



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.  
(Matthew 10:29)

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2017

## ***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. Robert VerEecke, S.J. (Pastor) — 204

*Email: RVerееcke@sfxavier.org*

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207

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);

Deborah Olley Murphy (Secretary); Stephen Alfieri;

Kathleen Cagnina; John Karle;

Bob Lepisko; Charles Mileski;

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe; 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:** 8:30 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, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

### **Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Robert VereEcke, SJ*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Sean Adcroft, June Best, John Bucki SJ,  
Alex Campbell, Caitlyn Campbell,  
John Duffman, Jane Dunn, Monsignor Neil Graham,  
Fr. Thomas Kallumady, Marian Lizzio, Lou Mauro SJ,  
Kathy Mulvaney, Philip Power, Edminda Sanchez, Rocco  
Scura, Anthony Sellitti, Phyllis Sportelli,  
Richard Suttle, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers*

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

*Pong Ching, Temna Casinsinan Ching, Juan Delgadillo,  
Francis J. Dwyer, Jeff Roberts, Ric Swezey*

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 the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

This past week my reflections for the daily Masses have been on “generosity”. One of the days I asked people whether they thought that being generous is a matter of “nature” or “nurture”. Are we born with Generosity Genes or do we need to learn from others what it means to be generous? The study of young children who do not want to share what they have would seem to indicate that we have to “learn” to be generous. As St Ignatius says in his prayer for Generosity. “Lord, teach me to be generous. To give and not to count the cost.” I do think others “model” generosity for us and that helps us to be more generous with our “time, talent and treasure”.

As you well know, this is Fr. Sean's last formal week of ministry at Xavier. In only two years time, Sean has made such an impact on this parish. The standing ovation he received last Sunday after the 11:30 was a well-deserved tribute to the person, priest and Jesuit he has been for this community. Although I have only been with Sean for less than a year, I have been so moved by his generosity. He is tireless in his commitment to the parish, to the work of the Mission, to inter-faith dialogue, to couples who are preparing for marriage and so many more. He is a “model” of generosity who has clearly taken to heart the Ignatian prayer! I know you join me in thanking Sean for his service as he so often thanks all of you for being his “teachers” in ministry.

Speaking of “Generosity”, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who so generously serve the parish in liturgical, social, spiritual, pastoral, and “pragmatic” ways. We simply wouldn't be the parish we are without our volunteers who make such a difference in the quality of our parish life. You should all take great PRIDE in who you are as people with great heart and spirit.

Speaking of Heart, this past Friday was the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. If there is anyone who models God's generosity for us, it's Jesus Christ and the symbol of his “heart” beautifully reminds us that we are called to give of ourselves as he has given so generously of himself.

In the Love of Christ,

**Fr. Bob**

WHEN I WAS IN PRISON YOU CAME TO VISIT ME  
(Matthew 25:36)

*“The poor have so much to teach us. We are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voices to their causes... to listen to them...to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them” -Pope Francis in Evangelii Gadium (The Joy of the Gospel)*

The St. Francis Xavier Immigration Initiative and The Migrant Center at the Church of St. Francis wish to respond to the Pope's call to be the voices of the poor through Immigration Detention Visits. If you feel called to answer the Pope's challenge and want to participate in future visits, please join us for an orientation workshop on:

**Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at  
2:00pm in the Mary Chapel**

For more information and to register,  
please email: [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)



**Speak up for Immigrants -  
Share Real Facts -  
not Alternative Facts**

***Do immigrants increase the crime rate?***

Research shows that immigrant communities do not increase the crime rate. Immigrants actually commit fewer crimes than native-born Americans. The number of undocumented immigrants living in the US tripled from 3.5 million to 11 million between 1990 and 2013, but the corresponding violent crime rate declined by 48%. There was a 41% reduction in property crime over the same period.

Adapted from <https://justiceforimmigrants.org>



## GUAC FOR GOOD!

*Dine at Rosa Mexicano to benefit Xavier Mission!*

On **Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**, Rosa Mexicano (18th St. between 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and Union Square) will host a fundraiser to benefit Xavier Mission. To participate in Guac for Good, all patrons need to do is bring the invitation to the below and Rosa Mexicano will donate 15% of your bill to Xavier Mission! There is no additional cost to the customers. Just enjoy your fajitas and margaritas, even more than usual because you know that you're eating for a good cause!

So join us anytime for lunch or dinner (or drinks)\* at Rosa Mexicano on July 25th and support your favorite organization! Remember to bring the invitation! See you there!

*\*Reservations are preferred by the restaurant*



*Rosa Mexicano*  
DESDE 1981



### CHIP IN FOR THE CAUSE!

Xavier Mission Inc. and Rosa Mexicano invite you  
to a dine for dollars fundraising event!

### GUAC FOR GOOD

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Visit Rosa Mexicano for lunch or dinner and 15%  
of your sales will be donated to the cause.  
Just present this invitation to your server  
with your check.

**ROSA MEXICANO UNION SQUARE**

9 East 18th Street, New York, NY 10003

Contact Cassandra Agredo at [cagredo@xaviermission.org](mailto:cagredo@xaviermission.org)



THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU. YOUR ENTHUSIASM.  
YOUR CREATIVITY AND THE JOY THAT IS SO  
CHARACTERISTIC OF YOU.

POPE FRANCIS

## BECOMING A CATECHIST

### REGISTRATION

All families coming for Religious Education for the first time need to be registered in the Parish before enrolling in the Religious Education Program.

Please bring the following required documents when coming to register:

- a) A copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.
- b) A statement (transcript) of all prior Religious Education if the student is beyond first grade.
- c) First Holy Communion, if the sacrament has already been received.
- d) Registration fees in a check payable to the Church of St. Francis Xavier.

Families currently attending our program need to be re-registered. Please bring the Registration fees in a check payable to the Church of St. Francis Xavier when coming to re-register.

**Registration/Re-registration will take place on Sunday August 13, 20 and 27 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in the West Room.**

Tuition for the 2017-2018 school year is \$100 per student, which includes the textbook, supplies, additional instructional materials, catechists' and catechist assistants' stipend. There is also a \$50 Sacramental Fee for children preparing for First Holy Communion (2nd grade) and Confirmation (7th grade) to contribute to Bishop's stipend and Pottery retreat cost. Snacks fee is \$80 per family.

Are you looking for a way to share your faith, time and talents with others? The Family Faith Program needs you!!

Volunteers are needed as catechists (teachers) and catechist aides. You don't have to have a child in our program to volunteer. We encourage all adults to prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you. All volunteers must be cleared through our Safe Environment program. We will provide training and support along the way. If interested, please contact our Director of Religious Education, *Luz Marina Díaz* at (212) 627-2100 ext. 207 or [lmdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:lm Diaz@sfxavier.org).

### TOP REASONS TO BECOME A CATECHIST

1. You will grow in your own faith and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
2. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of the Gospel.
4. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
5. You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
6. Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.
7. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.
8. You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus.
9. You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
10. It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations."

Top Reasons to Become a Catechist - Catechist's Journey, <http://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2007/06/top-reasons-to-become-a-catechi> (accessed May 28, 2017).

*You are invited  
Saint Francis Xavier, will welcome  
Fr. James Martin, S.J., for a presentation and  
book-signing of his new book*

**“BUILDING A BRIDGE”  
TOWARDS GREATER INCLUSION IN THE  
CHURCH FOR LGBT CATHOLICS**

**Wednesday, June 28,  
7:00pm in the Main Church**

*Fr. James Martin, SJ will also be presenting at Church of  
St. Ignatius Loyola on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and 7:00pm.*

**WHO IS MARY OF MAGDALA?**

*Sponsored by It Was the Women Who Stayed*

**Join us on  
Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>  
in the Main Church  
6:30-8:30pm**



*For a Xavier Liturgy leading  
to the Feast of Mary Magdalene*

For further info: [thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com](mailto:thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com)

**Catholic Lesbians**

**Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

*“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with  
the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of  
twelve stars on her head.” (Revelation 12:1)*

How's that for a segue way to meet at a movie theater and enjoy Wonder Woman together? Afterward, we can break bread and discuss the literal message and subtext, exploring any spiritual undertones. Time and location will be determined and shared closer to the date. Contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

**Music Ministry**

**OPEN AUDITIONS FOR THE XAVIER  
CABARET: ANYTHING GOES**

Auditions on  
Thursday and Friday July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Performances on  
Friday, Saturday & Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup>

*Please note that audition material will NOT necessarily  
be your performance material which will be chosen in  
consult with the Director. And please arrive with the  
sheet music of your audition material laid out in a binder.  
Thanks.*

Director - Paul Michael  
Music Director – TBD

Please contact *John Uehlein* for an appointment  
email: [juehlein@sfxavier.org](mailto:juehlein@sfxavier.org)

**SUMMER LITURGY SCHEDULE**

During the months of July and August, the parish will be going to a summer weekday schedule. There will be a 12:05 Mass Monday through Friday. There will be a 7:45 Mass on Fridays and liturgy of the word/communion service Monday-Thursday.

*Please note that because of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend/holiday there will be one Mass on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9AM and one on July 4<sup>th</sup> also at 9AM. Mass will take place in the Mary Chapel.*

**FINAL VOW CELEBRATION FOR  
FR. MICHAEL DAVIDSON S.J.  
SATURDAY JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

Fr. Michael Davidson, a Jesuit from Kingston Jamaica who works at Boston College has asked to make his final vow profession at Xavier Parish on Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>. Since we have two weddings that day Fr. Davidson, family and friends will join our Saturday evening liturgy which will begin at **4:45pm** that day. Jamaican musicians and friends of Fr. Davidson will be participating in the liturgy.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Matt 10:26-33.

**TWELFTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Gen 12:1-9; Matt 7:1-5.

7:45AM MICHAEL GALLAGHER (D)  
12:05PM GRACE LOVEN (D)

**TWELFTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Gen 13:2, 5-18; Matt 7:1-5.

7:45AM PETER FORNABY (D)  
12:05PM JANE DUNN (L)

**WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. IRENAEUS:**  
Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Matt 7:15-20.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM SOPHIE & JOHN H. BRUCK SR. (D)

**THURSDAY~FEAST OF STS. PETER AND PAUL:**

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Matt 16:13-19.

7:45AM PETER JAMES HAWKES (D)  
12:05PM PAUL GORRA (L)

**TWELFTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
Gen 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matt 8:1-4.

7:45AM GILBERTO TRIGUEROS (D)  
12:05PM HANK STRAM (D)

**TWELFTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Gen 18:1-15; Matt 8:5-17.

12:05PM KATHLEEN GARBER (D)

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Kgs 4:8-11; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Matt 10:37-42.

**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)

**XAVIER ADULT GROUP:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [xavieradultgroup@gmail.com](mailto:xavieradultgroup@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS:** Ministry since 1993, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 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)

**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](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 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 [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)