



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, Jesus said to them, “This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have given from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”
(Mark 12: 42-44)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit Xavier Mission

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 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.

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.**

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, November 14th

5:00pm Vigil: *Rev. Peter Fink, SJ*

Sunday, November 15th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Jesus Andaluz, Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Kyle Cheplic,
Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio, Gloria DeFranco,
Rose Fernandes, Gary Gatza, Christine Giangreco,
Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Alice Gonzalez,
Monsignor Neil Graham, Terry Higgins, Anne Karle-Zenith,
Robyn Luisi, Ann Malebra, Joseph Morrone, John Marshall,
Ron and Elizabeth Miller, Kathy Mulvaney, Nicole Mysak,
John J. Nesbit, Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek,
Denyse Robinson, Joan Schecter, Rocco Scura,
Thomas Stemberg, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend,
Helen Vitale, Carl Wassmann*

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

*Carmen Cortes, Matilde and Jose Dado, Teresa Demma,
John Gallagher, John Henry Mark Jr., Dolores McCarthy,
John McNeill, Halina Myhal, Marie Sanetra, Gerard Schmitt,
William Jude Schmitt, Genevieve Skurski, Esperanza Trinidad*

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.**



GLOBAL CATHOLIC CLIMATE PETITION DRIVE

“On climate change, there is a clear, definitive and ineluctable ethical imperative to act.” — Pope Francis

Next week-end, the Peace and Justice Committee will again promote an initiative that helps us as Catholics and as global citizens to respond to *Laudato Si’, On Care for Our Common Home*. We will be at tables in the back of church before and after every Mass encouraging you to sign the **Catholic Climate Petition**, which is endorsed by Pope Francis and has been signed by a number of cardinals and bishops.

The **Catholic Climate Petition** is an initiative of the Global Catholic Climate Movement, GCCM, aimed at raising a strong Catholic voice at the Paris Climate Summit this December to exhort world leaders to commit to significantly reducing greenhouse gases and to aiding the countries most affected by climate change. The petition will be delivered in person by GCCM to leaders of the Paris Climate Summit, which starts Nov. 30. **Supporters must sign the petition by Thanksgiving week-end, so outreach to friends and family is urgent.**

The GCCM website, www.catholicclimatemovement.global, offers the opportunity to sign the petition online, and we hope you will send this link to your Catholic friends throughout the country and post it on your Facebook page to encourage a strong climate agreement in Paris. (You do not have to be Catholic to sign it.) Take a step towards being a good steward of our common home by signing and promoting the **Catholic Climate Petition**.... for God’s creation, the poor and future generations.

GCCM is a coalition of over 150 Catholic organizations, including Catholic Charities from many countries, religious congregations, LCWR, Conference of Major Superiors of Men (USA), Pax Christi International, the Catholic Climate Covenant (supported by the U.S. bishops), as well as the Ignatian Solidarity Network, the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, and the Franciscan Action Network.

PADRE MELO WILL BE HERE NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday, November 15, Padre Melo from Honduras will concelebrate the 11:30 mass here at Xavier. At 1 PM, the Honduras Companion Communities Project and the Peace and Justice Group will provide a chance for parishioners to meet with Padre Melo in the church. After introductions and brief remarks, we will have a free-flowing dialogue on issues such as the mass migration of Hondurans, the struggles and successes of building a fair and inclusive society in a country such as Honduras, and how one maintains hope in an environment where nothing seems to change. Coffee and refreshments will be provided in the Mary Chapel immediately before the meeting.

Padre Melo is a Jesuit priest and human rights activist in his native Honduras. He directs the Jesuit radio station, Radio Progreso, and ERIC, the Team for Reflection, Research and Communication, whose work focuses on grassroots training on human rights, community organizing, and empowerment and the formation of leadership committed to social change. Last month, Padre Melo was awarded the prestigious Rafto Prize for Human Rights by the Rafto Foundation. He delivered the keynote speech at the awards ceremony in Bergen, Norway, on November 1.

An excellent video, “The Voice of the People”, describing the current situation in Honduras and the work of Radio Progreso has been produced by the Ignatian Solidarity Network. The video can be found at <http://ignatiansolidarity.net/la-voz-del-pueblo/>.

The Women’s Ministry

Friday, November 20th
6:30 - 8:30 pm
West Room

What Happened at the Synod on the Family?

Were women’s voices and concerns heard?

A Report by Nancy Lorence and followed by discussion.

Bring a beverage and/or snack to share.

For more information, contact
thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com

Adult Activities

November 18th
Mary Chapel at 1:30

“SITTING FIT” CHAIR EXERCISES

Join us and learn how to safely stretch, strengthen, and improve your flexibility.

Roseann Brown an instructor at the YMCAs of New York will teach us a series of exercises that can be done while seated in a chair. Roseann is a certified fitness instructor and was featured on NBC nightly news in 2013.

Wear comfortable clothes. Please note the time of this meeting is 1:30. All are welcome.

THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Please join us on
Thursday, December 3rd,
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.

WANTED: A FEW GOOD WOMEN OR MEN

There is an urgent need for persons who would be willing/able to bring Communion to some of the 300+ Catholic patients at Mount Sinai Hospital. The commitment would involve between 1 ½ and 2 hours one day a week on a day of your choice. If you are not currently a Eucharistic Minister, we will provide training. If you are interested or for more information, please contact Sr. Nadine at nadine.koza@mountsinai.org.



Sunday, November 15th

Event: Violent Reality in Honduras

Padre Melo

PLACE: THE XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

TIME: 10:20 AM TO 11:25 AM

SFX LGBTQ Annual Retreat

“Discovering God’s Mercy”

DATES: Friday, November 20, 3:00 p.m.
through Sunday, November 22, 1:30 p.m.

PLACE:

Linwood Spiritual Center, Rhinebeck, New York.

TOTAL COST: \$215.00

\$200.00 per person. (payable to Linwood Spiritual Center), \$15.00 cash for additional costs payed upon arrival to Retreat Team

Space is limited to 34 people, first come, first serve. Registration forms are available in the parish office on 15th Street.

DEPOSIT IS DUE DIRECTLY TO LINWOOD.

Contact SFXWomen@aol.com,
SFXGCGroup@gmail.com, or (917) 297-6804
with any questions and/or comments.



A CHRISTIAN DAY OF ATONEMENT

Every year our Jewish friends celebrate Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. It is the holiest day of the year in the Jewish calendar concluding a ten day period of repentance. Atonement is larger than individual forgiveness and it addresses a level of sin that is larger than what we Christians present in individual confession. Atonement addresses what I call sin too large: social sin, sins of discrimination, war, systems that abuse the poor and the unwanted.

Atonement is a prayer that takes all the sins in the world, and especially those over which we have little control and presents them to the God of mercy who alone knows how to embrace and respond to them. The prayer of Atonement belongs to the Christian community as well since we too must deal with sin too large.

On Friday evening, November 13th, we at St. Francis Xavier will celebrate a Christian Day of Atonement. In our own faith, social sin, war, discrimination, everything that is sin too large cries out for the healing power of Jesus Christ. Yet we have no ritual to present such sin to the mercy of Christ. The Christian Day of Atonement is a ritual to do just that.

The Ritual involves three distinct moments. The first looks at our own sinfulness as a Xavier community. Beyond private confession, how do we present our sinfulness to Jesus Christ? Water will be the prime symbol. After a confession of sinfulness, those who wish will come forward to wash their hands in the water that has been blessed. A prayer of forgiveness is then prayed over all.

The second moment sees the sinfulness of the Church. Such sinfulness is no surprise since we are a human church. But sins of abuse, sins of neglect, the misuse of power and the fear of change all constitute the Church itself as sinner, not just the individuals who are part of it. As a symbol of the Church being cleansed, the four faces of the Altar will be washed while a hymn to the holiness of God will be sung.

Finally, the sinfulness of the world. What shall we mention? War, of course. Deception, certainly. Killings in schools, refusals to welcome immigrants, discrimination of all kinds. All these and more cry out to God for mercy. As a symbol the priest or leader will sprinkle water to the four corners of the earth, proclaiming the victory of Christ.

Please come and join us on Friday evening, **November 13th, at 7:00 pm** for our celebration of Atonement, calling on the mercy of God and the healing power of Jesus Christ.



IT'S TURKEY TIME!!



I know you've all missed Toby the Turkey Baster! Well Toby is back--our annual Thanksgiving Meal Fund kicks off this weekend! 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 to donate online via Faith Direct, or make a check payable to Xavier Mission (indicate "Thanksgiving" in the memo line). You can also scan the QR code on the right with your smartphone!



Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a 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, November 13th

6:00 pm–9:00 pm

West Room

The Gospel calls us to love radically and live faithfully. Roe Sauerzopf and Paula Acuti will share highlights from their trip to the Call to Action Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that featured Sister Joan Chittister, OSB, PhD.

Bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mark 12:41-44.

MONDAY~ FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA: Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17.

7:45AM JIM SWARTZ (D)
12:05PM MICHAEL AND THOMAS MCALEER (D)

TUESDAY~ FEAST OF ST. LEO THE GREAT: Wis 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10.

7:45AM MARY LYNN DENIRO (D)
12:05PM DOUG FORD (D)

WEDNESDAY~ FEAST OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS: Wis 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19.

NO INTENTIONS

THURSDAY~ FEAST OF ST. JOSAPHAT:
Wis 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25.

7:45AM MARGARET MCGUIRE (D)
12:05PM FRANCES SHAUGHNESSY (D)

FRIDAY~ FEAST OF ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI: Wis 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37.

7:45AM BARBARA BEHARRY (D)
12:05PM HELEN KOSS (D)

SATURDAY~ FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH PIGNATELLI: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8.

12:05PM JACQUELINE SCHWARTZMAN (D)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32.

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

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

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: Seeks volunteers to plan spiritual, service, and social activities for Xavier's 20s-30s community. Email sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com for more information.

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