



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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After Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon: “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing...Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” So when they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Luke 5: 4-6, 11)

SECOND COLLECTION  
for the benefit of Peter's Pence

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2016

## ***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)*

## ***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 Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208  
Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207  
Rev. Peter Fink, S.J. (Associate Pastor) — 211  
Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to the Pastor) — 222  
Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201  
James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship and  
Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205  
Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201  
Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221  
Rev. Sean Toole, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206  
Receptionist — 201  
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 (secretary); David Pais  
[PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto: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 and Space Requests send e-mails to [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@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, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Peter Fink, 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

*Australia Baez, Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Kyle Chepic, Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio, Minnie Depalo, Carol Ferrone, David Fuentes, Joaquin Gager, Gary Gatz, Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham, Terri Harrington, Elizabeth Jones, Robyn Luisi, Dee Kelly, Robert Labissiere, John Marshall, Betty & Ron Miller, Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keeffe, Jake Ratcliffe, Riederman Family, Denyse Robinson, Cynthia Ruiz, Rocco Scura, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend, Dr. John Sony Valentino, Molly Wolfe*

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

*Emelise Aleandri, Michael Allocca, Eugene Curtis, Joan Florio, John Guiliano, Judith S. Kaye, Patrick Loughlin, Sr. Jan McNabb, R.S.C.J., Thomas McManus, Barbara Mohr, Rachel Monteleone, Jim Murphy, Anthony Muto, Catherine O'Regan, Nelda Salas, Maxell Shief, Aidan Frank Stephens, Dr. Alex Wong*

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 ASHES TO FIRE: A PARISH RETREAT**

Lent and Easter are upon us once again. We begin our ritual journey with ashes and move to the fire of Pentecost. This is a time of repentance and renewal both for those already baptized and those seeking to be baptized. The journey is one of conversion, to sharpen our own baptism commitment and pass that commitment on to those who will join us.

There is a parallel between the journey of the Easter season and the journey of the Ignatian Exercises. In the Exercises, a first week deals with sin, and the invitation is to see that we are loved sinners. A second week invites us into companionship with Jesus, and to stand with him as he speaks the love and mercy of God. A third week leads us into his suffering and his death, to share with him his loneliness and isolation. Conversion here is surrender just as he surrenders. And a fourth week invites us to see God in all of creation. See what God sees; love what God loves. Each week calls the person to conversion.

In like manner, Lent and Easter are also a time of conversion. In the first weeks of Lent, it is a personal journey, as the readings take us into our own unique stance before our God. “Be humble,” as they say, “for you stand on holy ground.” Those seeking to be baptized are addressed by the Holy One, and let the Holy One touch their heart. As do we all. “You are called to walk by the light of Christ, and to trust to his wisdom.” Christ calls us all into a relationship of love.

In the second part of Lent, the journey is more ecclesial than personal. To follow Christ is more than a personal journey. Our Christian life is communal: sisters and brothers made such by our relationship to Christ. We learn to say Our Father, not just my Father. We learn to say we believe, not just I believe. We look again to the waters of life and hear the promise of freedom. We welcome Christ on Palm Sunday, sharing food with him on Thursday, simply be with him on Friday and then know again how the waters make us one with Christ. He is alive. We are alive with him.

The third level of conversion is harder. We must let Christ go. This conversion moves from the following of Christ in the Church to becoming Christ as the Church. This is finally the Easter mystery. The resurrected Christ remains incarnate and we the living Church become his living embodiment.

A final conversion is the profound awareness that we are the primary proclamation of Jesus Christ to the world. Christ sends us on mission. He does not exist in this world apart from us. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you ...”

So we move through the journey once again with hope and expectation: that together we might grow into Jesus Christ, for ourselves, for our Church and for our world. But as in any retreat, the passage for each of us must take us where we are and allow the Lord to lead us where he will. That takes patience, faith, humility, and most of all deep confidence that God is the one who leads us forward.



## AND THE WINNER IS...YOU!!



**A Night at the Oscars**  
**Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00pm—11:00pm Hurtado Hall**

Join us for an “A Night at the Oscars”-themed **Dinner Dance** fundraiser to celebrate and support the work of Xavier Mission! Throw off those post-holiday winter blues and enjoy appetizers and cocktails, a buffet dinner, bar, dancing, and the added bonus of supporting your favorite community organization!

By supporting this event, you will help the Mission to feed, clothe and give hope to thousands of men and women in our community. Please purchase your tickets today!

Visit [www.xaviermission.org/dinnerdance](http://www.xaviermission.org/dinnerdance) for tickets or mail a check made out to Xavier Mission (with Dinner Dance in the memo line) to 55 West 15<sup>th</sup> St. Tickets and sponsorships are available at the following levels:

### TICKETS:

Actor - \$80 (1 event ticket, 2 drink tickets)

Hollywood Couple - \$140 (2 event tickets, 4 drink tickets)

Producer - \$250 (2 event tickets, 4 drink tickets, listing in program & website)

### TABLE SPONSORSHIPS:

Best Performance- \$1000 (8 event tickets, 16 drink tickets, ¼ page ad in program, tertiary billing on website)

Best Director- \$2500 (8 event tickets, 16 drink tickets, ½ page ad in program, secondary billing on website)

Best Picture- \$5000 (8 event tickets, 16 drink tickets, full page ad in program, primary billing on website)

Black tie attire welcomed (but not required)!

Come strut your stuff on the red carpet (seriously, there will be a red carpet)!!

*The estimated value of goods and services provided per ticket is \$35.*

## THE 2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL HAS BEGUN!

*“You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify our heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5:14-16)*

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are called to help one another and be merciful, as Jesus is for all of us. It is only with your help that the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters through our ministries and charities.

**ANSWER THE CALL AND DONATE TODAY!**

*Envelopes available in your pews.*

To make an online gift,  
visit [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)

## THE 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNOTATION RETREAT CONTINUES

Join the 18<sup>th</sup> Annotation Retreat of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises which began in Advent and continues for Lent and Easter - 10 weeks of prayer and sharing beginning in February. Groups meet on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings. Space is limited. Free-will donations are appreciated.

For more information please contact *Marie Bannister* at [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com).

## FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>~ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses at 7:45 a.m. (Main Church);  
12:05 p.m. (Main Church) and  
7:30 p.m. (Main Church)  
with Distribution of Ashes.

Services at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Main Church  
with Distribution of Ashes.

Volunteers will offer an “imposition of ashes” to anyone coming to the church who so desires during the following intervals of time:

11:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.  
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
3:30 to 5:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**LENTEN & EASTER BIBLE STUDY:  
THE EARTH, THE BIBLE AND US**

*Facilitated by Lizzie Berne DeGear*

Last Year on Pentecost, Pope Francis delivered his encyclical “Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home.”

This year, as we make our way through Lent, and then celebrate the mysteries of Eastertime, moving once again toward Pentecost, let us delve deeply into Laudato Si. Let us also revisit what our Scriptures have to say about creation, and connect with our planet on a whole new level.

We will begin Lent together on Ash Wednesday (February 10) – gathering outside by the Hudson River and then walking together to the evening liturgy at Xavier. We will enter into Lent by reading Laudato Si, each of us on our own, for a couple of weeks. And then beginning February 24th, we will gather weekly on Wednesday evenings through the rest of Lent and the Easter season (2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16 in Lent and 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11 during the Easter season) sometimes in the West Room at Xavier, and sometimes outside – marveling together as the Earth takes her annual journey from Winter into Spring.

All are welcome. To register please email [XavierBibleStudy@gmail.com](mailto:XavierBibleStudy@gmail.com) or call Luz Marina Diaz 212-627-2100 ext 207

**AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2016**

Once again Xavier will have a team. As a parish, we are organizing this project and encourage as many individuals as possible to JOIN OUR TEAM and/or contribute.

There are three convenient ways to register to walk or donate:

Visit the parish Facebook page and follow the link, on-line at [www.aidswalk.net/newyork](http://www.aidswalk.net/newyork) or call 212-807-9255.

Be sure to use the Church of Saint Francis Xavier Team’s Number, #1250



**ADULT SESSIONS TAKE PLACE IN THE  
XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
FROM 10:20 AM TO 11:25 AM**

**FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**-*Doing Time,  
Doing Vipassana (Documentary)*

**FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**-*David Greenan  
on Healing Connections*

**MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>**-*Roseann Bonadia  
and Luz Marina Diaz On Women Spirituality*

**APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**-*Father Peter Fink, S.J.  
Ritual on The Eucharist*

**TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>: MARY CHAPEL~ 6-7PM**

*Catholic Lesbians*

**Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm—9:00 pm  
West Room**

February is Black History Month. Cynthia May will facilitate a discussion on the importance of the movement Black Lives Matter. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

*Young Adults Group*



Calling all Young Adults in their 20's-30's... Xavier's Young Adults Group is Back! Bigger! Better! Badder! Join us for the re-launch:

**Sunday, Feb. 14**, after the 5pm young adults' mass, in the West Room. Together we will make our amazing Xavier community even richer.  
[sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00-3:00 pm**  
**Mary Chapel**

*Honduras Companion Community  
Project Fundraiser & Auction*

Last year's auction was a crowd-pleaser! Take part this year by donating sellable goods or services (worth a minimum of \$50). Last year, the most popular items were services (maid service, singing lessons, garden makeover) gift certificates (yoga, restaurants) and a week in a vacation home (Mexico, Adirondacks).

Be a part of the action. Join us for coffee & donuts and peruse prizes! 100% of bids benefit our five communities in Honduras. PLUS Xavier headliners Sean Adcroft and Jim Fox are donating their auctioneer skills for a live auction. You won't want to miss this event!

Please speak to Nancy Fava or Brian Hotaling or email [hondurasccp@gmail.com](mailto:hondurasccp@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

## **IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY SEMINAR**

*ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)  
will sponsor a Sunday afternoon seminar  
on Ignatian Spirituality.*

**February 7<sup>th</sup>: Ignatian Prayer**  
**Presenter: Eileen Gatzka**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>: The Spiritual Exercises  
of St. Ignatius**  
**Presenter: Joseph Marina, SJ**

**February 21<sup>st</sup>: Discernment**  
**Presenter: Vivienne Joyce, SC**

**Sunday afternoons 2:00 PM, Main Church.**  
*No registration required for sessions.*

Begin your daily encounter with mercy with Lenten Moments of Mercy. Our daily, Scripture-based series is delivered to you by e-mail. In this series, James Campbell, M.A., D. Min, shares beautiful reflections and the inspiring words of Pope Francis, and provides suggestions for Lenten actions and prayers.

Lenten Moments of Mercy is free from Loyola Press. Sign up now at <http://www.loyolapress.com/lenten-moments-of-mercy>.



## **BE THE CHANGE: CLIMATE COMMITMENTS FOR LENT**

*"Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start."*

- Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

Lent is an opportune time to evaluate our lifestyles and make conscious decisions that contribute to a happy, healthy planet. Together, we can follow Pope Francis' lead to choose what is good by adapting our behavior and being better stewards of the earth and her resources. Each week through Easter, the Peace & Justice Committee will be providing advice and tips on how to decrease your carbon footprint this Lent. You can begin to incorporate these actions and changes in your daily life, creating a sustainable and more earth-friendly lifestyle.

*Here is a prayer to start each week or day  
(save this copy for duration of Lent)*

Start by putting yourself in God's presence. "Lord, look upon us and hear our prayer. By the penance and good works you inspire, help us to discipline our appetites and to be renewed in spirit. So that we may be better stewards of creation, help us to live simply even when our desires are great. And help us to love greatly, even when we are not loved. Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever." (Adapted from the Divine Office by GCCM.)

**What do I pray for?** For the urgent solution of the climate change crisis. \* For the grace to grow in virtue, which helps us be better stewards of creation. \* For easing the suffering of the poor and those affected by disease and severe weather. \* For the Church, that it may use its prophetic voice to help solve the environmental problems we face. (From GCCM)

**First Week: February 7**

No-meat Fridays! While this is a traditional Catholic Lent practice, reducing your intake of meat not only helps save water (it takes 1,800 gallons of water to produce one pound of beef!), but also reduces your carbon footprint since meat production is one of the largest contributors of methane and CO<sub>2</sub> gas globally.

To be involved in the parish's Care for Creation efforts, email [xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com)

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Isa 6:1-2a; 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.

### FIFTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56.

7:45AM ROSE SCHULTZ (D)  
12:05PM PATRICK LOUGHLIN (D)

### FIFTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13.

7:45AM ANNE DUFFEL (D)  
12:05PM NELLY FERNANDEZ (D)

### ASH WEDNESDAY: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2.

7:45AM ROBERT ROYSTER (D)  
12:05PM CAROL EFINNERTY (D)

### THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY:

Deut 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM ROSETTA FRADELLA (D)

### FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY:

Isa 58:1-9a; Matt 9:14-15.

7:45AM BARBARA BEHARRY (D)  
12:05PM MICHAEL ALLOCCA (D)

### SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY:

Isa 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32.

12:05PM MASS OF THANKSGIVING

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT:

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13.

**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:** Spiritual, Service, and Social Activities for Xavier's 20's-30's. Meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 5pm Young Adult's Mass, in the West Room. Contact [sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

**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)