



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. (PS 85:11-12)

## ***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 (Communion Service), 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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Receptionist — 201

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## ***Pastoral Council***

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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.

## ***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](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 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, July 22<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

*Jesus Andaluz, Bridget Blain, Joseph Cali, Vivian Catenaccio, John Kevin Cloonan, Patricia Cunningham, Amor Domingo, Isaac Falci, Sherri Fallon, Mickey Flood, Maria Formoso, Juan Garcia, Mary Hannan,, Yvette Hogu, Brigitte Johnson, Frances Ann Lisi, Robyn Luisi, Keith Martin, Mark Martinez, John McLoughlin, Adrienne Montgomery, Amelia Mullings, Kathy Mulvaney, Joan O'Brien, Eileen O'Keeffe, Dean O'Sullivan, Mary Ann Rose, Leonarda Zafras Santos, Anthony Sellitti, Toni Spinelli, Jeff Stevenson, Michael Termini, Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers, David Woolwine*

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

*Barbara Bisch, Charles Bischoff, Oddie De Blois, Kate Galeone, Lee Giambruno, Camille Jerome, Elaine Jerome, Marion Elise Kyttle, Logan Mannigan, David Roben, Rocco Scura, Gale Wilkerson*

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**

### **LET'S IMAGINE!**

Hundreds of migrant children have been separated from their parents at the US border. Michelle Brané, director of the Migrant Rights and Justice program at the Women's Refugee Commission said: "*The idea of punishing parents who try to save their children's lives and punish their children because their parents brought them to a safe place through their separation is basically cruel and contrary to the American spirit.*" I think that this type of practice should be considered contrary to the spirit of human beings. Why? Because it is unethical! Before this barbarity, a parishioner friend of mine posted on Facebook the photo of a girl separated from her parents and asks: Is she yours? Could she be yours? Do you care? These questions invite one to imagine. Can you imagine that one of those children is yours? Can you imagine the suffering of being separated from one of your loved ones? Can you imagine? Imagination influences the decisions we make. Without imagination, it is difficult to welcome those who are different from one or who are living situations that one has never lived. It is difficult to separate a child from his/her family if one imagines that the child may be one's child or if one imagines the suffering caused by such separation. One way to activate the imagination is by entering into the truth of the other, listening to their stories and imagine oneself in the place of the other. Ignatian spirituality gives important attention to the imagination. Ignatian contemplation, for example, is a way of praying by imagining being part of biblical narratives. It is a way to connect the intellect and the senses to travel to the heart. It is through imagination that one finds our deepest desires and emotions.

According to professor of systematic theology Alejandro Garcia-Rivera, in his book *The Community of the Beautiful*, imagination is a place of unity between the intellect and the senses. Imagination represents the human heart. The intellect and the senses find their integration in the imagination. In this point of unity, positive emotions emerge, and negative ones are managed. Imagination is the point of convergence of the ordinary and non-ordinary, the visible and invisible, God and we.

Imagination has a vital role in our lives, in how we behave, relate to others and in the decisions we make. Religious educator Kieran Scott says that the way we perceive reality is the way we construct reality. The fate of the earth lies in the root images and metaphors burned into our imagination. That is why the way we imagine God is critical. The image we have of God determines how we are and act. We are created in the image and likeness of the image we have of God. In this regard, attention must be paid to No Image. God is beyond all images.

Garcia-Rivera highlights the religious nature of the imagination. He states "together with the senses and the intellect; the imagination allows God's Glory to shine forth into the human spirit and return in freedom as praise." This is what we do in our liturgies. The liturgy that means the work of people is the human art of receiving Glory and responding with Praise through storytelling—stories of our ancestors in faith and our stories, gestures, music, dance, words. Liturgy is an act that as explained by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin transcends the walls of our church building "I, your priest, will make the whole earth my altar and on it will offer you all the labors and sufferings of the world." In a liturgy, past, present and future encounter and not only is the assembly participating but the whole cosmos. Liturgy is an act of imagination, liberation, and transformation.

This is what we will do on Sunday, July 22 at 2 pm when we will celebrate the Feast of Mary Magdalene. In that liturgy, we will use imagination to enter into Mary of Magdala truth, in her story as the Apostle of Apostles. By entering into her truth, we release our truth and will be liberated and transformed.

Imagining is a critical part in making decisions and constructing reality. It is essential to understand the world around us and to experience in so degree the Ultimate Reality. Imagination is so essential that cultivating, enriching, and enlarging the imagination should be the chief educational and ministerial aim of religious education.

Let's imagine!

*-Luz Marina Diaz*

**THRIVE FOR LIFE PRISON PROJECT** is continuing its furniture drive for our Ignacio House initiative!

Ignacio House is a house of studies for 24 formerly incarcerated individuals who are pursuing degrees and job workforce training.

We hope to move in to Ignacio House in the next 6-8 weeks and need your help with the following items:

- New mattresses and box springs
- New or lightly used desks and dressers

Items are also available on our online registries through Bed Bath & Beyond and Wayfair, which can be found on our website's Donate page.

Go to: [thriveforlife.org/donate](http://thriveforlife.org/donate)  
Contact us at: [info@thriveforlife.org](mailto:info@thriveforlife.org)

## Special Showing of the movie

### ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Learn about his life and his intimate and profound friendship with the Lord!

**AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> 6:00 PM**

Wallace Hall, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola  
980 Park Avenue (and E 84th St.)

Advance ticket: \$25 • At the door \$30  
Seniors / Students: \$10

A light supper before the movie, and a talk back with Fr. George Drance, S.J., afterwards.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

For more info and to reserve tickets, call: 212-756-8958

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND JORDAN WITH FR. JOE COSTANTINO, S.J.

**DATE: October 2-12 Cost:\$3,695** (guaranteed till June 1<sup>st</sup> or for the first 20)

Please contact *Angie Cruz* at  
[angiecruzphd@gmail.com](mailto:angiecruzphd@gmail.com) or 917-607-0937.



## INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT THE COUGHLIN MEN'S SHELTER?

NEXT ORIENTATION WILL BE HELD ON  
AUGUST 15, 2018 AT 6:30PM. PLEASE RSVP  
TO *CHRISTINA* AT

[CBOWMAN@XAVIERMISSION.ORG](mailto:CBOWMAN@XAVIERMISSION.ORG)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you be interested in serving as a Eucharistic minister to the homebound?

Training provided volunteers make their own schedule.

Contact: *Jim Fox*

Email: [sumiko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto:sumiko120@nyc.rr.com)

### IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC) EXPERIENCE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Join IVC and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits!

IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need. Volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their service and to deepen their spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. There is also the opportunity for spiritual guidance.

Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam, Regional Director at 917-859-0928 or email [mfullam@ivcusa.org](mailto:mfullam@ivcusa.org) and visit our website: [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org)

The SFX Environment Ministry  
is pleased to present the second  
in our Summer Film Series:

## THE WISDOM TO SURVIVE

This film accepts the consensus of scientists that climate change has already arrived, and asks—what is keeping us from action? The film features discussions with thought leaders and activists in the realms of science, economics, and spirituality, and explores how unlimited growth and greed are eroding the life support system of the planet, the social fabric of the society, and the lives of many people. The film asks: Will we have the wisdom to survive? Interviewed: Bill McKibben, Joanna Macy, Roger Payne, Herschelle Milford, Quincy Saul, and more.

**TUESDAY, JULY 24 @ 7 PM**

*Keenan Commons*

*Entrance to right of 35 W 15<sup>th</sup> - Fernandez Hall*

Free admission. Discussion to follow. Light refreshments. Wheelchair accessible.

<https://www.olddogdocumentaries.org/product/the-wisdom-to-survive/>

*Save the Date: next film screenings: Aug. 7*

***“Like a Shepherd the Lord will guard the flock.”***

A healing mass sponsored by the Xavier Company will be celebrated on **Friday, July 27th at 7:30 pm** in the church. **Father George Drance, SJ** will preside. A healing mass provides an opportunity to come and pray for healing of mind, body and spirit for ourselves and our loved ones. The mass includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and individual anointing with blessed oil; and prayers for healing. This is not the Sacrament of the Sick. All are welcome to come and pray for healing.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PART OF OUR MINISTRY? WE ALWAYS NEED LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS AND SINGERS. OUR HEALING MASSES ARE CELEBRATED 4 TIMES A YEAR. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT CAROL FERRONE AT [THEXAVIERCOMPANY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:THEXAVIERCOMPANY@GMAIL.COM). NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



*Join Xavier's annual celebration honoring the*

## FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE SUNDAY, JULY 22

*featuring preaching by Latina theologian Natalia Imperatori-Lee and installation of Mary Magdalene Proclaims the Resurrection in the Mary Chapel!*

**1:00PM:** Resurrection Brunch, West Room & Mary Chapel.

Volunteers are needed to bring dishes to the brunch! To sign up: [bitly.com/marymag](https://bitly.com/marymag)

**2:00PM:** Liturgy and celebration, Main Church  
More info: [thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com](mailto:thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com)

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## MISA EN ESPAÑOL

### FIESTA DE MARIA MAGDALENA

**Sábado 21 de julio 6:30 PM**  
**Capilla María**

Seguido de un Convite en la Sala Oeste  
María Magdalena Proclama la Resurrección  
En este servicio litúrgico, además de reflexionar sobre las escrituras del XVI Domingo Ordinario, celebraremos la Fiesta de Maria Magdalena.

En los cuatro evangelios Canónicos, es María Magdalena a quien Cristo resucitado primero aparece. Es Magdalena quien anuncia el mensaje de Pascua, y dice a los otros discípulos donde y como encontrar su propia experiencia de Resurrección. Es por eso que ella es llamada Apóstol de los Apóstoles.



The Coalition of Immokalee Workers is returning to NYC and calling for a mobilization on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> in response to Wendy's recent decision to bring tomato purchases back to the U.S. (thanks in no small part to the tremendous pressure the boycott has applied on their shameful shift to Mexico).

Citing sustainability benefits, at their shareholder meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> Wendy's announced that they will source exclusively from greenhouses operating mostly here and in Canada by the end of the year. Though halting purchases from one of the worst, most abusive produce industries represents a step in the right direction and a partial victory for the CIW, Wendy's decision to continue evading the Fair Food Program and instead rely on discredited, for-profit auditing firms to monitor conditions in greenhouses is unacceptable.

We'll be demonstrating at Wendy's Nelson Peltz's offices and marching on July 19<sup>th</sup> because neither farmworkers nor consumers are fooled by Wendy's feeble, greenwashed half-measures, and we cannot settle for anything less than the worker-designed Fair Food Program and its verifiable guarantees of fundamental human rights.

#BoycottWendys March to Demand Real Human Rights for Farmworkers!

**THURSDAY, JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 5PM**  
**TRIAN PARTNERS**  
**(280 PARK AVE, NEAR E 49TH ST.)**

Additionally, CIW representatives will be at Xavier on Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> in the Mary Chapel following the 11:30 AM Mass to bring us up-to-date on their progress since their visit last Spring. Please join us on Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> and at the demonstration on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Peace!



## WHO DESERVES ASYLUM?

Public outrage led the Trump administration to end its policy of separating immigrant families. However, this administration continues to dismantle the protections that asylum in the US offers.

Many of those seeking asylum are fleeing gang violence and domestic violence in Central America. Just last month, though, the Justice Department announced that victims of domestic abuse and gang violence no longer qualify for asylum under federal law in most cases.

Critics of this new policy believe that asylum offers a lifeline to people fleeing widespread human rights abuses in their home countries.

Who deserves asylum? Should abused women and those fleeing rampant gang violence be denied asylum? What do you think?

Want to get involved? For more information on supporting immigrant rights, contact us at [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

**XAVIER OUTINGS** - Xoutings is a relatively new parish group for gay parishioners and friends who are interested in gathering informally for social events, lectures, performances. If you are interested in knowing about events please contact [xoutings@gmail.com](mailto:xoutings@gmail.com)

## *Catholic Lesbians*

**Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
**Trump Tower & Astro Restaurant**

Sometimes you've gotta stand for something! We will stand in front of 725 Fifth Avenue (56th & 57th streets) to protest all that does not follow the way of Christ--prayerfully, powerfully, peacefully, passionately. Afterward, we will head to 1361 Sixth Avenue (55th & 56th streets) to process what this all means in our faith lives.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13.

### FIFTEENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Isa 1:10-17; Matt 10:34-11:1.

12:05PM NINA LUISI (D)

### FIFTEENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Isa 7:1-9; Matt 11:20-24.

12:05PM BRENA MAZZARA (D)

### FIFTEENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Isa 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matt 11:25-27.

12:05PM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

### FIFTEENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Isa 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matt 11:28-30.

12:05PM PETER HAWKES (D)

### FIFTEENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Isa 38:1-6, 21-22; Matt 12:1-8.

7:45AM: PETER HAWKES (D)

12:05PM JOHN JOSEPH COUGHLIN (D))

### FIFTEENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Mic 2:1-5; Matt 12:14-21.

12:05PM JOE RANDO (D)

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34.

**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)

**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).

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

**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)

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