the Cross 3:00pm

April 4th~ Easter Vigil

Presider: Rev. Joseph Marina, S.J.

8:00pm~Doors open at 7:00pm



April 5th~Easter Sunday

9:00am~Presider: Rev. Marc Roselli, S.J.

11:30am~Presider: Rev. Peter Fink, S.J.

1:15pm~ Presider: Rev. Joseph Marina, S.J.

Notices from the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese of New York and Church of St. Francis Xavier take the stewardship of your donations and resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet, at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>.

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, April 10th
6:00 pm
West Room**

Dianne Weyers will explore the many aspects of the Easter season with a brief video of the three Marys, Visit to the Sepulchre, and discussion/reflection to follow. Please bring a pillar candle and a beverage or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

IGNATIAN 40'S OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CHURCH WEEKEND RETREAT FRIDAY, MAY 1 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 3

Led by Fathers Joe Marina, S.J. and Tom Feely, S.J.

Making Decisions with God: Ignatian Discernment in Three Dimensions

What does God want of me? What does God want for me? The method of spiritual discernment of St. Ignatius Loyola can help us find answers. The Ignatian 40's at St. Ignatius Loyola are sponsoring a weekend retreat to explore Ignatian discernment can apply to our personal lives and our lives in society. If you are in your late 30s, 40s or early 50s, mark your calendar and write to ignatian40s@gmail.com for details. Thank you!

Gay Catholics

We will NOT be meeting on April 3rd, Good Friday. Our next meeting will be April 17th at 6:45 in the Mary Chapel.



LENTEN RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION

On Monday, March 30th, 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 4:00pm-8:00pm. Please come to avail yourself of the grace of this sacrament or simply to rest and pray for a while as we make our way toward Easter.



Change a Life!

Our next class of 10 L-STEP participants has begun their semester and they are on the road to self-discovery and healing! Please consider sponsoring one of our L-STEP Participants and ensuring them a life-changing experience! If you cannot sponsor the full amount, please consider covering a portion of the expenses, as outlined below. The breakdown for one participant is:

Stipends	\$270.00 (\$10 per session, 27 sessions)
MetroCards	\$135.00 (\$5.00 MetroCard per session, 27 sessions)
Food	\$81.00 (\$3.00 per meal, 27 meals)
Supplies	\$27.00 (\$1.00 per session, 27 sessions)
Administrative	\$37.00
Total	\$550.00

Please contact *Cassandra* at 212-627-2100, x208 with any questions!

WHAT ELSE RHYMES WITH PANTS?

Aw heck, you don't want another silly poem, you want the truth! And the truth is that we really need pants! One small act of cleaning out your drawers will make a huge difference to someone whose pants are torn, old, soiled, or otherwise un-wearable. So please bring us pants. Thank you in advance! (Hey, look at that! You got the poem for free.)



STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING BY BUYING FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE & CONTACTING YOUR SENATORS

By Mary Ellen O'Boyle SC

Below are 2 easy – but effective - things you can do right now to help stop human slavery / trafficking:

- 1.) Buy fair trade chocolates this Easter season. No slave labor Chocolates include: Cadbury, Clif Bar, Divine Chocolate, Equal.Exchange, Cloud Nine, Dagoba Organic, Denman Island, Gardeners Candies, Green and Black's, John and Kira's, Kailua Candy, Koppers Chocolate, L.A. Burdick, Montesuma's, NewLeaf, Newman's Own, Omanhene Cocoa Bean, Rapunzel Pure, Shaman, Sweet Earth, Taza, Endangered Species and Theo Chocolate.
- 2.) Covenant House requests that we contact our Senators to support 13 pending Anti-Trafficking Bills: Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, US Senate, Washington, DC 20510-3205 or call 202 225-4451 and Senator Charles Schumer, US Senate, Washington, DC 20510-3203, or call 202 224-6542

Thank you for helping make the world a "free trade zone"! Peace.

Brief Notices from Other Places

Pax Christi Metro New York invites you to its **33rd consecutive Good Friday Way of the Cross** as a way to shine God's light on a sometimes dark and sinful city and world. Commemorating Jesus' suffering in His own life and in the lives of people throughout the world today, hundreds process together, praying for change in ourselves and in society. Concluding with a 15th Station, we are reminded that we are a Resurrection people in a Good Friday world. The walk begins at **8:30 AM on April 3rd at 47th Street between First and Second Avenues**, proceeds along 42nd Street and ends on 42nd Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues around noon. For more information, please contact Pax Christi Metro NY at 212-420-0250 or info@nypaxchristi.org.

Scripture Readings For the Week

Sunday~ Palm Sunday of the Lord's

Passion: Isa 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11. *My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting knowing that I shall not be put to shame. Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.*

Monday of Holy Week: Isa 42:1-7; John 12:1-11. *He will not cry out, nor make his voice heard in the street. Let her keep this for the day of my burial.*

Tuesday of Holy Week: Isa 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38. *I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. One of you will betray me; the cock will not crow before you deny me three times.*

Wednesday of Holy Week: Isa 50:4-9a; Matt 26:14-25. *My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed.*

Holy Thursday: Exod 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-15. *The law regarding the Passover meal. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord. Jesus loved them to the end.*

Good Friday~ Passion of the Lord: Isa 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9. *He himself was wounded for our sins. Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.*

Saturday~ Holy Saturday: Rom 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7. *Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more. Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised.*

Sunday~ Easter Sunday: Acts 10:3a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9. *We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. Seek what is above, where Christ is. Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough. He had to rise from the dead.*

Ongoing Parish Happenings

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

ADULT ACTIVITIES: Seniors meets 4th Wednesday of each month, 1pm. Contact **Paddy, 212-243- 8186**

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 sfxggroup@gmail.com

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

IT WAS THE WOMEN WHO STAYED:
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**