



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit Pastoral Solidarity Fund

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 8, 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](http://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](mailto: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: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Allocca, Lisa Armband, William Byers,  
Robert & Dolores Castle, Charlie Cole, Sheila Creasey,  
Fr. Vic de Jesus, S.J., Heather Feola, Kathleen Friel,  
Susan Forbes, James Gallagher, Ellen Grant, Leyda Grullon  
and Family, Bernard Fitzsimmons, Sr., Justin Herrmann,  
Jerry Hill, Jane Jacobus, Mary Korba, Mary Mastrogiovanni,  
Patrick McCartney, Adolph Mills, Cecille Mills,  
Diana Minor, Amelia Mullings, 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:

Thomas J. Ahif, Georgia Papageorgiou and Shirley Sabin

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*

With the first full week of August behind us, folks in our area begin to look ahead to the Fall. Our “summer of freedom” has been better than last summer in many ways and yet, filled with uncertainty and mixed signals as the Delta variant of Covid upends our sense of having gotten beyond the virus. Even as we take precautions and hope and pray for more widespread vaccination rates, we are making plans for September and the resumption of various ministries.

We will continue to follow all of the appropriate protocols implemented by civil authorities and public health specialists to ensure that everything is as safe as possible. While I hope to have more and more in-person opportunities, our friend Zoom will be with us for a while longer. We should not yield to discouragement. The prophet Elijah, in our reading from the Book of Kings today, is exhausted on his journey and asks to die. God provides rest, food and water and Elijah proceeds to get up and walk for forty days and nights to the holy mountain. We’re neither as exhausted as Elijah was nor challenged to make the same rigorous journey, but we are called to trust in God’s providence to sustain us on our own journey.

I just finished a biography of Lady Bird Johnson, *Lady Bird Johnson, Hiding in Plain Sight*. I came to appreciate that, in the midst of the conflicts over the Vietnam War, Lady Bird worked tirelessly on environmental issues and making cities more livable with greater access to parks and public green spaces. She also promoted the expansion of the national park system. Many of the initiatives she promoted led to the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency. While we can agree that we have moved too slowly and in fits and starts over these last fifty years, we can also appreciate how the drive and passion of committed leaders can help address the neglect of decades of waste.

Environment issues and climate change are critically in the forefront of our consciousness these days. We need to work hard but we are not the first ones to try.

Let us move forward with all of our ministries with dedication and courage, trusting in God’s providence.

## **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>



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](mailto:youthministry@sfxavier.org)).

## IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY INFORMATION SESSIONS 2021-22



*Grant me, O Lord, to see everything now with new eyes,  
to discern and test the spirits  
that help me read the signs of the  
times...*

-Pedro Arrupe, SJ

ISEL invites you to attend an information session to learn what is happening this year in Ignatian Spirituality at Xavier

- Spiritual Direction
- The Spiritual Exercises: 19<sup>th</sup> Annotation
- Advent Retreat
- Meeting Christ in Prayer Retreat
- Lenten Retreat
- Stations of the Light
- Applications and Interviews Sessions

**Sunday, September 19 at 1:30pm in the Church**

*No registration needed*

**Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30pm on Zoom**

To register please contact [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com) by Friday, September 10, 2021

*Sponsored by ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)*

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS**  
**Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) for the Zoom link.

**THIS  
WEEKEND'S  
MUSIC**



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](mailto:rchoiniere@sfxavier.org)



Register  
Today!

## Our Program Offers

- Children Liturgy of the Word
- Catechetical sessions
- Adult sessions
- Parenting sessions
- Altar Servers
- Family Faith Choir
- Sacramental Preparation
- Interministerial activities
- Community services



<https://www.xavierfamilyfaith.org/>  
Luz Marina Diaz      lmdiaz@sfxavier.org  
212-627-2100

# 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 Toussaint*

*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](mailto: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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
1 Kings 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51.

NINETEENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
DEUT 10:12-22; Matt 17:22-27.

7:45AM LEO & ANTIONETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:00PM GLORIA PALCIO (L)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE:  
2 Cor 9:6-10; John 12:24-26.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. CLARE:  
Deut 34:1-12; Matt 18:15-20.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM EILEEN DAMIS (D)

NINETEENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Josh 3:7-10A, 11, 13-17; Matt 18:21-19:1.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM AVAILABLE

NINETEENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Josh  
24:1-13; Matt 19:3-12.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM AVAILABLE

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE:  
Josh 24:14-29; Matt 19:13-15.  
12:05PM LINDA STETSON (D)

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:  
Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27a;  
Luke 1:39-56.

YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS  
BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.

## Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact [abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com](mailto:abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com)

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room (offsite July & August), [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) (929) 333-5011.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:  
Contact Katherine Cleary, [kcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto:kcoff5th@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](mailto: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: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](mailto: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 [nlgnyyc@gmail.com](mailto:nlgnyyc@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](mailto: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](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Marie Bannister, [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com) or Gerry Moss, [gerrymoss@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com)

XAVIER ADULT GROUP: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com)

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact [sanxnyyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyyc@gmail.com)

XAVIER YOGA: Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Open to all levels.

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](mailto: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](mailto:youthministry@sfxavier.org).

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

### XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLOTHING ROOM: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, contact Ann Mary: [xmClothingRoom@gmail.com](mailto:xmClothingRoom@gmail.com)

FOOD PROGRAMS: Every Sunday soup kitchen and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday food pantry, contact Christine: [xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com](mailto:xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com)

L-STEP: Spring and Fall semesters, contact J: [xmlSTEP@gmail.com](mailto:xmlSTEP@gmail.com)

SHELTER: Every night, contact Jim: [xmShelter@gmail.com](mailto:xmShelter@gmail.com)