



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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PEACE



*SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission*

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 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

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-Thu: 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

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: Kenneth Boller, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: John Mulreany, SJ

Guest Homilist: Deacon Ricardo Da Silva, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: James Miracky, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Allocca, Lisa Armband,
Teresita Castillo, Sheila Creasey, Ellen Diurova,
Alesh DuCarma, Kathleen Friel, Caleb Gocher,
Mary Korba, Geri Lisanti-Levi, Richie Levi,
Manny Lopez, Paul Marshall, Sylvia Michaels,
Hector Moran, Tim O'Connor, Michael Orza,
Pilar Perez, Ray Ralph, Anne Sheridan
and Grace Springer

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

Carmen Alonso, Ana Ramona Bravo,
Kenneth de Thomas, Serapio Muraira, Jose Suarez,
Kim Townsend

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

While we all keep a watchful eye on the Covid rates and plan our lives accordingly, many of our annual routines continue.

This weekend Ms. Ann McGowan, a member of the Finance Council, will speak briefly on the state of the parish finances. The fuller report was published and distributed last weekend. Additional copies are available in the back of the church. Thanks to your generosity, the substantial rent paid for the use of the parochial school, and substantial estate gift and prudent management, we have operated with a surplus again this year. Ann will go over the particulars. Thank you for all of your support in these difficult times.

Next weekend we will conduct our annual census of the parish. In keeping with the realities of the times, this survey will be largely online. The census is important to us as the Pastoral Council seeks to develop programs to meet the needs of our varied parishioners. Please be sure to take the census form.

Looking ahead, we are planning our annual *Lessons and Carols* for **Sunday, December 20th at 7 p.m.** Unless there are further restrictions, we hope to offer both in-person and live stream options for this beautiful celebration. Christmas eve “midnight” mass will be at 10 p.m. preceded by a half hour of Christmas carols this year. To maintain social distancing, we will simulcast the mass in the church (140 persons) and Hurtado Hall (110 persons). Tickets will be available on Eventbrite on a first come basis. The mass will also be live streamed. There will be a family mass preceded by a modified pageant at 4 p.m. with tickets available through Eventbrite (140 persons). **TICKETS FOR BOTH CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES WILL BE REQUIRED.** It is important that we maintain a safe environment for everyone.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



*MISA BILINGUE
BILINGUAL MASS*

December 11th 6:30pm

Celebrant: Fr. Tom Feely

Bring a rose for our lady

Trae una rosa para nuestra señora

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Tuesday, December 8th

Masses: 7:45am, 12:05pm & 6:30pm

HONDURAS PROJECT APPEAL

In this pandemic year, devastation returned to Honduras in the forms of Hurricanes Eta and Iota. The economic toll is incalculable and will provoke increased migration. Once again

- Homes were washed away by raging torrents
- Some rural communities remained isolated for weeks as rains continued
- Activities such as education and work were suspended for weeks
- With lack of shelters, many people spent days on bridges and in the middle of highways
- Scarcity of food and drinking water led to price-gouging and shortages



The Honduras Project's main focus is to provide modest scholarship stipends to secondary school students. Local groups select the students, administer the programs, and meet regularly to mentor students and develop leadership skills so they avoid the lure of gangs and drug dealers. A number of parishioners have helped some students to pursue advanced study. This year, education has been remote, with students needing both the technology and reliable electricity to participate.

During other Advent seasons we sold holiday cards to raise funds for the scholarship projects. We will not have a sale this year although we have a limited number of cards remaining which we can sell on an individual basis. We need your support more than ever to keep the scholarship projects going. Two ways you can contribute:

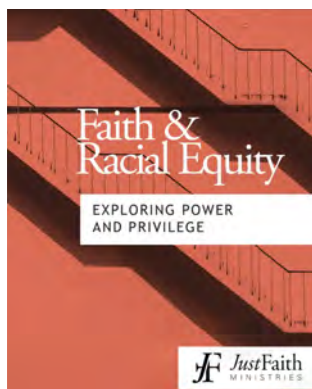
- In Faith Direct either do a one-time gift or make the Project part of your monthly giving program.
- Write a check payable to "Church of St Francis Xavier" with "Honduras project" on the memo line and place the check in the collection basket, or contact me at the address below.



We again thank you for your support. Conditions have not improved overall in Honduras unfortunately, but on an individual level, know that you are making a difference.

Brian Hotaling
BHotaling@gmail.com

THE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP at The Church of St Francis Xavier is a ministry focused on assisting people who seek help in the area of jobs, careers and professional roles, including both those who are looking for work as well as those who currently have jobs and want to change some aspect of their worklife. The advice and support we offered at our monthly meetings has ranged from job searches, resume reviews, crafting cover letters, networking and job search strategies. Prior to the pandemic shut down, our meetings included a speaker from the 2020 Census and several resume clinics. Early in 2020 our city and parish went into “shut down”, and we have all gone through an unprecedented time of chaos and strife. We had to limit our efforts to communications/ eblasts of information to all of our members. These emails are our outreach, and cover topics such as tips, leads and parish information. ESG continues to extend an open invitation to everyone, without regard to sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, color, religion, national origin or disability who wishes our help and support with anything related to employment and career development. We feel that it is a moral imperative and going forward we will be looking to incorporate elements of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion — referred to as DEI — which is taking center stage in the workplace -- to help our members reach their goals.



Faith and Racial Equity is an eight-week formation program for parishioners addressing racial injustice in our political and economic structures and offers practical action steps to work towards greater racial equity in our church and world.

Sessions will be:

Wednesday evenings

February 3 – March 24, 2021

6:30-8:30 pm

All Sessions will be held on Zoom

Co-Facilitators:

Robert Choiniere and Boreta Singleton

The program also includes an opening retreat, guest speakers and an immersion experience.

Opening Retreat will be held on

Saturday, January 30 from 10am – 2:30pm

For more info or to register: rchoiniere@sfxavier.org

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.

**THIS WEEKEND'S
MUSIC**



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18th Annual Christmas Wrapping Party
Saturday, December 12th 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 or (929) 333-5011 if you have any questions and/or comments. We look forward to seeing you there. Ho! Ho! Ho!

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>

Registrations are now open for Mass this weekend, December 5th and December 6th. 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 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.**

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 by **Dec. 11.**

THANKS!

Paul & Doug

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

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

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. AMBROSE:

Isa 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-262.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE

BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05PM: FLORA LIBAY (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38.

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF ADVENT:

Isa 40:25-31; Matt 11:28-30.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE

12:05PM: KATHRYN STESSMAN (D)

SECOND THURSDAY OF ADVENT: Isa 41:13-20; Matt 11:11-15.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE

12:05PM: KENNETH DETHOMAS (D)

FIRST FRIDAY OF ADVENT: Isa 29:17-24; Matt 9:27-31.

7:45AM: ROBERT T. MALISON (D)

12:05PM:RALPH CATALANO (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: Zech 2:14-17; Luke 1:26-38.

12:05PM: ERIK CHARLES CRUZ (L)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Isa 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.

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

XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLOTHING ROOM: 2nd & 4th Sundays, contact Ann Mary: xmClothingRoom@gmail.com

FOOD PROGRAMS: Every Sunday soup kitchen and 2nd Saturday food pantry, contact Christine: xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com

L-STEP: Spring and Fall semesters, contact J: xmLSTEP@gmail.com

SHELTER: Every night, contact Jim: xmShelter@gmail.com

Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room (offsite July & August), SFXWomen@aol.com (929) 333-5011.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

Contact Katherine Cleary, 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

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

GAY CATHOLICS: Men meet in a caring and affirming environment on the first and third Fridays, 7pm Mary Chapel. Contact 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. 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

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.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Marie Bannister, mariebannister1@gmail.com or Gerry Moss, 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

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

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact sanxnyc@gmail.com

XAVIER YOGA: Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Open to all levels. Contact 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@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.

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul schubertnyc@gmail.com