



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. They proclaimed: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.” (LK 19:28-40)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Parish Maintenance

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 20, 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

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

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

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, March 26th

Easter Vigil: 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, March 27th

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

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

1:15pm Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Paula Acuti, Angelina Alejandria, Australia Baez, Marc Boorstein, Jeffrey Breitman, Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell, Kyle Chepic, Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio, Francisco Domingo, Joaquin Gager, Racquel Gager, Gary Gatz, Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham, Terri Harrington, Robyn Luisi, Eileen Marina, John Marshall, Betty & Ron Miller, Lou Mauro SJ, Mary Montemurro, Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keeffe, Jake Ratcliffe, Riederman Family, Denyse Robinson, Cynthia Ruiz, Rocco Scura, Amando Solero, Matthew Tanck, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend, Bess Vindigni, Molly Wolfe

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

Jose Flores Angeles, Gregoria Arnaldo, Arturo Boquiren Sr., Berta Caceres, Brian Danis, Marisa Kruger, Joe Mattioli, Joseph Mullen, George Splain, Clelia Venticinque, Lisa Wallace

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.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION



Monday, March 21st
3:00pm-9:00pm

On Monday, March 21st, 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 3-9pm and the Blessed Sacrament will be present on the altar during these 6 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 Easter. All are welcome.

**COME TO THE FAIR, THAT IS OUR
CELEBRATION OF SERVICE/MINISTRY FAIR
SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH**

All are invited to attend our Celebration of Service/Ministry Fair at 6pm on Saturday, April 16th in Hurtado Hall, following the 5pm Mass. We want to honor and celebrate all of our Xavier Ministries and Services, and give all parishioners an opportunity to learn more about and participate in them. There will be refreshments and music to help us celebrate each other and our Church.

Come have some fun and learn more about all the great work of our Ministries.

Sponsored by your Pastoral Council

Wednesday March 23rd



Tenebrae Service

7:00pm

Holy Week Schedule

**HOLY THURSDAY:
MASS OF
THE LORD'S SUPPER**

March 24th

7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

March 25th

Seven Last Words 12:00pm

Service of the Passion:

Veneration of the Cross 3:00pm

EASTER VIGIL

March 26th

7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

March 27th

9:00am, 11:30am, 1:15pm

CARE FOR CREATION

As the weather's getting nicer (spring should be here soon, right?), take public transportation, walk or bike instead of driving or hopping in a cab. New York has been named one of the most environmentally friendly places, so take advantage of the great access we have to shared transportation and make a difference.

To be involved in the parish's Care for Creation efforts, email xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com

PALM SUNDAY VISITOR

Rev. Dr. Monica Maher, former pastoral assistant at Xavier, will lead a discussion about the current situation in Central America in the West Room at 2PM this Sunday. All are welcome to come by and greet Monica.

**THE 2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL
IS IN PROGRESS!**

"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.

PLEASE ANSWER THE CALL AND DONATE TODAY!
Envelopes available in your pews.

To make an online gift,
visit www.cardinalsappeal.org

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!



“When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and

saw these events.” Luke 23:48-49

On Palm Sunday we gather for the spectacle of the Passion Narrative. We return home, carrying a palm leaf through city streets. Do we align ourselves with those in Jerusalem who paid attention to Jesus for the moment that he was center stage in the absurd political drama of his day? Or do we align ourselves with those who knew him intimately – including the women who had been with him, who had financially supported him, since the earliest beginnings of his ministry-on-the-move?

If our own unique and authentic experiences of Christ ally us with the women who stayed with Jesus – through ministry, through crucifixion, through the rituals of mourning and burial – then our experience also teaches this:

Those who stand with Christ through authentic experience are often placed by the powers of society and institution “at a distance.”

Even the gospel narratives themselves, and the way they are used in our US Catholic lectionary, can create distance between us and these women's experience. But there these women remain, a most powerful link to our own Christian faith and experience.

The Women's Ministry at Xavier has another name: It Was The Women Who Stayed. We invite all our sisters and brothers into a deep and expansive experience of Holy Week this year, standing with those “at a distance” who stay with Christ through the ins and outs of committed relationship.

Brought to you by Xavier's Women Ministry

PAPER TIGERS

One high school's unlikely success story.

Paper Tigers is a film that intimately examines the inspiring promise of Trauma Informed Communities - a movement that is showing great promise in healing youth struggling with the dark legacy of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)

Please join us as we watch and then discuss this powerful new documentary about one school's answer to childhood toxic stress.

**FILM SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION
with critically acclaimed author and Pulitzer**

Prize nominee Andrew Solomon

Monday, April 18 at 6 PM

*Presented by Joy Farina Foskett,
Prevent Child Abuse NY Representative*

**Grace Church School
46 COOPER SQUARE MANHATTAN
(212) 675-6150 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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in the City of New York, National Institute for the
Psychotherapies, Corlears School, Prevent Child Abuse
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For Your Safety

Please do not use the altar steps when crossing our sanctuary space. We have had several falls over the last few years and it is much safer to use the side ramps. Your cooperation in this important matter is very much appreciated.



AND THE WINNER IS....XAVIER MISSION!

We'd like to extend an enormous THANK YOU to everyone who attended 'A Night at the Oscars', Xavier Mission's third annual fundraiser—it was a smashing success! With the support of our ticket holders, sponsors, donors, raffle, and silent auction, the event raised \$23,000!

A huge thank you to our fabulous Event Committee!

Paula Acuti
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Scriptures & Announced Masses

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: Isa 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Luke 23:1-49.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK:

Isa 42:1-7; John 12:1-11.

7:45AM MILDRED TOCCO (D)
12:05PM KATHY ANN SHEA (D)

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK:

Isa 49:1-6; John 13:21-33,36-38.

7:45AM GAETANO T. RAINONE (D)
12:05PM JOSEPH RADICE (D)

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK:

Isa 50:4-9a; Matt 26:14-25.

7:45AM DARIEN ANTHONY FRIAS (D)
12:05PM MARK CORD (D)

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S

SUPPER: Exod 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD(GOOD FRIDAY):

Isa 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.

HOLY SATURDAY(EASTER VIGIL)

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:

acts 10:3a,37-43; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9.

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 sfxgsgroup@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: 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

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