



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Feast of The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

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-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: James Miracky, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: John Mulreany, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

Guest Homilist: Deacon Ricardo Da Silva, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Allocca, Lisa Armband, Ana Brewer, Bill Brown, Sheila Creasey, Ellen Diurova, Alesh DuCarma, Ann Finn, 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, Marcy Parlow Pomerance, Pilar Perez, Ray Ralph, Dolores Roddy, Mary Saccoccio, Melanié Samoy-Lutz, Anne Sheridan, Grace Springer and Phyllis Walsh

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

Carmen Alonso, Ana Ramona Bravo, Teresita Castillo, Jeanne Grimaldi, Enrique Gonzalez III, Father Francis Laborde, Paul Marshall, Kenneth de Thomas, Serapio Muraira, Peter Naidu, Elizabeth Naidu, Augustine Naidu, Paul Vincent Naidu, Joseph Williams Naidu, 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

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this weekend we transition from our celebration of the Incarnation into Ordinary Time in the Church's year.

Although nothing has been ordinary in the last ten months, we turn our attention away from Christmas and settle into a new year. Despite a shaky rollout, the prospect of widespread vaccination offers hope of a life post-pandemic. Our personal and parish related efforts to work for racial justice and to protect the environment continue to challenge and direct our energies toward a better future.

In today's reading from the prophet Isaiah invite us to come to our God with our hunger and thirsts, to depend on God's mercy and goodness to satisfy our true needs. To do that we must seek our God and call on the God who is near. There is an urgency and a deep-seated trust in the message of Isaiah to a people returning from exile wondering what the next step is.

Like those Israelites, our year is new but our problems carry over: divisiveness, bias and exploitation continue to challenge us. Let us trust in God's word with the beautiful image from Isaiah: "just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth...so shall my word that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."

We celebrated the Word made flesh and dwelling among us. Now we strive to incarnate that Word through our actions for justice in ordinary time.

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>

**THIS WEEKEND'S
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The Pastoral Council invites you to participate in Xavier's

ANNUAL CENSUS

In an effort to better understand who makes up the Xavier community, the Pastoral Council is conducting its annual parish census. The census is a very simple survey about you and your household that takes only a few minutes to complete. We are providing several different ways to take the census; each household needs only to complete it once.

To complete the census at Mass, January 9 and 10:

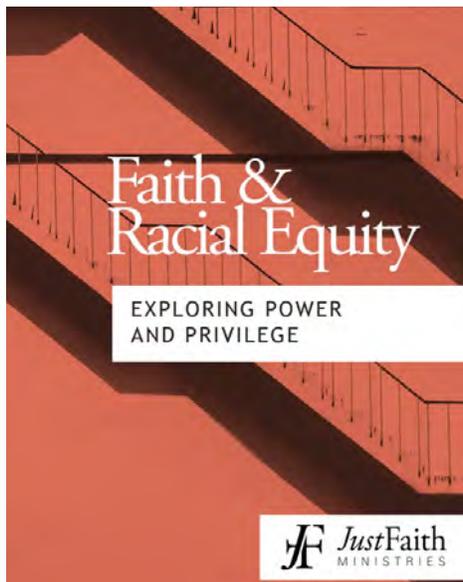
- During Mass, everyone attending in person will be asked to complete the census on their cellphones by scanning a QR code provided in the pews.
- There will also be paper copies of the census available with single-use pencils in the back of the Church after Mass.
- After Mass, Pastoral Council members will be on hand to assist with any questions you may have about in completing the census.
- Those attending the Sunday 11:30 am livestreamed Mass will be asked to complete the census using a link provided via YouTube.

To complete the census at home:

- You can complete the census at any time at home by scanning the QR code below with your phone, or by visiting this link with your web browser: is.gd/xaviercensus
- The QR code and a link to the census have also been included in the weekly “Upcoming Opportunities” email sent to all parishioners. Again, each household needs only complete the census once.



Thank you for your participation. The Pastoral Council will report the results of the census to the parish in early 2021.



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

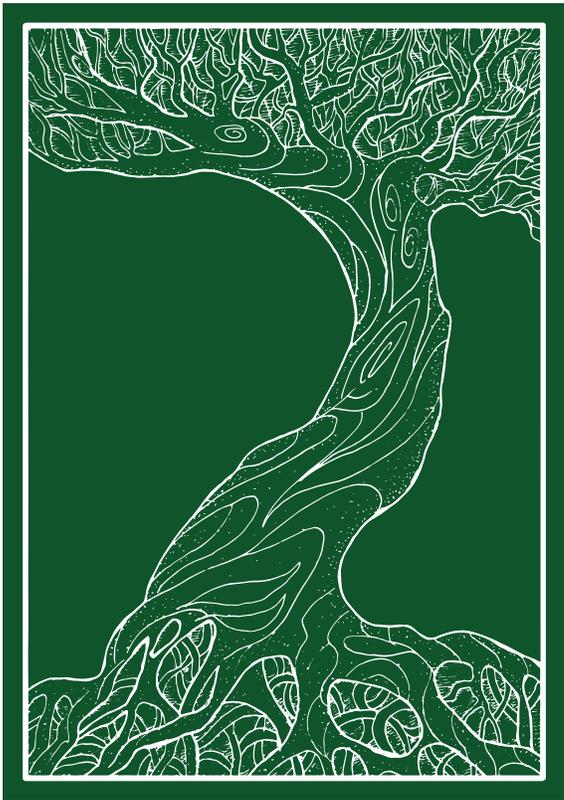
For more info or to register: rchoiniere@sfxavier.org

**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.

A MULTI-GENERATIONAL CONVERSATION ABOUT ELDERHOOD



... within each tribe elders are repositories of cultural and philosophical knowledge and are the transmitters of information,” including, “basic beliefs and teachings, encouraging...faith in the Great Spirit, the Creator”.¹

There was a time, but certainly not in the recent past, that elders were respected if not revered as the holder of community history, the memory of its rituals, and the consciousness for their sustainability.

We have, for the most part, lost not only the elders who both bear and pass their knowledge to younger generations, we have lost much of the substance of elderhood. Elderhood is a 4-week virtual program of conversation and learning at Xavier designed to foster understanding, appreciation and re-awakening of our elderhood.

The intention is to have participants develop greater awareness and understanding of elders and elderhood, recognize where elders exist in our communities and cultures today, and to have participants begin the developing and nurturing of elderhood wherever that may be.

The program will consist of facilitated readings, along with large- and small-group discussion.

Starting the week of January 24, 2021. For more information, contact Rick Raymond, Director, Xavier Lay Spirits at rickraymond@me.com, or call me at 646-594-5587

¹ Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Indian_elder

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Isa 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11.

FIRST MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
HEB 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM MARIANNE HUNT (D)

FIRST TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM FRANK KOVARICK (D)

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM MICHAEL NEUBERGER (D)

FIRST THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

FIRST FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Heb 4:1-5,
11; Mark 2:1-12.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

FIRST SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17.

12:05PM FRANCIS PUPPOLA (D)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42.

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](mailto:LM Diaz@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