



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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# Epiphany 2018



Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

## ***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 Wheelchair 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

Rev. Daniel Corrou, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206

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

Receptionist — 201

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

## ***Pastoral Council***

Jack Schmitt (Chair);

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Vice-Chair);

Stephen Alfieri (Secretary); Kathleen Cagnina;

Karen DeMasi; Patrick Egan; Michelle Jung;

John Karle; Charles Mileski; Deborah Olley Murphy;

[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, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Patrick Gilger, SJ*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Jesus Andaluz, Larry Capici, Martin Crawford,  
Patrica Cunningham, Elizabeth Cutolo, Maria Formoso,  
Juan Garcia, James Leung, Marian Lizzio, John Marshall,  
John McLoughlin, Kathy Mulvaney, Catherine O'Hagan  
Wolfe, Rey Santos, Rocco Scura, Anthony Sellitti,  
Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers*

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

*Mary Comarato, Mars Custodio, Janet Kelly, Paul Lawrence,  
Patrick Logsdon, Albert Longo, Beatriz Quinto Mendoza,  
John Olley*

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 weekend we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany on which we hear the familiar story of the Magi, those ancient astronomers who follow a divine GPS to discover the One they are searching for. Although scripture scholars remind us that this is not a historical event but rather an infancy narrative pregnant with theological and scriptural meaning, the journey of the Magi has captured the imagination of artists through the centuries. It is also timely in our own age when there are so many people who are refugees and immigrants, people fleeing from poverty and the ravages of war. There are so many in our world scanning the heavens for a Star that will lead them to a place of hope, peace and promise as the Magi find in the home of Mary and Joseph. (Note that in Matthew's story, the Magi arrive not at a manger but at a house!) Speaking of Matthew's gospel, it is helpful to know that his narratives are meant to be interpreted in the light of the book of Exodus. For Matthew and his community, Jesus is the new Moses. The stories of Jesus' birth and early days mirror those of Moses. The similarities are too many to enumerate here but feel free to ask me 😊

*The Christmas Season will come to an end on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>. It's the feast of the Baptism of Jesus which usually falls on a Sunday but this year on a Monday. It is a beautiful way to complete a season of prayer and worship where we celebrate God's love for the world in Jesus, the Son. Since I imagine that most of you will not be able to attend Mass on Monday, I include the text of the baptism according to Mark.*

*This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:*

*"One mightier than I is coming after me.*

*I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.*

*I have baptized you with water;*

*he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

*It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.*

*On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.*

*And a voice came from the heavens,*

*"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." I am sure that God is well-pleased with each of you who are God's beloved daughters and sons!*

Many blessings for 2018!

**Fr. Bob VerEecke S.J.**

The Pastoral Council invites you to join  
us for a

## *Parish-Wide Coffee Hour*



as we welcome parishoners  
New to SFX on  
**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
in the Mary Chapel  
(following the 11:30 Mass)  
All are welcome.

## EPIPHANY



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00AM**

**11:30AM**

**CAROLS BEGIN AT 11:00AM**

**5:00PM**

## SAVE THE DATES

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

*Presentation of the Lord Vespers*

**6:30pm in the Main Church**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

*World-acclaimed organist David Briggs  
concertizing on our*

*Peragallo, Opus 700, 50 rank organ*

**7:30pm in the Main Church**

*More info to follow*

## ARE YOU A CHURCH LADY?

Own it loud and proud, and get the exclusive Church Lady T-shirt! Not only will you look good, but part of the purchase price will be donated to Xavier Mission's L-STEP program. This project is a mitzvah from Catholic Lesbians, in honor of the ministry's silver anniversary in 2018.

**Color:** mint **Front:** St. Francis Xavier medallion  
**Back:** black type CHURCH LADY and the number 78  
(1878 was the year the church's cornerstone was laid)  
**Material:** 100 percent cotton **Style:** women's cut **Sizes:**  
small, medium, large, extralarge, extra-extralarge, extra-  
extra-extralarge **Price:** \$20.00 E-mail your order to  
[SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com).

## *Catholic Lesbians*

**Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. West Room**

*"Make peace with me and come out to me... Choose life  
and not death!" (2 Kings 18:31-32, NIV)*

It's the perfect time to take the plunge, enter the door,  
and be greeted by friends, old and new. We will eat,  
drink, be merry, and plot out the new year for this  
ministry's silver anniversary! Bring a beverage and/or  
snack to share, and contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or  
(917) 297-6804 for more information.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:** Isa 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11.

**MONDAY~FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** Isa 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11.

7:45AM MARIA ESPERANZA DORADO (D)

12:05PM PATRICIA A. MAGLIONE (D)

**FIRST TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

1 Sam 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05PM EUGENE CURTIS (D)

**FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39.

7:45AM PADDY LOUGHLIN (D)

12:05PM PADDY LOUGHLIN (D)

**FIRST THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

1 Sam 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45.

7:45AM MAHDI BAGHERLEE (D)

12:05PM JOHN SPADARO (D)

**FIRST FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12.

7:45AM STANLY TAGLARY (D)

12:05PM FR. JOHN BUCKI, SJ &  
ANGELISE MACNALLY (D)

**FIRST SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17.

12:05PM ARLENE LOHLE (D)

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42.

**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)

**THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE:** Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact [sanxny@gmail.com](mailto:sanxny@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)

**THE WOMEN WHO STAYED:** nurtures, empowers, calls forth and celebrates the emotional, intellectual and spiritual growth of women and men at SFX. For more information: [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)