



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

*A JESUIT APOSTOLATE*

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**Exod 20:1-17**

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit Xavier Mission

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**March 4, 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***

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Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Vice-Chair);

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## **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, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Patrice Adcroft, Sr Mary Ann Ambrose, Jesus Andaluz, Joseph Cali, Larry Capici, Sr. Ann Citarella, Patrica Cunningham, Elizabeth Cutolo, Fausto Felipe, Kathryn Fisher, Maria Formoso, Daniel Fox, Thomas Glasson, Juan Garcia, Renata Johnson, Mary Korba, James Leung, Marian Lizzio, John Marshall, John McLoughlin, Kathy Mulvaney, Terence J. Murphy, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, Eileen O'Keefe, Joel Rivera, Rey Santos, Vanessa Santos, Rocco Scura, Anthony Sellitti, Denise Stewart, Michael Termini, Bobby Tinio, Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers, David Woolwine*

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

*Martin Crawford, Mimi Elenbaas, Marian Githens, Janet Lista, Mary M. Piderit, Miriam Socorro Solares de Castañeda, Winifredo D. Samoy, Denise Stewart*

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,

The readings you will hear this weekend will depend on the liturgy that you attend. If you go to the 11:30, you will hear those of the A Cycle which have strong images of Baptism, especially the story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan Woman at the Well. The A Cycle readings are always used for the liturgies that the Elect attend in the Lenten season. Along with hearing these scriptures that are so relevant to the process that they are going through on their journey to the sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, they will also experience the "Scrutinies". These ancient rites are designed to call each person to a deeper experience of conversion of heart as they approach the Easter sacraments.

If you attend any of the other liturgies, you'll hear the readings from the B Cycle. The Gospel this weekend is one of the most dramatic in all of the four Gospels. It's the cleansing of the temple where Jesus loses patience with those who have made religious practice a "business". We speak of his "righteous anger" as he overturns the tables of the money changers and drives them out of the temple. It's no wonder that he was unpopular with the religious "establishment"! One of the interesting things to note about this scene is that in John's Gospel it happens quite early on in Jesus' ministry. In the other Gospels it is right after his entry into Jerusalem and before his arrest. It is more likely that John's chronology is correct but it certainly makes for a very dramatic moment in the other gospels.

Whichever Gospel you hear this weekend, its power is in the person of Jesus whose mission is to reveal God's reign as one of justice and restoration of right relationship with God. As disciples and friends in the Lord, we too are asked to work for justice in ways that reflect the Gospel mission of love, mercy and "turning the tables" on unjust systems that dehumanize our sisters and brothers.

So let us pray for our sisters and brothers who like the Samaritan Woman are encountering Jesus as "living water" and let us hope that we may continue to find ways to bring God's justice to the world in which we live.

Peace!

**Fr. Bob**

### **IGNATIAN EXAMEN** *Third Sunday of Lent*

In the tradition of Ignatius we open our hearts and minds to God's loving guidance through the spirit of Jesus Christ. Together let us reflect on our day with God as our guide and Jesus walking beside us.

Lord, we realize that everything, even ourselves, is a gift from you.  
What are the gifts of this day that you are most grateful for?

Lord, open our eyes and ears to be more honest with ourselves.  
What are the misplaced priorities in your life that may need to be "overturned" so you can respond to God more authentically?

Lord, show us what has been happening to us and in us this day.  
What are the signs of God's love for you today ?

Lord, we are still learning to grow in your love.  
What are your stumbling blocks on your journey toward truth?

Lord, let us look with longing toward the future.  
How can you love and serve the Lord and others this lent?

# Lent and Easter 2018

## Palm Sunday

March 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:00pm Mass

March 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:00am, 11:30am and 5:00pm Masses

## Reconciliation Monday

March 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 3:00pm-8:00pm

## What Wondrous Love is this?

### “The Seven Last Words”

March 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:30pm

## Holy Thursday:

### Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 29<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:30pm

## Good Friday

March 30<sup>th</sup>

12:00pm ~ Stations of the Cross

3:00pm ~ Solemn Liturgy of the

Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross

## Great Vigil of Easter

March 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 7:30pm

## Easter Sunday

April 1<sup>st</sup>

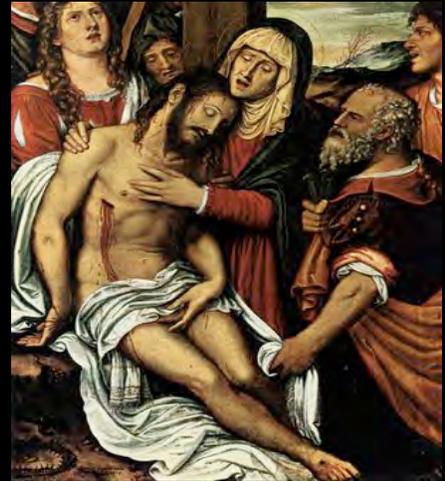
9:00am, 11:30am and 1:15pm Masses

If you are an adult who has been baptized and received first communion but not yet confirmed, please contact Fr. Bob [rvereecke@sfxavier.org](mailto:rvereecke@sfxavier.org). There will be an adult confirmation program on Saturdays beginning **April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Time (TBD). Confirmation service is **May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am**.

# No Greater Love

Presented by *theXavier Company*

The  
Passion  
of  
Christ  
in  
drama,  
song &



DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER: CAROL FERRONE

MUSICAL DIRECTOR: GERARD DeMAN, JR.

PLAYWRIGHT: JANEEN STEVENS

FEATURING: Pasqualino Beltempo, Nikki Casseri\*, Dorothy Dobkowski, Daniel Gonzalez, Diane Meck, Taylor Sumner, Brandon Schraml\*, and Sam Wiegiers  
Tony Bartoli, Percussionist

\*\*Courtesy of Actors' Equity Association

Saturday March 10th at 7:30 pm

St. Francis Xavier Church

46 West 16<sup>th</sup> St. NYC 10011

Ramp access: 55 West 15<sup>th</sup> St.

Donations Accepted



AVIER in Jamaica!

## Ministry on the Margins

Do you have any interest in working with children; volunteering abroad; getting away from NYC for a week; or what it's like to sip a Red Stripe in the Caribbean Ocean in November?

If so, email Andrew Romano ([romano.andrew@gmail.com](mailto:romano.andrew@gmail.com)). We are putting together a team to work with orphaned and abandoned children in Jamaica this Fall through Mustard Seed Communities ([www.mustardseed.com](http://www.mustardseed.com)).

First though, we'd like to gauge the level of interest as there is room for only 20 people on a given trip.

ALL are welcome

*This came about as Andrew has worked with Mustard Seed for over 10 years, and Fr. Bob has worked through a Jesuit parish there as well. Both would like to share their love of Jamaica (and this work) with you!*



Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help us save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Xavier with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Enroll today by visiting our parish homepage and clicking the Donate Now button or mailing in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office. If you want to stop receiving envelopes please contact *Stephanie Fuentes* at [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org) or (212) 627-2100 ext. 222. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Thank you for your continued support of Xavier with your time and talents as well as treasure.

## CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK AND ST. JOSEPH

*with the Xavier Adult Group*

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm  
West Room**

This popular event is an afternoon of fun and food. This year we are having a church scavenger hunt and our annual auction of donated items. Bring a dish to share, a poem, a joke, or your favorite story. All are welcome.

## CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

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

Anne Duquette and GH will give us the history of the Catholic Worker and share their firsthand experience of living and breathing Dorothy Day's Mary House. Please bring a snack or beverage to share for the evening's presentation, and contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804 for more information

## JUANA INÉS DE LA CRUZ



Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, O.S.H. (November 1651 – 17 April 1695) was a self-taught scholar and student of scientific thought, philosopher, composer, and poet, and Hieronymite nun, known in her lifetime as “The Tenth Muse”, “The Phoenix of America”, and the “Mexican Phoenix”.

Sor Juana lived during Mexico's colonial period, making her a contributor both to early Mexican literature as well as to the broader literature of the Spanish Golden Age. Beginning her studies at a young age, Sor Juana was fluent in Latin and also wrote in Nahuatl, and became known for her philosophy in her teens. Sister Juana educated herself in her own library, which was mostly inherited from her grandfather. After joining a nunnery in 1667, Sor Juana began writing poetry and prose dealing with such topics as love, feminism, and religion.

**Save the Date!  
Sunday Afternoon,  
April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Here at the  
Church of St. Francis Xavier  
Experience the powerful  
poetry and theology of  
Sor Juana!**

**Women's History  
Come to Life!**



**SUPPORT FARMWORKER WOMEN  
JOIN THE  
FREEDOM FAST AND MARCH  
IN SUPPORT OF THE  
FAIR FOOD PROGRAM**

The Fair Food Program, launched in 2011, put an end to generations of sexual violence against farmworker women. Many retail food companies, and major fast-food brands, signed on. Wendy's, however, declined to sign on and shifted their tomato purchases from Florida to Mexico, where women are not protected.

From March 11-15, Immokalee farm workers and their consumer allies will be fasting outside the offices of Wendy's board chairman to urge Wendy's to change their policy, and to protest the human rights abuses faced by produce workers in Mexico.

The Freedom Fast will be from 8 am to 7 pm each day, culminating in a march from Dag Hammarskjold Plaza on 3/15 at 5pm.

If you are interested in joining a group from Xavier visiting and praying with the fasters, or marching on the 15<sup>th</sup>, or if you simply want more information, please email us at: [xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com)

**STATIONS  
OF THE CROSS**



**FRIDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>:** *Led by the Lay Spirits - "Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis" - 6:30 PM in the Main Church.*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>:** *"A Soul's Journey With The Way Of The Cross," written by Ann Suriano; sponsored by The Women Who Stayed and The Xavier Company - 6:30 PM in the Mary Chapel.*



**FOR I WAS A STRANGER, AND  
YOU WELCOMED ME...**

**THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION  
INITIATIVE INVITES YOU TO**

**WELCOME AND SUPPORT  
OUR IMMIGRANT SISTERS AND BROTHERS**

Every Thursday, from 6:00-8:30 pm, Xavier hosts gatherings with the New Sanctuary Coalition (NSC), an interfaith group that stands in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers. These gatherings, held in Hurtado Hall, bring immigrant friends and immigration advocates together for fellowship, support and organizing.

Parishioners are needed to help with set up, to welcome our NSC friends, and to provide refreshments or to assist with clean up. There are also opportunities to record and document the experiences of those struggling within the immigration system and to support the families of those facing deportation.

It is so important for our friends to have this safe space to gather, to be able to tell their stories and to feel empowered by the support our presence provides.

Come join us!! You can use this form to sign up: <http://bit.ly/2mCQ04a>

For more information on supporting immigrant rights, contact [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

**XAVIER YOGA FOR ALL**

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm  
in the Main Church.

Classes are donation based. A  
ll are welcome.

**For more information: [ko@nyyogalife.com](mailto:ko@nyyogalife.com)**

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT:

Exod 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25.

### THIRD MONDAY OF LENT:

2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30.

7:45AM JEAN DICKSON SULLIVAN (D)  
12:05PM NILO CATER (D)

### THIRD TUESDAY OF LENT:

Dan 3:25, 34-43; Matt 18:21-35.

7:45AM MICHAEL & PATTI VECELLIO (L)  
12:05PM MELISSA IRELAND (D)

### THIRD WEDNESDAY OF LENT:

Deut 4:1, 5-9; Matt 5:17-19.

7:45AM ANNE REHREN (D)  
12:05PM ALICE AGRO (D)

### THIRD THURSDAY OF LENT:

Jer 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23.

7:45AM ROSA FIGUEROA (D)  
12:05PM WILFREDO SAMOY (D)

### THIRD FRIDAY OF LENT:

Hos 14:2-10; Matt 12:28-34.

7:45AM ROBERT VERECKE (L)  
12:05PM JOAN DIJOSEPH (D)

### THIRD SATURDAY OF LENT:

Hos 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14.

12:05PM MARY ANN BRADY (D)

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; John 3:14-21.

**YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR  
YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE  
PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.**

This Lenten Season volunteer at the Coughlin Men's Shelter. Volunteer as a Primetime or Overnight host or make a meal for the guests. For more information please email *Christina Bowman* at [cbowman@xaviermission.org](mailto:cbowman@xaviermission.org)

## 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 [xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:xaviersharingandlearninggroup@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 [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@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, [suniko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto:sunikol20@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)