



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance*

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 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: *Thomas Feely, SJ*

Guest Homilist: *Deacon Ricardo da Silva, SJ*

11:30 am Mass: *John Mulreany, SJ*

5:00 pm Mass: *James Miracky, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Allocca, Sheila Creasey, Fr. Vic de Jesus, S.J.,
Heather Feola, Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes,
Ellen Grant, Leyda Grullon and Family, Jerry Hill,
Mary Korba, Mary Hannon, Patrick McCartney,
Diana Minor, Ralph Nicoletti, Tim O'Connor,
Michael Orza, Marcy Parlow Pomerance,
Marilyn Toneth Pazmino, Pilar Perez, Ray Ralph,
Dolores Roddy, Melanie Samoy-Lutz, Dick Schoeller,
Dorothy Shepherd, and Anne Sheridan

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

Patsy Butler, Georgianna O'Connor, Dolores Gettle,
Leon Herskowitz, Jay Olnak, Johnathan Maestre,
Louise Murphy, Carlito Rapada, Sue Reise,
Leonor Ripalda, Carlos Ruiz, Dolores Solhan,
Jessica Sonko, Grace Springer, and
Edward Hernaez Yuseco

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

The celebration of Earth Day this week is an annual occasion to take stock of the harm we have caused to the planet on which we live and our need to work for healing as a need in itself and as a necessary step toward the preservation of our future. It's fair to say that the planet has been wounded by our abuse of resources.

Our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles references woundedness in a different context. Chapter Three of Acts tells of an encounter between Peter and John and a person "crippled from birth." At the time of the apostles and, sadly, still the case in many parts of the world, persons with disabilities were looked down upon and abandoned. Many believed that disability was a punishment dealt to someone for sins they, or their parents, committed. Without the means to support themselves, they were dependent on begging as we learn from this story. In our story, paying attention to the beggar, they offer the best that they have: belief in Jesus Christ as Savior and healing and restoration into the community through Jesus' name. The spotlight shifts from the former beggar to the confrontation with the religious authorities. The beggar's story is untold.

Interestingly, in the account from Acts, it is the beggar who stops Peter and John to ask for alms. Perhaps they were going to walk by him unseen as many people with disabilities are treated. Begging for alms provoked a conversation with them and they realized that the Good News needed to be shared with the beggar as well.

I think the incident in Acts is an occasion to reflect on our own attitudes to persons with alternate abilities. Yes, not disabilities but alternate abilities. Our language often comes from the perspective of ableism in describing people with different abilities than those much of our society would consider "normal." The word "cripple" as translated in our story is demeaning. In the thirty years I worked with my friend, Rick Curry, S.J., in the National Theatre of the Handicapped, we encountered well-meaning people speaking slowly and in a raised voice to a person in a wheel chair as though they had intellectual and not physical disability. These students at the workshop were precisely there to develop their own voice to tell their story and let their personhood shine forth. They wanted to be looked at and regarded as fully human and fully worthy of God's love as we all are.

In a faith community which proudly proclaims, All are welcome, we need to be aware of our implicit biases not unlike the work for racial justice that we have undertaken over the past few years.

We have made great strides in our outreach to the LGBTQ+ community. Our recent prayer, discussions, readings and reflections on racism have increased our consciousness about implicit and systemic bias. The introduction of an American Sign Language interpreter at the 11:30 mass has helped those who are deaf and many with hearing loss. Yet we still struggle when we hold a meeting in person or by Zoom, even beyond closed captioning, to make it totally accessible and welcoming for people with different abilities. We are blessed to have prophetic voices in our midst from Abilities Xavier who call us to greater awareness and inclusion. We know that more needs to be done in this regard and we have enormous room to grow. I encourage our parish community to find ways of removing any bias, implicit or explicit, and to challenge us to grow as a welcoming community of faith to all who enter our doors. Then we can proclaim with full voice and conviction "All are welcome, indeed!"

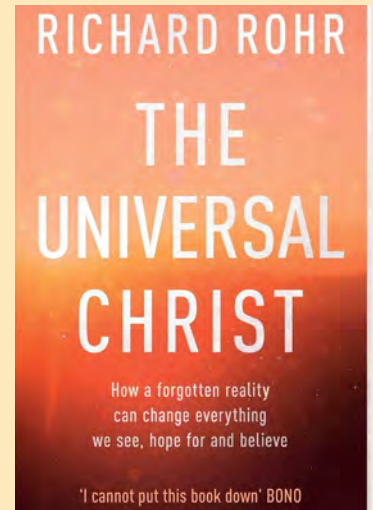
Peter proclaims that the beggar has been saved through the name of Jesus. Let us strive for greater wholeness of spirit in all we do.

Mid-Week Book Group Series:

Eight 1-hour Zoom sessions – Wednesdays at 11:00am
Join fellow parishioners for facilitated discussion and prayer

April 28
May 5
May 12
May 19
May 26
June 2
June 9
June 16

To Register or for more info contact:
Robert Choiniere – rchoiniere@sfxavier.org



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>

CONTEMPLATIVE LEADERS IN ACTION

(CLA) is now accepting applications for new cohorts forming in nine locations. If you are a young adult (20's and 30's) or you know someone who may be interested, I urge you to learn more. We have added some new and exciting features. Information about the CLA experience is available at

<https://www.contemplativeleaders.org/about-cla>

and information on how to apply visit

<https://www.contemplativeleaders.org/apply-1>

Sunday Collection YTD March 2021

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Current YTD	\$ 500,047	\$ 449,169	\$ 50,878
Previous Year YTD	\$ 500,975	\$ 469,583	\$ 31,392
Var vs Prev Year	\$ (928)		

Sunday Collection By Source

	Actual	% of Collection
Faith Direct	\$327,162	64.3%
Collection Basket	\$139,898	28.1%
Venmo	\$32,987	7.5%

Do you - or someone you know - need help booking your COVID-19 vaccine appointment?

Xavier Vaccine Ministry

Fill out the Help Request Form, and one of our volunteers will follow up to help book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment for you.

For more information, contact us at vaccineministry@sfxavier.org



VACCINE MINISTRY: If you need help getting a Covid-19 vaccine appointment, you can either fill out the Help Request Form at bit.ly/xaviervaccinehelp, call us at (646) 598-6216 or email your name and contact information to vaccineministry@sfxavier.org

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE ON THE XAVIER PASTORAL COUNCIL?

The Pastoral Council seeks three new members to join us beginning in September 2021. All members of the parish community are encouraged to prayerfully consider—in Ignatian language, to discern—whether this might be the time to offer their gifts as a servant leader. Serving in an advisory role to the pastor, the Council collaborates with the Xavier community to set parish goals and develop objectives; empowers parishioners to implement pastoral plans; and oversees and evaluates them in light of fulfillment of the parish mission.

Pastoral Council members commit to a three-year term of service. At the conclusion of this term, they may serve a subsequent three-year term if they choose to do so. To be eligible, you must be a registered member of the parish for at least two years and at least 20 years old. Additional information is available in the Pastoral Council's Guidelines for Leadership found at www.sfxavier.org. Questions may be directed to any Council member or to pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org.

An optional information session for those interested in learning more about service on the Council will be held this **Sunday, April 25 at 7pm** via Zoom. Zoom Link can be found on our website at www.sfxavier.org. New Council members will be chosen over two parish-wide meetings to be held via Zoom on Sunday May 2 and Sunday May 16, both at 7 pm. Attendance at both meetings in May is required to either discern as a potential new Council member or to participate in the selection process of choosing new Council members.

“For my five years on the Pastoral Council as a steward of the parish, the breadth and depth of our individual and communal ‘yes’ to God’s call has been a source of inspiration, encouragement and hope.”

- Catherine Wolfe, member since 2016

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, May 14th, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

“The Gospel of Mary Magdalene”

by Dr. Ewelina Frackowiak

Throughout the history of Christianity, Mary Magdalene is probably the most minimized and devalued disciple of Jesus besides Judas. We will compare the most popular views of Mary with the one presented in the Gospel written under her name: “the Gospel of Mary Magdalene.” What do we, contemporary Christians, feel toward the saint who asked Jesus with what eyes she is able to behold the Resurrection? Contact SFXWomen@aol.com for the Zoom link.

THIS WEEKEND'S MUSIC



Scriptures & Announced Masses

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: *Acts 4:8-12;*
1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10.

7:45AM JUANA RIVAS (D)
12:05PM LEONARD LEPISKO (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. PETER CANISIUS:
Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM ANA FALCON (D)

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER: *Acts 12:24-13:5a;*
John 12:44-50.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM PETER LUISI

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA:
Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20.

7:45AM
12:05PM CESAR MENDOZA (D)

FOURTH FRIDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6;

7:45AM
12:05PM MARY VINING HORAN (D)

FOURTH SATURDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14.

12:05PM JAMES MORRIS (D)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: *Acts 9:26-31;*
1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8.

*You may reserve an available Mass for your intentions
by contacting the parish office at 212-627-2100.*

XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLOTHING ROOM: 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)
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.
nlgny.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@](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)
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 and Fridays at 7pm.
Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul
schubertnyc@gmail.com