



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

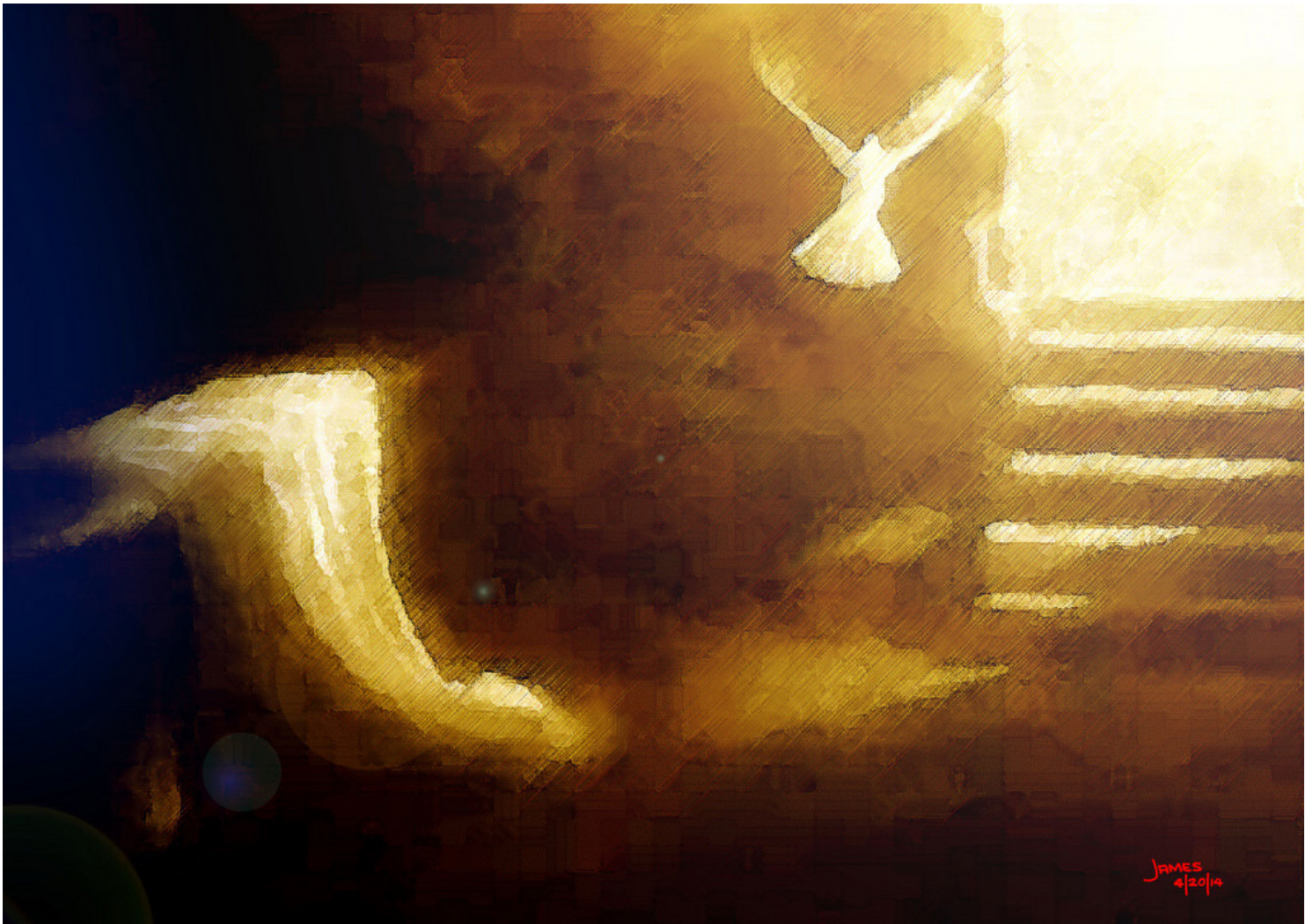
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When Simon Peter arrived at the tomb, he went in and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered His head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead. (John 20: 6-9)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Xavier Mission

Easter Sunday

April 5, 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
Damely 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 11th

5:00pm Vigil: *Rev. Marc Roselli, SJ*

Sunday, April 12th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*
11:30am Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*
5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Peter Fink, 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, Vincent Izzo,
Jesus Jimenez, Marianne Githens, Ken Latsch, John Marshall,
Herminda Matallana, Rosemarie McGrath, John Nesbit,
Carmine Novembre, Ellen Palumbo, Dennis Petragrani,
David Saulius, Rocco Scura, Teri Sheridan,
Mary and Gabino Torres, Charles and Janet Townsend,
Carl Wassmann, Stanley Young, Pauline Zunno*

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.**

HAPPY EASTER 2015

Dear Friends in the Risen Christ,

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: *"If the stars should appear one night in a thousand years, how would [people] believe and adore; and preserve for many generations the remembrance of the city of God which had been shown! But every night come out these envoys of beauty, and light the universe with their admonishing smile."* Such words remind me of how we can look at Easter from different perspectives: Was the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead a one-time cosmic event or is it something more enduring and pervasive, continuing to dynamically unfold every moment of our lives? I'm going with the latter! I need Easter to be relevant in the here and now, guiding me to live in hope of a God whose love and generosity will, if God so chooses, raise me from the dead as well. In the meantime, what do I do with my one chance to live this life, on Earth, that will make a lasting and life-giving difference to the people with whom I share the journey?

Last Saturday afternoon, two folding tables were set up in the Mary Chapel to accommodate a very hard-working committee charged with leading our parish's *Synod on the Family* listening process. It marked the culmination of two weeks of meetings, in which nearly 100 voices from our parish were heard and acknowledged. The results of our various listening sessions have now been synthesized and sent on to Future Church for presentation to the Vatican. What effect they will have upon the Synod remains to be seen but that's where hope and resurrection come into play again. Upon receiving our data, the executive director of Future Church responded: "Your community and parish sound amazing! What a gift you are to us." Many thanks to all of you who participated in and lead this important endeavor.

From most indications given by our Holy Father Pope Francis, the Church is moving toward a new birth. Signs of resurrection are everywhere, from the pope's own words and actions to the appointment of more forward thinking leaders around the world. I don't want to jinx us but we seem to be moving closer than ever to a church that is more inclusive, more loving, and more apostolic. This is not to say that the predecessors of Francis or the earlier manifestations of the Church were ineffective or even disconnected with its mission. If the history of our faith proves anything, it's that the Spirit of Christ has been active in our Church since the very first Pentecost. But today seems different. It's as though "Emerson's stars" have appeared again in a new and brighter way. This should give us hope in resurrection and a new determination to be leaven for the Kingdom of God.

As for life back here on 16th Street, Easter will be for us what it always has been --a great feast and vibrant celebration of our risen Lord and all that makes us Xavier. So much has happened since the last time we found ourselves here on the holiest day of our year. Some of our dear friends have gone on to meet Christ in their own experience of resurrection. New friends have joined us, through our wonderful RCIA program or on their own. Weddings and baptisms have risen in number. Many of our sick have been comforted. We have confronted the problem of modern-day slavery and human trafficking in so many ways. Pipes have burst. Lights went dark. Bread and wine were offered to God as gifts, too many times to count. Sins have been forgiven. Complaints and compliments about all kinds of things have crossed your pastor's desk. All the while, Emerson's stars were there, whether visible or not, preserving *"for many generations, the remembrance of the City of God."*

Easter has arrived again and, with it, comes a long awaited spring. Please know how very grateful I am for all of you and that you remain in my prayers. Happy and blessed Easter, good people of St. Francis Xavier! The Lord is risen and the stars are out and shining!

Your servant,
Fr. Marina

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.

Zen Spirituality

Zen Spirit/Christian Spirit at Xavier

Saturday, April 18th

9:30 am - 4:00pm

West Room

*Exploring Silence and Deepening Awareness
A day of teaching, reflection, and meditation*

Many Christians have discovered in Zen a profound connection to life. Through the practice of stillness and awareness, we wake to a world of wonder and gratitude for life in all its aspects. This day of meditation and discussion provides an excellent opportunity for both the curious and committed.

Space is limited so please make a reservation by emailing Peggy and Paul Schubert at schubertnyc@gmail.com or calling 212-260-2486. A \$20 donation is suggested to cover lunch and refreshments.

“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.

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.



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:

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| 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.)



Good Friday
by Gabriela Mistral

April's sun is still ardent and kind
and the furrow glitters in waiting;
but today do not fill the yearning of your breast,
because Jesus is suffering.

Do not turn over the soil. Leave your hand
gentle on the plow; sow the corn fields
only when they restore to us hope,
for Jesus still suffers.

Already He sweat blood under the olive trees,
and heard the one He loved deny him three times.
But, rebellious with love, his heart is still beating,
still He suffers!

Because you, farmer, sow with hatred,
and I have resentment when it grows dark,
and a child today goes crying like a man,
Jesus is suffering.

He is on the wooden cross still
and a terrible thirst makes His lip shudder.
I hate my bread, my verse and my happiness,
because Jesus is suffering!

STEWARDSHIP AT SFX

HAPPY EASTER!

If you haven't yet made a contribution to our Easter or Easter Flowers fund, please consider doing so today. Envelopes may be found in your pew and at the back of the church. We rely on your generosity to advance our wonderful mission and will be grateful for whatever you can give. Thank you for supporting our parish!

Your servant,
Fr. Marina

Viernes Santo
por Gabriela Mistral

El sol de abril aún es ardiente y bueno
y el surco, de la espera, resplandece;
pero hoy no llenes l' ansia de su seno,
por que Jesús padece.

No remuevas la tierra. Deja, mansa,
la mano en el ardo; echas las mieses
cuando ya nos devuelvan la esperanza,
que aún Jesús padece.

Ya sudó sangre bajo los olivos,
y oyó al que amaba, que negó tres veces.
Mas, rebelde de amor, tiene aún latidos,
¡Aún padece!

Porque tú, labrador, siembras odiando,
y yo tengo rencor cuando anochece,
y un niño va como un hombre llorando,
¡Jesús padece!

Está sobre el madero todavía
y sed tremenda el labio le estremece.
¡Odio mi pan, mi estrofa y mi alegría,
porque Jesús padece!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, April 6th

*One Mass will be
celebrated at 9:00am
in the Mary Chapel.
Please use 15th street
entrance.*



Scripture Readings For the Week

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.*

Monday of Easter: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matt 28:8-15. *God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.*

Tuesday of Easter: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18. *Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ. I have seen the Lord, and He said these things to me.*

Wednesday of Easter: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35. *What I do have I give you: in the name of the Lord Jesus, rise and walk. They recognized Jesus at the breaking of the bread.*

Thursday of Easter: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48. *The author of life you put to death, but God raised Him from the dead. Thus it was written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.*

Friday of Easter: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14. *There is no salvation through anyone else. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.*

Saturday of Easter: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15. *It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard. Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.*

Second Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31. *They were of one heart and mind. Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.*

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 sfxgsgroup@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**