



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit Parish Maintenance*

**First Sunday of Advent**

**November 29, 2020**

## 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. Kenneth Boller, S.J. (Pastor) - 204

Rev. John Mulreany, SJ (Associate Pastor) - 206

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) —  
208

Robert Choiniere (Dir. of Adult Faith Formation)-225

Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) —207

Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to

the Pastor/Dir. of Communications) — 222

Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

James Martinez (Assistant for Financial Planning)

Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201

Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221

Receptionist — 201

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

## Pastoral Council

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Chair);

Patrick Egan (Vice Chair); John Karle (Secretary)

Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Belinda Conway;

Karen DeMasi; Andrea Foley-Murphy Michelle Jung;

Ron Oberdick;

## 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

Mon-Thur: 10:00am to 4:00pm Fri: 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturday: 11:30am to 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am to 6:00pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices and Space Requests send e-mails to [sfxbulletin@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfxbulletin@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's Presider Schedule

### NEXT SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: John Mulreany, SJ

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Allocca, Lisa Armband, Sari Bartling,  
Brian Becker, Robert & Dolores Castle, Teresita  
Castillo, Judy Cole, Sheila Creasey, Sr. Joan Curtin,  
Dorothy Danzi, Ellen Diurova, Kathleen Friel,  
Juan Garcia, Ellen Gatto, Jeanne Grimaldi,  
Caleb Gocher, James Held, Dr. Deborah Hoyle,  
Jane Jacobus, The Kamus Family, Richard Kielar,  
Davida Kilgore, Mary Korba, Joyce Maresea,  
Paul Marshall, Sylvia Michaels, Hector Moran,  
Michael Orza, Pilar Perez, Teresa Pucciarelli,  
Brian Scott, Anne Sheridan, Patricia Stella-Rivera,  
Grace Springer, and Eleanor Sundaram

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

Ana Ramona Bravo, Kim Townsend  
and Jason Vermonty

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 Desk of the Pastor

Thanksgiving weekend traditionally ushers us into the Christmas season and, despite the adjustments we had to make to the pandemic, this year is no exception. Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Our parish theme for this Advent is Reconciliation.

Beyond the opportunity for sacramental reconciliation which will be available city-wide in December, we are looking to a reconciliation between ourselves and our sisters and brothers and all of God's creation. Some say that is unrealistic, a dream. As a people of faith, we are dreamers. The scriptures call us to envision a new heaven and a new earth.

Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the gift of the incarnation, Emmanuel, God dwelling among us. The images in Isaiah 11 speak of the wolf as the guest of the lamb, the cow and the bear grazing together and the baby playing by the viper's den because, "They shall not harm or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord."

The vision, the dream, is accomplished in our time by prayer and acts of compassion, reconciliation, forgiveness. Our country, our world, needs healing and reconciliation. Let us do our part.

### A CALL FOR XAVIER'S VOICES OF COLOR

Among Xavier's blessings is a rich community of people of color whose experiences of life and faith are integral to the Xavier mission. This is a call for the formation of a group to give expression to these many voices - a Multi-Racial Team for Social and Economic Justice comprised of Xavier's people of color. One project we will undertake is to build an oral history remembrance archive to give lasting historic voice to our individual and collective experiences as people of color in New York. Once we gather, this will be a springboard for other efforts. If interested, please contact *Lynda Stewart-Kennedy* at [multiracialteam@sfxavier.org](mailto:multiracialteam@sfxavier.org).

### BE PART OF THE SFX CHRISTMAS TREE!

Sacred Space invites all members of the St. Francis Xavier community to send us photos for our Christmas tree.

Given that this year, it has been hard for us to all gather in our church, Sacred Space Ministry would like to invite you to be present in this year's holiday decor. Please send us a photo or photos of you, your family, friends, loved ones, pets, people you would like to remember, anyone you would like to honor. We will create a home-made ornament that will live on a Christmas tree in Xavier this holiday season.

We will resize and print the photos so no need to worry about doing that. Please email your photos to [XavierSacredSpace@sfxavier.org](mailto:XavierSacredSpace@sfxavier.org) by Dec. 11.

THANKS!

*Paul & Doug*

## BOY SAINTS ALTAR HIV/AIDS AND COVID-19 ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE



On November 29, at 11:30 am Mass, the Xavier community will re-dedicate the Boy Saints Altar to all living with HIV/AIDS and those who have died from this disease and as well as to those who have died from the Covid—19.

The Boy Saints Altar, from left to right, contains the statues of SS. Stanislaus Kosta, Aloysius Gonzaga, and John Berchmans.

Aloysius de Gonzaga was an Italian aristocrat who became a member of the Society of Jesus. While still a student at the Roman College, he died as a result of caring for the victims of a serious epidemic. He was beatified in 1605 and canonized in 1726. He is known as a patron saint for times of plague. The altar includes the painting “Mother of God, Light in All Darkness,” the names of unclaimed victims of Covid-19 buried in Hart Island, and a book of prayer. Parishioners are welcome to write down the names of family members and friends who have died from these diseases in the book of prayer.

Only 11 miles from Manhattan, Hart Island has been the final resting place for New York’s unclaimed and poor for over a century and since early April 2020 for unclaimed victims of covid-19.

### HELP NEEDED

SFX is in need of 3-4 people to assist in the preparation of purificators for weekly masses.

If you like to wash and iron, and you’re willing to do so on a rotational basis once every other month, please contact *Susan Faggiani* at [sfagg29@gmail.com](mailto:sfagg29@gmail.com). Thank you.

**THIS WEEKEND’S  
MUSIC**



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**12.1.2020**

GENEROSITY. TOGETHER.

GIVINGTUESDAY



Giving Tuesday has become a national day of awareness on the need to give back and support your favorite charities.

For a list of participating organizations and to see how you can make an impact visit: [givingtuesday.org](https://givingtuesday.org)

We hope you will consider Xavier among your gifts. To donate to Xavier visit [faith.direct/NY406](https://faith.direct/NY406) or simply scan the following code with your smartphone:



**CELEBRATE THE LIVING LEGACY OF DOROTHY DAY: *A Hunger for God. A Striving for Goodness. A Passion for Justice.***

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm**

Join the Dorothy Day Guild and America Media as we commemorate the 40th anniversary of the death of Servant of God Dorothy Day.

**PANELISTS INCLUDE:**

David Brooks, Op-ed Columnist, The New York Times

Anne Snyder, Editor in Chief, Comment magazine

Paul Elie, Senior Fellow, Georgetown University

**Convener:** Robert Ellsberg, Publisher, Orbis Books

**Interviewer:** Colleen Dulle, Assistant Producer, America Media

To register and for more information: <https://www.americamagazine.org/celebrating-dorothy-day-2020>

## GREENING THE SEASON

*Let's resolve to protect the earth and uphold justice during this holy season.*

### HOME AND HEARTH

Be environmentally aware. Choose soy-based or LED-lit candles and select Christmas cards and gift wrap with no glitter or metallics so they can be recycled. Consider the impact of packing materials when ordering goods online.

Give the gifts that keep on giving. Fair-trade coffees (including Mama Tierra), teas and chocolate have long been a favorite. Orders are in packs of 5 or 6; single item coffee orders are 5 lb. bags. Order these ethically-sourced products from: [equalexchange.coop](http://equalexchange.coop)

Treat yourself and treat your friends to scented soy candles, soothing lip balm, and hand and body lotion from Gifts for the Journey at Franciscan Peacemakers, and Love Heals at Thistle Farms. Both organizations provide support and employment to victims of sex trafficking. Order from: [franciscanpeacemakers.org](http://franciscanpeacemakers.org) (Gifts for the Journey) [thistlefarms.org](http://thistlefarms.org) (Love Heals)

Stonewall Kitchen offers a range of quality food products and gift sets. What makes Stonewall special is that they pack their products in starch-based "peanuts" that can be dissolved in water in your kitchen sink, never entering the landfill. Order at: [stonewallkitchen.com](http://stonewallkitchen.com)

### BOOKS

*Donna Leon* is an accomplished writer whose mysteries featuring Commissario Brunetti have earned her millions of fans. She is also an ardent environmentalist. Her recent *Earthly Remains* weaves the theme of species extinction into a perplexing and fascinating murder mystery.

*Kim Stanley Robinson* is a highly respected environmentalist and award-winning science fiction writer. Robinson's latest book, *The Ministry for the Future* deals with extreme climate change and has won accolades from the Sierra Club.

**Please support independent booksellers.  
They're an endangered species, too.**

**LOOK FOR MORE SUGGESTIONS  
EACH WEEK 'TIL CHRISTMAS.**

## REMEMBER XAVIER WHEN CONSIDERING A YEAR-END GIFT

First, we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support us throughout the year. As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. It also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to Xavier. Over the years, it has been the gifts left to Xavier 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. Your year-end gift can help us continue to celebrate vibrant liturgies and support our many ministries. Belonging to Xavier offers many blessings. Those blessings multiply when we commit our time, treasure, and talent to its work.

The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support Xavier for years to come. There are many ways of contributing a gift. Two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. For more information on how you can help make a difference contact the parish office.

## HONDURAS DISASTER

Severe flooding from Hurricane Eta has devastated areas of Honduras, particularly in the area around San Pedro Sula where many people have lost their homes and many are missing. Assistance is urgently needed as people in Honduras say the situation is worse than Hurricane Mitch in 1998. A good organization to contribute to is Friends Peace Teams, a Quaker organization whose website is <https://friendspeaceteams.org/donate/>. Select "Peacebuilding en Las Americas" and if you use PayPal, type "Honduras" in the comment line before you confirm. Credit or debit cards can also be used.

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Wrapping Party**  
**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.**  
**Outside 55 W. 15th St.**



Kids and Christmas are stronger than COVID-19! We will have a physically distanced “wrapping party.” Bring a brand-new toy (wrapped or unwrapped), marked “Girl,” “Boy,” “Girl/Boy” and the age range, to one of Saint Nic’s SUVs parked outside the church’s 15th Street entrance. Or bring a check, payable to one of the organizations to which we give the gifts: Picture the Homeless, Life Experience & Faith Sharing, STEPS to End Family Violence. Contact [SFXWrap@gmail.com](mailto:SFXWrap@gmail.com) or (929) 333-5011 if you have any questions and/or comments. We look forward to seeing you there. Ho! Ho! Ho!

**FEAST OF**  
**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**



**MISA BILINGUE**  
**BILINGUAL MASS**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**  
*Celebrant: Fr. Tom Feely*

*Bring a rose for our lady*  
*Trae una rosa para nuestra señora*

Registrations are now open for Mass this weekend, November 28<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup>. Reserve a seat by visiting our website at:

<https://sfxavier.org/news/weekend-mass-sign-up>

**DEADLINE ON**  
**FRIDAYS AT NOON**

**OTHER WAYS TO MAKE A RESERVATION:**

**By email:** [massreservations@sfxavier.org](mailto:massreservations@sfxavier.org) Send an email with your name, the day and time of the mass, and the number of people who will be coming with you. You can reserve six seats (yourself and five family members.)

**By phone:** *Front Desk* at 212-627-2100 ext. 201

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL MASSES.**  
**CHILDREN ABOVE THE AGE OF**  
**2 YEARS OLD ARE ALSO REQUIRED**  
**TO WEAR MASKS.**

**VIRTUAL MASS**  
**COMMUNITY**

You are invited to join fellow parishioners in virtual community each Sunday for the live stream mass!

Each Sunday, a Zoom conference will be available for those who wish to join with others for the live stream mass at 11:30 am. The Zoom will open at 11:15 am for some socializing time before the mass. During the mass, the screen will be focused on the live stream. Participants will be able to see one another and share a sign of peace during the mass.

**The Zoom link is:**  
<https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/92250692524>

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28;  
Matt 25:31-46

### MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. ANDREW:

Rom 10:9-18; Matt 4:18-22.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE  
BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM: JASON VERMONTY (D)

### TUESDAY~FEAST OF STS. EDMUND CAMPION, ROBERT SOUTHWELL:

Isa 11:1-10;  
Luke 10:21-24.

7:45AM: KENNETH F. DETHOMAS (D)  
12:05PM: PAUL MARSHALL (D)

### FIRST WEDNESDAY OF ADVENT:

Isa 25:6-10a;  
Matt 15:29-37.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE  
12:05PM: MARS CUSTODIO (D)

### THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF XAVIER:

Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 16:15-20.

7:45AM: MARY MYKE GILMAN (D)  
12:05PM: ROBERT CURRY (D)

### FIRST FRIDAY OF ADVENT:

Isa 29:17-24;  
Matt 9:27-31.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE  
12:05PM: JAMES E. GORRA (D)

### FIRST SATURDAY OF ADVENT:

Isa 30:19-21,  
23-26; Matt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8.

12:05PM: DANIEL MCINTYRE (D)

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Isa 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

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

### 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)

## 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 (offsite July &  
August), [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) (929) 333-5011.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:  
Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto:krcoff5th@netzero.com)

THE ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY: promotes care  
for all of God's creation, and follows the message of  
Laudato Si. For more information refer to the link on  
the parish website under Outreach Programs or contact:  
[SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com)

FAMILY FAITH: Catechetical ministry for parents/  
guardians and children pre-K through 12th grade. Meets  
Sundays 10:00am, Mary Chapel. Contact Luz, [LMDiaz@](mailto:LMDiaz@sfxavier.org)

[sfxavier.org](mailto: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)

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTRY FOR THE SICK AND  
HOMEBOUND: Eucharistic Ministers bring Communion  
to parishioners who are sick, homebound, hospitalized, or  
in care facilities in local proximity to Xavier. To arrange  
visits or to become a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and  
Homebound, please contact Nick Grimaldi at [nlgny@gmail.com](mailto:nlgny@gmail.com).  
To arrange for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and/  
or Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending  
religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer,  
education and other activities. Contact  
[Xavierinterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:Xavierinterfaith@gmail.com)

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 Marie Bannister,  
[mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com) or Gerry Moss,  
[gerrymoss@gmail.com](mailto:gerrymoss@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 [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

XAVIER YOGA: Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Open to all levels.  
Contact [Ko@nyyogalife.com](mailto:Ko@nyyogalife.com)

XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Spiritual, service, and  
social activities for parishioners 20s-30s, and the young in  
spirit. We meet every 3rd Sunday of the month in the West  
Room after the 5pm mass. Contact [sfxavier.youngadults@](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

[gmail.com](mailto:gmail.com)  
XAVIER YOUTH MINISTRY: Social, service, and spiritual  
community for post-confirmation youth through 12th grade.  
Activities about twice a month September - June. Contact  
Philip Waldrop at [youthministry@sfxavier.org](mailto:youthministry@sfxavier.org).

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm.  
Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul  
[schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com)