



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Feast of The Holy Family Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 27, 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);

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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.

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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

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: *John Mulreany, SJ*

5:00 pm Mass: *Thomas Feely, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Allocca, Lisa Armband, Ana Brewer,
Sheila Creasey, Ellen Diurova, Alesh DuCarma,
Kathleen Friel, Caleb Gocher, Gabriel Gutierrez,
Mary Korba, Geri Lisanti-Levi, Richie Levi, Jess Lilly,
Manny Lopez, Sylvia Michaels, Hector Moran,
Tim O'Connor, Michael Orza, Pilar Perez, Ray Ralph,
Dolores Roddy, Mary Saccoccio, Melanie Samoy-Lutz,
Anne Sheridan and Grace Springer, Phyllis Walsh

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

Carmen Alonso, Ana Ramona Bravo, Teresita Castillo,
Paul Marshall, 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

This week we come to an end of 2020. Pundits and commentators are at a loss for hyperboles to describe the year we have experienced. Each of us has to reflect on and pray over the year as we knew it.

Consider some points for our Examen over 2020. For each of the points, we ask: Where was God present in that moment? Did I recognize God then? Were there invitations and opportunities for me to respond to God's love and/or be an instrument of God's love for others? For the times I recognized God's presence and accepted the invitations, give thanks. For the times, I was oblivious to God's presence and invitations, ask forgiveness.

- What were my hopes, dreams and resolutions as the year began with only the vaguest hints of a "new flu" in China?
- As the pandemic swept through the world and we entered into lockdown in March, how were my priorities reordered?
- In the quest for safety and the run on masks and disinfectant, did I continue to be compassionate and concerned for others?
- How did I stay connected to God? To our parish community? To family and friends?
- Who, what and where were the blessings for me in the lockdown period?
- In late June and July, things opened up. We were able to reopen the church, restaurants and other businesses. We accepted the necessity of wearing masks.
- How did this "new normal" affect my life and spirit? Did I grow in appreciation of the gifts of ordinary people, places and things in my daily life?
- Again, how did I stay connected to God? To our parish community? To family and friends?
- Who, what and where were the blessings for me in the new normal period? Am I grateful for these blessings?
- In the late Spring, our country witnessed the brutal murder of George Floyd in police custody. The video of this horror mobilized people from all walks of life to join in protesting this injustice, call for police reform and assert that Black Lives Matter.
- As a parish, we doubled up on our ongoing efforts to become anti-racist. We held a prayer service, created a visual reminder of the victims of injustice, introduced our "Pledge for Racial Justice" at Sunday masses and initiated a number of programs to help us reflect, pray and act as an anti-racist community.
- Have I engaged in one or more activities to educate myself on the implicit and explicit biases in my life and experience? Have I grown more sensitive to the personal and systemic biases around me? Am I willing to take a stand against bias?
- Do I see in the parable of the Good Samaritan the invitation to engage and not to simply pass by?
- How did I stay connected to God? To our parish community? To family and friends?
- Who, what and where were the blessings for me in the racial turmoil period? How did I express my gratitude?
- The forest fire season started earlier and was more damaging than ever. The hurricane season recorded a record thirty storms. Experts report that this was the hottest year since records have been kept.
- How have I become sensitive to the needs of the environment? Have I taken steps to lessen my carbon footprint this year?
- In the course of all of this we have had a very divisive election cycle. On the positive side, a record number of eligible voters came out to exercise their duty. On the negative side, there is still acrimony and even denial at the outcomes.
- How have I negotiated my way through the rhetoric to the issues and the qualities of the candidates on the ballot for various offices? Have I let my faith guide me to choosing candidates who best reflected the values we profess? Having made an informed decision, am I at peace with it?
- How did I stay connected to God? To our parish community? To family and friends?
- Who, what and where were the blessings for me in these periods? For what am I grateful?
- As the virus surged in the Fall, we had to face the reality of restrictions for Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. How did these changes in our time-honored traditions affect my life and spirit? Did I grow in compassion for the needs of those with fewer resources than I have?
- Again, how did I stay connected to God? To our parish community? To family and friends?
- How did I experience God's presence at different times of the year?
- Who, what and where were the blessings for me throughout the year? For what am I grateful?

Despite all that 2020 has thrown at us, we have endeavored to support one another and reach out to others as a community of faith, a community of welcome and compassion. Let us come away from our Examen with a heightened awareness of God's loving presence in our daily lives and let our New Year's Resolutions include efforts to bring greater healing and reconciliation into our parish, our neighborhood, our city and our world.

Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Mark your calendars for two Zoom prayer services sponsored by the Racial Justice Ministry:

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF THE CORONAVIRUS

A Zoom Prayer Service on the Feast of the Holy Innocents

December 28th at 7:00pm

<https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/91827809511?pwd=ODgzZlZjQ0NIRDE2NklJc0xZSUdiUT09>

Meeting ID: 918 2780 9511 Passcode: 691932 or call 646-558-8656

REFLECTING ON THE YEAR THAT WAS AND LOOKING FORWARD WITH HOPE

A Zoom Prayer Service on New Year's Eve

December 31st at 7:00pm

<https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/98945578117?pwd=b0lvcERRakNyMUZTOTZwcXRyNG1BZz09>

Meeting ID: 989 4557 8117 Passcode: 772203 or call 646-558-8656

THIS WEEKEND'S MUSIC



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CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, January 8th 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

“...a time to be born and a time to die ... a time to kill and a time to heal ... a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing ... a time to be silent and a time to speak ... a time to love and a time to hate...” (Ecclesiastes 3, NIV). It’s a new year, a time for everything. Let’s get together and share the murmurings of our heart.

Contact SFXWomen@aol.com for the Zoom link.

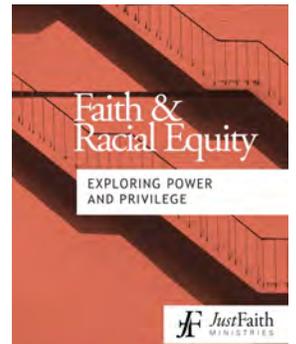
VIRTUAL MASS COMMUNITY

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>

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.



**Opening Retreat will be held on
Saturday, January 30 from 10am–2:30pm**

Co-Facilitators:

Robert Choiniere and Boreta Singleton

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

Sessions will be:

**Wednesday evenings
February 3 – March 24, 2021
6:30-8:30 pm**

All Sessions will be held on Zoom

For more info or to register:

rchoiniere@sfxavier.org

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH : Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3: 12-21; Luke 2:22-40.

MONDAY~FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS: 1 JOHN 1:5-2:2; Matt 2:13-18.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM CANDICE WETHERELL (D)

TUESDAY WITHIN THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE:
1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM CHARLES SMYLEY (D)

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

THURSDAY WITHIN THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18.

9:00AM: AVAILABLE

FRIDAY~OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD: Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.

SATURDAY~FEAST OF STS. BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN:
1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28.

12:05PM ANA ROMONA BRAVO (D)

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: Isa 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matt 2:1-12.

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