



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 25, 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

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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);

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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 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

### **Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Ronald Amiot, SJ*

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

1:30pm Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, 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, Isaac Falci,  
Fausto Felipe, Kathryn Fisher, Maria Formoso, Daniel Fox,  
Thomas Glasson, Juan Garcia, Ann Grant, Renata Johnson,  
Mary Korba, James Leung, Marian Lizzio,  
John Marshall, John McLoughlin, Amelia Mullings,  
Kathy Mulvaney, Terence J. Murphy,  
Patricia O'Grady, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, Eileen O'Keeffe,  
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, John Marshall, 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,

I thought I would be writing the letter for this week's bulletin from the Jury Waiting Room in the NY Court System. After they explained the three day commitment, I asked to postpone till a later date so I'm writing to you from the comfort of my office at the parish. As I thought, however, about being called to do sit on a jury, I couldn't help thinking of this Holy Week when we hear again the story of Jesus' arrest under cover of darkness, his "trial" before the religious and political leaders, the "false" witnesses that accuse him of blasphemy, standing defenseless with no one to plead his case. There are so many aspects of the story of Jesus being sentenced to death that make us "tremble" and cry out against the injustice done to him. And yet, he remained silent and surrendered himself to the "powers" that would try to "undo" what he preached and proclaimed about who God was and who he was for God.

When you come to Xavier this weekend you will again see enacted the Passion of Christ with Steven Cornwall from Jamaica as Jesus and a group of actors and dancers. As we did last year, the Holy Spirit will be present throughout the Passion, in solidarity with Jesus. I think it's important that we frame the story of the death of Jesus in a way that says God is "with" Jesus in his suffering and death and even the cry of abandonment is one that echoes in the heart of God and that resounds ultimately with Resurrection.

I'm hoping that you will join us for a "What Wondrous Love is This" a danced evening prayer with music and reflections on the "Seven Last Words". Once again I have assembled a group of dancers, including Steven Cornwall and Maresa D'Amore Morrison whom many of you have seen in Christmas Revelations. They will be joined with Xavier Dancers, including the youngest and very gifted, Sophia Martinez. Music will be provided by John Uehlein, instrumentalists and members of the Xavier choir. The service is at 7:30PM and lasts one hour. It is a uniquely beautiful expression of prayer through music, movement and dance.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to see *Summer in the Forest*, a film about the life and work of Jean Vanier and the L'Arche community. I met with the producers of the film and it is certainly a worthy way of spending some reflective time this Holy Week. It's playing at the Village East Cinema from March 23-29. For a preview of the film, go to [summerintheforest.com](http://summerintheforest.com).

I hope and pray that this Holy Week will be filled with experiences of prayer, worship and reflection that will help you know even more deeply God's "Wondrous Love" for us in Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

***Fr. Bob***

# 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> ~4:00pm-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 1:30pm Masses

## What Wondrous Love is This!

### The Seven Last Words

*A service of music, dance  
and prayer for Holy Week*

March 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM

St Francis Xavier Church

*Choreographed by Robert VerEecke S.J.*

*With*

*Xavier Singers, Dancers, Readers*



## AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2018 Xavier Team

As a parish, we encourage as many individuals as possible to JOIN OUR TEAM and/or contribute on-line whatever is comfortable. Visit the Team Page at <https://ny.aidswalk.net/sfx>

Be sure to use the Church of Saint Francis Xavier Team's Number, #1250

## *Catholic Lesbians*

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

West Room

Professor Mary will give a “text and image” talk on St. Lucy of Syracuse. She will discuss the 14<sup>th</sup> century frescoes based on the saint's vita as related by Jacopo da Voragine in the 13<sup>th</sup> century text **The Golden Legend**. The frescoes are painted next door to the basilica in Italy where St. Anthony of Padua is enshrined. Please bring a snack or beverage to share, and contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

## RETURNING CATHOLICS

*We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time.  
- T. S. Elliot*

An invitation for those considering returning to the catholic church or who just want to ask questions. Members of the parish staff and parishioners will welcome you in a safe, confidential and judgment-free space. Come to one or all of the evenings. Ask questions, share experiences and be at home. If you are interested please contact Fr. Dan at [DCorrou@sfxavier.org](mailto:DCorrou@sfxavier.org)



## 36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PAX CHRISTI METRO NEW YORK

### WAY OF THE CROSS

.....LOOKING THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS

March 30<sup>th</sup>

47th Street at First Ave.~8:30 AM

Join with hundreds of people in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. The Good Friday Way of the Cross is a modern-day enactment of the Stations of the Cross, praying for peace and justice on the streets of our city. This year reflect with us on the many ways we “Look thru the eyes of Jesus.” The Walk will take place from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon on Good Friday, March 30th. We begin at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th Street at First Avenue) and proceed along 42nd Street to between Eighth and Ninth Avenues.

*This year, Xavier P&J will partner with Thrive for Life New York Prison Project. We will be presenting Station 11: Jesus is nailed to the Cross ...what do we see when we see our brothers and sisters held in custody?*

### PLEASE WEAR OR CARRY A CROSS

As we approach Easter, the Peace and Justice committee makes these resources for fair trade chocolate available to our Xavier community so that our gifts celebrating the joy of the resurrection also show our concern for just wages and human dignity: two key pillars of Catholic Social Teaching. In recent years, it has become easier to find fair trade products both online and at traditional retailers. The following is not an exhaustive list, and if you find additional sources, please let us know.

Here are some brands with all or some fair-trade products: Divine Chocolate, Little Secrets, Lake Champlain Chocolates, Theo, Justin's, Alter Eco, and Dagoba. In addition, some major chains including Whole Foods, Fairway, Trader Joe's and Walgreen's carry some fair-trade chocolate and coffee. A number of smaller stores do so as well, so another action you can take to support fair-trade initiatives is to tell your local branch of a major chain or a neighborhood business that you would purchase fair trade products if they stocked them. Finally, parishioners will be familiar with the range of products available from [equalexchange.coop](http://equalexchange.coop) through our annual fair-trade sales. Other helpful websites are [serrv.org](http://serrv.org) [which includes fair trade gifts], [justcoffee.coop](http://justcoffee.coop), [novica.com](http://novica.com) [which also includes jewelry and gifts] and [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) [add the key words “fair trade” to your product search].

## XAVIER YOGA FOR ALL

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

Classes are donation based.  
All are welcome.

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

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!

Enrich your Holy Week! Come and see the release the inspirational and critically acclaimed movie *Summer in the Forest* about the life and work of Jean Vanier and L'Arche, pioneering inclusion and disability rights since 1964! Even Pope Francis has sent a message in support of the release. You don't want to miss it! Invite your friends who don't come to Church. This film is all about God but it doesn't mention God. A great way to share your faith in a gentle but powerful way!

Showing **Friday March 23rd- 30th** showing at the **Village East Cinema, 181-189 2nd Ave, New York, NY 10003 (2nd Ave with 12th Street)**. For further details and advance tickets go to: <http://www.summerintheforest.com>

His Holiness, Pope Francis, sent this message in support of the release of *Summer in the Forest*: "His Holiness Pope Francis wishes to affirm his warm support of all initiatives to foster and integrate at the heart of our societies the mentally disabled as they share with us their unique gifts and contribution... and He gives thanks for individuals and organizations such as L'Arche."



**Thrive For Life**  
**Prison Project**

#### VISION

Thrive For Life Prison Project envisions a world where spiritual and educational services empower incarcerated individuals to thrive for life.

#### MISSION

Create opportunities for spiritual development and provide educational resources for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals while partnering with local universities and employers.

#### AMBITION

By 2020, offer 1,000 incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals spiritual exercises; support 10 libraries in correctional facilities with educational and spiritual materials; found and support 2 houses of studies for 10-15 formerly incarcerated individuals who will receive supportive housing and scholarships to local universities for studies, and workforce experience and training with local employers.



**DO YOU HAVE A  
SKILL TO SHARE  
WITH OUR FRIENDS  
WHO GATHER IN  
HURTADO HALL  
ON THURSDAY EVENINGS?**

Members of The New Sanctuary Coalition who gather every Thursday evening in Hurtado Hall from 6 to 8:30 pm are seeking Xavier Parishioners who are willing to share life skills with them. They have so far learned a little yoga and had a short workshop on finances. Do you have a specialized skill or area of expertise that you could share with our friends? Would you be available to help kids with homework or play during these gatherings?

If so, contact Linda ([linda@rchavez.net](mailto:linda@rchavez.net)) for more information or to discuss further.

### ***March is Women's History Month***

**Conclusion:** By the turn of the twentieth first century, there were only about 300 African-American sisters left in the United States. Nonetheless, the contributions of black sisters in the fight for racial and educational justice in the nation and Church have endured. As for those black women and girls who departed religious life in the post-civil rights era, the vast majority chose to remain in the Catholic Church. Today, as laywomen, community workers, and theologians and university professors in the academy, they continue the fight for justice and equity in American society and the Church, reminding us all of how far we have come and how far we still have to go.

Visit [www.sfxavier.org/the-women-who-stayed](http://www.sfxavier.org/the-women-who-stayed) for the full article.

**The Academy of St. Joseph** would like to invite you to visit to learn more about our exceptional education and enrichment programs at our Open House Tuesday, April 17th from 9-10am. The Academy of St. Joseph is a Private, Catholic school serving students in grades Pre-K through Eighth-Grade. We are still accepting applications for the fall of 2018-2019. The school empowers and challenges students with a curriculum based on the arts, sciences, and the humanities integrated with the values of the Catholic Church. Please Contact Torsie Judkins, Director of Admissions, [tjudkins@aosj.us](mailto:tjudkins@aosj.us) to RSVP.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### **PALM SUNDAY:**

Mark 11:1-10; Isa 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11.

**MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK:** Isa 42:1-7; John 12:1-11.

7:45AM ROBERT VERECKE, SJ (L)  
12:05PM PATRICK RYAN (D)

### **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK:**

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

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM ROBERT VERECKE, SJ (L)

### **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK:**

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

7:45AM RAQUEL REVILLA (D)  
12:05PM WILLIAM McSWINE (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:**

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

### **SATURDAY~ THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

### **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Luke 24:13-35.

**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)

**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 [sfxcggroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxcggroup@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)

**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).

**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)

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

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