



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 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

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur: 10:00am to 4:00pm Fri: 10:00am-1:00pm

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: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Allocca, Lisa Armband, William Byers, Charlie Cole, Tom Collins, Sheila Creasey, Fr. Vic de Jesus, S.J., Heather Feola, Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes, James Gallagher, Ellen Grant, Leyda Grullon and Family, Justin Herrmann, Jerry Hill, Jane Jacobus, Mary Korba, Mary Mastrogiovanni, Patrick McCartney, Diana Minor, Ralph Nicoletti, Ryan Nieves, Tim O'Connor, Michael Orza, Marcy Parlow Pomerance, Marilyn Toneth Pazmino, Pilar Perez, Patricia Precobb, Ray Ralph, Marie Saccoccio, Melanie Samoy-Lutz, Dick Schoeller, Brigid Scott, Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan, and Br. Philip Zeller

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

John Albanese, Rogelio Aspirin, Marc Bayford, Mary Bellavia, Norm Bowsher, Doris Mary Caravaglia, Mickey Flood, Dr. Deborah Hoyle, Jack O'Donnell, Amora Ollivierre, Georgia Papageorgiou, Stephen Poutier and Lazarus Rosa

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.

*A member of It Was the Women Who Stayed has written this reflection.
It was written by Marylee Raymond Diamond.*

My name is Mary (you probably think my last name is Magdalene – it's not). I come from a fishing city on the bank of the Sea of Galilee we called Magdala. But that's not how I got my name -- "Magdalene" was Jesus's term of endearment for me. He loved nicknames – he called Simon Peter "the Rock" and he called me 'Mary the Magdalene – from Magdala'. Did I mention that Migdal means "The Tower" or "Tower of Strength"?

Mine is a story that has been romanticized and mythologized beyond recognition. Let me tell you about myself -- I am an apostle of Jesus, the Christ. I was commissioned by Jesus to proclaim the Resurrection in his name, in the first person. I am a trusted witness and faith leader of the Gospel.

What I am not -- I am not a prostitute, nor a public sinner. I have suffered from mistaken identity, portrayed as the epitome of sensuality. I am neither a Madonna nor a whore. I am not the Mary of Jesus Christ Superstar. And, I am not Dan Brown's wife of Jesus in the Da Vinci Code.

What I am – I am an apostle of Jesus's Gospel message.

Who does the bible say I am? The Gospel writers sometimes used women's names (that's how you know me) – but usually they just called the female disciples "the women who came up from Galilee and ministered to and with Jesus."

In the bible, I am a wounded woman, plagued by 'demons', healed by Jesus. I left my home and changed my life to follow Jesus of Nazareth. I stayed at the foot of the cross. I went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. I saw the empty tomb and I saw the risen Jesus. He told me to tell the others. And I did.

While many have tried to manipulate my story to delegitimize my standing as a reliable witness, the Gospel says that I was commissioned by Jesus to deliver the news of his resurrection to the community.

Why did I disappear from history? Well, women of Palestine had few rights – we were not accepted as witnesses in Jewish law and were not able to hold official religious or leadership roles. After Constantine made Christianity legal in the Roman empire, Roman social codes of conduct gradually changed the church – women's leadership in public places (outside of the home) declined and was eventually prohibited.

Pope Gregory the First tried to characterize me as a repentant prostitute. In his mansplaining and dismissal, he tried to rewrite me in Church history. Male church leaders conflated my story with other biblical Marys (and even some unnamed women). Renaissance artists portray me as a bare breasted reformed harlot.

Even a US Cardinal tried to sully my reputation when he said that I was not a "paragon of virtue for a chunk of her life". It is a sad commentary on the church today that the myth of my 'sinfulness' has to be debunked over and over.

Yet, the Church has begun to know me -- in 2016, the Vatican declared July 22 my feast day.

I am Jesus' disciple, his apostle. My story is one of witness,

- to proclaim Jesus's resurrection,
- to announce that we too are Easter people –
- female and male,
 - o God created us,
 - o loves us, and
 - o wants each of us to experience, live, and proclaim the message of Good News.

Jesus was fine with women preaching and relied on a woman for his most important message --his Resurrection.

Today I ask my church – can you hear me? Are you listening to women's voices who join with mine in proclaiming the Gospel?



The Xavier Youth Ministry (XYM) strives to provide genuine spiritual accompaniment to young people in their journey of faith, particularly after receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. XYM guides young people in considering their own talents to serve God in the most vulnerable, through prayer, community services and social activities, while building relationships of friendship.

For the 2021-2022 academic year, XYM is seeking adult volunteers to help out with various aspects of this ministry, such as organizing liturgical services, prayer exercises, community services, social activities, designing a new website, and chaperoning. These roles vary in the degree of involvement they require, from a few hours during certain events to continuous support throughout the year. If you are interested to know more or if you would like to help and don't know how, contact Pablo Jimenez (youthministry@sfxavier.org).

Applications are now being accepted for the Spiritual Director Formation Program. The 18-month parish-based formation program is open to anyone who has completed the 19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises and feels called to become a spiritual director. The program will begin in January 2022.

More information and the application can be found on the parish website. For more information contact: Robert Choiniere - rchoiniere@sfxavier.org

COMING THIS FALL ON ZOOM!!

Do you want to learn how to advocate for racial justice within your family, church and community? Presented through the lens of the Christian faith, Faith and Racial Justice: Changing Systems and Structures gives you the tools needed to address racism at a systemic level. In this eight-session program by JustFaith Ministries, participants learn about key obstacles to racial justice that are embedded within our institutions, systems, and structures. They then develop tools to mobilize people and resources to dismantle those obstacles. This is part two of our last Just Faith Racial Equity program. Participation in the prior program is not required to participate in this program.

ZOOM SESSIONS:

Wednesday evenings

September 15-November 3

6:30pm-8:30pm

(Opening Zoom Retreat:

Saturday, Sept 11, 10:00am-2:00pm)

For more information or to register contact Robert Choiniere at rchoiniere@sfxavier.org

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, August 13th 6:00pm-9:00pm

Online via Zoom

#StopAsianHate Natasha Avenis says, "I don't have it organized yet because it's such a broad topic, but it's pretty much an overview of anti-Asian discrimination."

Contact SFXWomen@aol.com for the Zoom link.

**THIS
WEEKEND'S
MUSIC**



Scan me

3rd Quarter Stewardship News

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes in today's gospel reading carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant! We should ask ourselves — "how am I giving God my time, using my talents, and sharing my treasures?"

We want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support Xavier throughout the year. As we reopen the church and resume public masses and ministry programs, we still rely on your generous support in the Sunday collection and Maintenance 2nd Collection to pay our normal operating expenses such as staff salaries, utilities, maintenance, and office expenses in addition to the additional expenses of live streaming masses and deep cleaning of the church between each mass.

We also will spend \$1.3 million in capital expenditures over the next 15 months to complete the roofing and other exterior repairs at our 17th Street property, repair and refurbish our elevator at the 15th St. entrance of the church, refurbish the bathrooms in Hurtado Hall, and fund new art installations in the church. Although our rental income and cash reserves will be the primary source to fund these projects, we need your continued support to cover our operating expenses thereby allowing us to direct more of the rental income to these capital improvements.

3rd Quarter Financial Results

We are pleased to report that we are currently operating at a \$310,807 surplus compared to a budgeted surplus of \$91,614 for the first nine months of this fiscal year ending May 31, 2020. The favorable results are due to higher income and lower expenses. Higher income included Donations & Bequests (\$110,000 above budget), Sunday Collection (\$49,000 above budget) and the Christmas and Easter Collections (\$16,000 above budget). These results do not include \$480,864 used to fund our capital projects.

First Nine Months Revenues and Expenses Ending May 31st

	This Year			Last Year
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual
Support	\$ 2,145,608	\$ 1,990,662	\$ 154,945	\$ 2,255,725
Expenses	\$ 1,834,801	\$ 1,898,048	\$ (63,248)	\$ 1,980,655
Net Support Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 310,807	\$ 92,614		\$ 275,070

Does Not Include \$480,864 in capital expenditures

Sunday Collection Fiscal Year to Date: Sept 2020-June 2021			
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Current YTD	\$ 694,561	\$ 641,670	\$ 52,891
Previous Year YTD	\$ 738,274	\$ 670,832	\$ 67,442
Var vs Prev Year	\$ (43,713)		
Sunday Collection By Source			
	Actual	% of Collection	
Faith Direct	\$459,256	66.1%	
Collection Basket	\$191,809	27.6%	
Venmo	\$43,496	6.3%	

E-Giving Options to Support Xavier Wherever You Are

Our three e-giving options: Faith Direct, Venmo, and Text to Give provide an environmentally friendly, convenient, no cost and secure way to support the parish even if you absent from Mass for any reason. It helps us bring consistency to our cash flow and reduces the time it takes our staff to count and report cash. For more information click on the Donate Now button on the Homepage of our parish website. We hope you will set aside a few minutes today to enroll in one of these options.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ART PROJECT - A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Late last Summer we asked for volunteers to form a Committee to address and rectify the lack of diversity of the artwork here at Xavier.

Nine dedicated parishioners volunteered and along with four Pastoral Council members and Fr. Boller we set out to accomplish that goal.

We settled on approximately 20 artists and sent them solicitations. Fourteen responded positively, and submitted some wonderful ideas. We selected four finalists and had Zoom meetings with all of them.

The project will take place in stages, and the first artist we have commissioned is Patricia Brintle <https://www.patriciabrintle.com/>

Her proposal is to paint 12 separate Saints/Blesseds of various ethnicities on birchwood panels. The current plan is to place them in the recessed marble panels between the Stations of the Cross. Alternatively, they can be installed in the same recessed marble panels in the back of the Church and near the Sacred Heart and Boys Saints Altars.

To the right is a preliminary look at Native American St. Kateri Tekawitha

Other proposed Saints/Blesseds to be included are:

St. Josephine Bakhita - Sudanese Italian
St. Charles Lwanga & Companions - Uganda
Blessed Augustus Tolton - first African American Catholic priest
St Oscar Romero - El Salvador
St Alberto Hurtado - Chile
St Maria Natividad Venegas de la Torre - Mexico
St Lorenzo Ruiz - Philippines
St Andrew Kim Taegon - Korea
Chinese Martyrs
Vietnamese Martyrs or St Andrew Dung Lac and companions
St Paul Miki- Japan
Blessed Pierre Touissant
Blessed Mother Mary Lange



The hope is to have most of these completed and installed by All Saints Day

We look forward to your comments and suggestions. Please send your responses to pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org. We also invite you to join us on a Zoom call on August 17 at 6:30PM if you'd like to know more. Zoom Link: <https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/91268334033?pwd=cmxrVWtsZWgyNkhsa3ZIM3BjVEM5QT09>

Thank you.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Kings 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; John 6:1-15.

MONDAY~MEMORIAL OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35.

7:45AM LEO & ANTIONETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:00PM LUCY BOLINAO (D)

SEVENTEENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43.

7:45AM
12:05PM THOSE DEAD OF COVID BURIED AT HART ISLAND (D)

SEVENTEENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46.

7:45AM
12:05PM DR. EVANGELINE GATMAITAN (D)

THURSDAY~MEMORIAL OF SAINTS MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38;
Jn 11:19-27.

7:45AM
12:05PM MARTIN DOLAN (D)

SEVENTEENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Jn 11:19-27; Mt 13:54-58.

7:45AM
12:05PM NANCY GORRA (D)

SATURDAY~ MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

12:05PM PHILIP KNIEJSKI (D)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35.

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 Pablo Jimenez at youthministry@sfxavier.org.

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