



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in the heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But they have no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, they immediately fall away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 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

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

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.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 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

**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 22nd

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

Sunday, July 23rd

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, 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, Alesh DuCarmo,
John Duffman, Jane Dunn, John Flynn,
Monsignor Neil Graham, Fr. Thomas Kallumady,
Marian Lizzio, Lou Mauro SJ, Nicole Minsen,
Kathy Mulvaney, Philip Power, Edminda Sanchez,
Rocco Scura, Anthony Sellitti, Phyllis Sportelli,
Richard Suttile, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers*

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

*Pong Ching, Temna Casinsinan Ching, Juan Delgadillo,
Francis J. Dwyer, Miosotis Familia, 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 the Pastoral Council met for its regular monthly meeting in which we expressed our gratitude to three members who are leaving the Council after 6 years of service. I'm sure you join me in thanking Adele O'Regan, David Pais and Bob Lepisko for the contributions they have made as servant leaders over these years. The Council will be taking a month or so hiatus during which time we will be planning the annual retreat weekend that takes place at the end of September. If you have suggestions about topics, issues, themes that you would like to see us address, please let me or one of the Council members know.

Speaking of an "hiatus", I wanted to let you know that starting this Monday, July 17th I will be away on vacation and then on my annual retreat at Gonzaga Eastern Point. I am looking forward to this time of prayer and reflection to thank God for the graces I have received in my first year in the parish. I am grateful to you for your support and I hope as I begin my second year I will be able to get to know more of you and serve you better. During my time away, Fr Dan Corrou will be "in charge". Although Dan is new to Xavier, he's already showing himself more than capable of addressing the needs of the parish and its parishioners.

In August we will be welcoming Fr Ron Amiot, a Jesuit priest who will be living and working at the newly renovated Jesuit Community on 83rd Street Ron will be helping out at Xavier on weekends.

Please be assured of my prayers during my "hiatus", especially when I'm at our beautiful retreat house in Gloucester, MA. during the first week of August.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

SUMMER LITURGY SCHEDULE

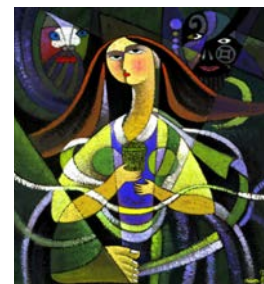
During the months of July and August, the parish will be going to a summer weekday schedule. There will be a 12:05 Mass Monday through Friday. There will be a 7:45 Mass on Fridays and liturgy of the word/communion service Monday-Thursday.

WHO IS MARY OF MAGDALA?

Sponsored by It Was the Women Who Stayed

Join us on
Wednesday, July 19th
in the Main Church
6:30-8:30pm

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



**MUSIC, ART, DANCE, THEATRE,
STORYTELLING...AND YOU.**

For further info: thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com



AVIER
FAMILY FAITH
PROGRAM

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.



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

POPE FRANCIS

BECOMING A CATECHIST

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).

From the Desk of James Martinez

3rd Quarter Stewardship News

Thank you to all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support Xavier throughout the year. It is only through your gifts can we make a difference in the lives of those we serve. There are many ways to support and participate in our many ministries. Our Bulletin and Welcome Brochure on the parish website contain information on these ministries. Perhaps you might consider sharing your unique skills and talents so that your special strengths will make a difference in this world.

I'm pleased to report that we are currently operating at a \$409,334 surplus compared to a budgeted deficit of \$41,718 for the first nine months of this fiscal year ending May 31, 2017. The favorable results are due primarily to donations & bequests exceeding our budget by \$355,000. We also had increased Sunday Collections and wedding & rental income, together with decreased insurance, maintenance and repair and other office expenses. Please note that without the donations and bequests our surplus would be only \$54,000. It's important that we continue the pace of our giving as recent facilities condition assessment reports on the church and our 17th Street rental property recommended capital repairs over the next ten years totaling \$1,071,000. We need your continued support to help fund these repairs and on-going operations.

First Nine Months Revenues and Expenses Ending May 31, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Support	\$2,040,183	\$1,653,126	\$387,057
Expenses	\$1,630,849	\$1,694,844	\$(63,995)
Net Support Over (Under) Expenses	\$409,334	\$(41,718)	

Remember Xavier in Your Estate Planning

Over the years, it has been the gifts left to the Church of St. Francis Xavier in wills, bequests, and memorials that have helped us to continue to operate as a welcoming community and place of worship where injustice is challenged, where the poor, the alienated and the marginalized find a home, and where people are refreshed, reconciled and renewed. **If you would like information about planned giving, please contact me.**

Donate Now Using Faith Direct

Our *Faith Direct* e-giving option provides a convenient, no cost and secure way to support the parish via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card. You can support Xavier even if you are absent from Mass on vacation or for other reasons. It also helps us bring consistency to our cash flow and reduces the time it takes our staff to count and report cash. Did you know it takes four people up to four hours each week to count and process the Sunday collection and another person up to four hours to record the donations in the collection system? You can enroll online by clicking the [Donate Now](#) button on the upper-right hand corner of our parish homepage, scanning the QR code below or mailing in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office. In the last 12 months 51 families have enrolled in *Faith Direct* to make their Sunday offertory. Please consider joining the 383 families who use *Faith Direct* to support Xavier.





**THE XAVIER
IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE
INVITES YOU TO
SPEAK UP FOR
IMMIGRANTS -
SHARE REAL FACTS - NOT
ALTERNATIVE FACTS**

MYTH: Immigrants are overrunning our country.

FACTS: While there are more immigrants living in the U.S. than ever before, the percentage of immigrants in the overall population is not much different than many other times throughout our history. Today immigrants make up approximately 13% of the total U.S. population. From 1900 to 1930, immigrants made up between 12% and 15% of the population, and similar spikes occurred in the 1850s and 1880s. During those periods immigrants successfully became part of American society, helping to build the thriving and diverse country we have now, and there is no reason to believe today's immigrants will be any different.

From: <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/fact-sheets/myths-and-facts-about-immigrants-and-immigration>

For more information or to help support immigrant rights, contact sanxnyc@gmail.com

HEALING MASS

Friday, July 28th

7:30 pm

Main Church

Presider: Fr. George Drance, SJ

A healing mass offers an invitation to join with the community in a Eucharistic liturgy and pray for our own needs and the needs of our loved ones. Whatever your burdens might be, please come and place them in the hands of our loving God. Each person will have the opportunity for an individual healing prayer that includes anointing with blessed oil and laying-on of hands. It is a time of peaceful prayer, a time of resting in God's presence and a time of spiritual renewal. Please come and join in our prayer for healing.

All are welcome!



TACOS! TORTAS! TEQUILAS! OH MY!

Dine at Rosa Mexicano to benefit Xavier Mission! On **Tuesday, July 25th**, Rosa Mexicano (18th St. between 5th Ave and Union Square) will host a "Guac for Good" to benefit Xavier Mission!

Come by anytime for lunch, dinner or drinks that day* and bring the invitation below or one of the postcards located at the front of the church and by the reception desk, 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 and support your favorite organization! Remember to bring the invitation! See you there!

**Reservations are preferred by the restaurant*



Rosa Mexicano
DESDE 1984



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

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Isa 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Matt 13:1-23.

FIFTEENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Exod 1:8-14, 22; Matt 10:34-11:1.

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

FIFTEENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Exod 2:1-15a; Matt 11:20-24.

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

FIFTEENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Exod 3:1-6, 9-12; Matt 11:25-27.

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

FIFTEENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Exod 3:13-20; Matt 11:28-30.

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

FIFTEENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Exod 11:10-12:14; Matt 12:1-8.

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

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. MARY

MAGDALENE: Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2, 11-18.

12:05PM KATHLEEN GARBER (D)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Matt 13:24-30.

**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

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

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday of each month, 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

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.

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 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 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