



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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OFFICE CLOSED
Monday, February 15th

*One Mass will be celebrated at
9:00am in the Main Church.*

*SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Peter's Pence*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 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: *Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: *John Mulreany, SJ*

11:30 am Mass: *Thomas Feely, 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, Ana Brewer, Bill Brown,
Joe Chartier, Sheila Creasey, Katherine Crook,
Ellen Diurova, Ann Finn, Kathleen Friel,
Caleb Gocher, Allie Greenberg, Sung Kim, Mary
Korba, Ladgwan Kanjana Korn, 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, Sue Reise, Dolores Roddy, Mary Saccoccio,
Melanie Samoy-Lutz, Christine Scinaldi, Anne
Sheridan, Grace Springer and Phyllis Walsh

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

Ventura Batista, Kathleen Connolly,
Delia Ciervo Cosmiano, Alesh DuCarmo, Jeanne
Grimaldi, Enrique Gonzalez III, Gabriel Gutierrez,
Father Francis Laborde, Dave Martinidez,
and Magdalena Perrone

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 Luz Marina Diaz

A LENTEN JOURNEY OF PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

Luz Marina Diaz, PhD

The pandemic has changed our lives on every level, including how we experience the Rite of Christian Initiation. 14 people (candidates and catechumens) participate in RCIA, accompanied by a Xavier community sponsor. We meet every Sunday from 1pm to 3pm to pray and converse spiritually about Jesus and his teachings, the Bible, the sacraments, spirituality, doctrines of the Catholic Church, and the liturgy. If we weren't in a pandemic time, the RCIA would be visible at the 11:30 am Mass, all of us sitting together in the first pews of our Church. This is not possible at this time, so we attend Mass separately. Nor is it possible for us to celebrate the Rite of Election at St. Patrick's Cathedral on the first Sunday of Lent. Therefore, on Sunday, February 21, at 1:15 pm, Father Ken Boller, SJ, will celebrate the Rite of Election of Catechumens and Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates.

The Rite of Election and Call to continuous conversion is a sacred moment. "The Church makes her election and admission of those catechumens who have the dispositions that make them fit to take part ... in the sacraments of initiation" (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults [RCIA], 119). The catechumens write their names in the Book of the Elect. Additionally, those baptized Christians seeking to "complete their Christian formation and become fully integrated into the community" (RCIA, 410) will present themselves. Their "desire to have a place at the Eucharistic table of Christ" (RCIA, 454) will be officially recognized.

On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, we will celebrate at the 11:30 am Mass the "Scrutinies" for those who will receive the Sacrament of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Scrutinies are ancient rites deeply ingrained in human experience. Part of the scrutinies is the movement towards discovery by reflecting on special gospel readings: The story of the Samaritan woman (Jn 4: 5-42), The story of the man born blind (Jn 9: 1-41), and the Resurrection of Lazarus (Jn 11: 1-45). We enter into these narratives to encounter Jesus personally, savoring an affective communication with an effective orientation to the future, choosing within the mystery of God the best direction for our lives. This change of direction is called a conversion. Another part of the "Scrutinies" is the healing and strength coming from the Xavier community's prayers over the catechumens in their ongoing process of conversion.

The word "conversion" comes from the Greek word "metanoia." Conversion can be seen as a process of transforming who we are and the way we see the world. Our spiritual path is a continuous path of discernment and transformation. The word metanoia is also translated as "repent" and is found in biblical scriptures "Repent and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:14). We hear this phrase on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. In Lent, we are all called to deepen our prayers to discern the best direction for our lives as Christians. Catechumens and candidates are also called to deepen their prayers during Lent. This liturgical season coincides with the period of enlightenment and purification of the RCIA, the period of preparation before Easter vigil.

May God guide catechumens and candidates in the days and weeks ahead: strengthen them in their vocation, build them into the kingdom of God, and seal them with the Spirit of your promise!

ASH WEDNESDAY



FEBRUARY 17TH

**PLEASE RESERVE A SEAT VIA EVENTBRITE.
LINK LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE.**

Ash Wednesday Masses:
7:45am, 12:05pm, and 7:30pm

Ash Wednesday Services:
10:00am, 3:00pm, and 6:00pm



THANK YOU FROM HONDURAS

Many thanks to parishioners who responded to appeals for assistance to our neighbors in Honduras in the wake of the pandemic and the devastating floods in November. With your contributions we can continue our support for the education of some of the new generation of Hondurans. One of the community leaders, a woman named Zoila, recently wrote to express the thanks and appreciation of her group for Xavier's continued support. She reflected on the difficult year of 2020 (translated): *"...but even with all this we have many families who hope to one day get out of this mud and quagmire [to] where better life opportunities arise and with a creative youth who dedicate their energies to serve and not to commit crimes."*

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>



**SFX MASKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR
SALE. COST OF OUR MASKS
ARE \$12. SEE OUR FRONT DESK
ON 15TH STREET ENTRANCE.**

**THIS WEEKEND'S
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AN INVITATION TO A
**MULTI-PARISH LENTEN EXAMEN
FOR RACIAL JUSTICE**

For nearly 3 years, St. Francis Xavier has been participating in a multi-parish racial justice program with St. Charles Borromeo/Resurrection and St. Francis De Sales. As part of our work we are inviting members of our three communities to participate in a Lenten Racial Justice Examen that is based upon the sorrows of the Stations of the Cross. The five-week program includes a self-directed Examen and a weekly Zoom for all the participants to come together. At the beginning of Lent we will post the Examen materials, called “A Lenten Examen and Stations of the Cross to Recognize and Counter Racism”, in the bulletin and on the website. A paper version will be at the back of church. We look forward to praying together this Lent for the justice our community and world hungers for.

Questions can be directed to
cohwolfe@gmail.com or basingleton23@gmail.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



FEBRUARY 19TH
Stations of the Cross for Racial Justice

MARCH 5TH
Justice for All Women

MARCH 12TH
*The Crosses We Bear Together -
Light the Path, Lighten the Load*

APRIL 2ND
Good Friday Stations of the Cross

All offerings of Stations are on Friday evening at 6:30pm in the Main Church, with the exception of Good Friday, which is at 12:00 Noon in the Main Church.

Should you wish to pray Stations at other times, please go to the Parish's various social media sites for video recordings of Stations.

“Jesus, by Your Cross and Resurrection, You have set us free.”

Iglesia San Francisco Javier



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COMUNIDADES
HISPANAS
IGNACIANAS

Reunión de Comunidad No. 12

Todos Somos Iguales Ante los Ojos de Dios

Sábado, 20 de febrero

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Zoom

PARA PARTICIPAR
RSVP

LMDIAZ@SFXAVIER.ORG

SFX ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY *Lenten Offerings*

1) SFX'S CARBON FAST CALENDAR: SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com

Back by popular demand. This is our third year producing a daily Lenten calendar with inspirational quotes from Laudato Si' and other sources, and with practical actions one can take to go on a "carbon fast" to lessen one's CO2 footprint. Daily themes are Sustenance Sundays, Mindful Mondays, Turnaround Tuesdays, Wisdom Wednesdays, Thankful Thursdays, Footprint Fridays and Simple Saturdays. We thank Mary Jane Gocher who does the major work for this calendar. Please look on the www.SFXxavier.org website home page and scroll down to "Latest News" to find the calendar. It will also be on the Environment Ministry page.

2) GLOBAL CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT'S LENTEN PROGRAM: <https://laudatosilent.org/>

The Global Catholic Climate Movement, GCCM, is offering an online Lenten Program with weekly themes based on Laudato Si' followed by a week of concrete action suggestions. Weekly themes include consumerism, meat, electricity, plastic and advocacy. Overlaid on these themes are Reflection, Repentance, Renewal and Community.

JOURNEYING LENT TOGETHER

People are encouraged to participate in the GCCM Lenten program as a group; if you would like to be part of an online group on a weekly basis, starting Feb. 20 please email us by Feb. 15 at SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com. This may lead to the formation of an ongoing Laudato Si Circle, a monthly gathering for prayer and reflection.

SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL DATES DURING LENT:

Feb. 27: A Lenten Retreat with Global Catholic Climate Movement

March 11: Green Faith's Sacred People, Sacred Earth Day of Action

March 19: Fridays for Future Global Strike

March 22: World Water Day

March 27: Earth Hour

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45.

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. CLAUDE LA
COLOMBIERE: GEN 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13.

SIXTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21.

7:45AM MR. & MRS. XERRI (D)
12:05PM BILL CHIAVAROLI (D)

ASH WEDNESDAY:
Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Matt 6:1-6, 16-18.

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY:
Deut 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM ROBERT BAHOGLIA (D)

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY:
Isa 58:1-9a; Matt 9:14-15.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM RONALD JAMES PIERRO (D)

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY:
Isa 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32.

12:05PM FRANCIS KUNKEL (D)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: Gen 9:8-15;
1 Pet 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15.

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@](mailto: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