



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit Haiti relief

*Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 29, 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

Patrick Egan (Chair); John Karle (Secretary)

Kristen Beckles; Cara Caponi; Belinda Conway;

Joel Dabu; Karen DeMasi; Andrea Foley-Murphy;

Michelle Jung; Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe;

[PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto:PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org)

## 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: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Rose Allocca, Petrona Anorve, Lisa Armband,  
Pat Brennan, 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., Cassandra Henderson,  
Justin Herrmann, Jerry Hill, Jane Jacobus, Hie-Joon Kim,  
Mary Korba, Rosemarie McGrath, Adolph Mills, Cecille Mills,  
Diana Minor, Amelia Mullings, Ralph Nicoletti, Ryan Nieves,  
Michael Orza, Enrique Passarge, 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, Asher Tung,  
Amelia and Danny Webb, Susan Weems, Br. Philip Zeller and  
Christine Zotti*

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

*Thomas J. Ahif, Dolores Butler, Eulogio Capunitan Jr.,  
William (Vilya) Kopp, Mary Mastrogiovanni,  
Bernie O'Neill, Hector Ruiz 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.



## SEASON OF CREATION

The recent headlines have been strange: Rain bombs. Heat domes. Rain at Greenland's summit. (as opposed to snow). Artic heat of 100 degrees.

Flooding in Germany, China, and the recent flash flood in Tennessee, have almost let us forget the dry conditions that have contributed to catastrophic forest fires still burning in Greece, Turkey, and the West Coast of Canada and the U.S. and the decline of the Colorado River water system.

Our planet is heating up. Both the headlines and science tell us that. The U.N. scientific panel, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, IPCC, just released another alarming report.

"Climate chaos" is a term that has been used often. Now it's "climate emergency".

Our headline for this week is that on Sept. 1, thousands of Catholics and other Christians around the world will join together for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and start the month-long Season of Creation for prayer and action.

This year's theme for the Season of Creation is "A Home for All? Renewing the oikos of God."

During this month, we can ask ourselves: Why is that question mark there? Who is being left out of the oikos (home) of God? Are they being excluded and not welcomed? What policies do we have for mitigation and resiliency for facing the impacts of climate change? For emergencies? Are resources equitably distributed? Will some suffer more than others? Do we care? What about the plant life and the animals that are also God's loving creation? We're not escaping to outer space, but do we have our own way of escaping from facing the reality of climate change?

Let's ask ourselves during this month: What can we do to renew our common home, the oikos of God? What can we do with our families, our parish, our city and nation - and even the world - to participate in God's creation process by protecting God's home and making it a flourishing and welcoming place for all.

**In solidarity with the people of Haiti, struggling to recover from the double punch of the earthquake and the tropical storm, there will be a second collection this weekend. The proceeds will go to the Jesuits on the ground in Haiti. We will match whatever is collected.**

**LAY SPIRITS:** A program beginning in September for developing a deeper relationship with the Divine and learning how to discern God's will in our lives and bringing these fruits out into the world. The group will meet via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7 PM. Applications are now being accepted.

**CONTACT: [LaySpiritsX@gmail.com](mailto:LaySpiritsX@gmail.com)**

To everyone who attended the Discerning Deacons meeting at Xavier in July, thank you. And to anyone who expressed an interest in this endeavor, thank you. An online prayer service is being planned by the Discerning Deacons organization for the Feast of St. Phoebe for the evening of **Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Below is the link to RSVP which will then give you the zoom link. Folks from all over the country will be on this zoom and the hope is that the number on zoom will be into the thousands. All the comments received at the meeting on July 11th were given over to the planners at the meeting of the hosts and are part of the final document that is in the works which will be presented to the new Vatican Commission in the fall.

**RSVP through this link:**

**<https://discerningdeacons.org/feast-of-st-phoebe-2021/>**



*“Youth Ministry is the response of the Christian community to the needs of young people, and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community.”*

For the 2021-2022 academic year, Xavier Youth Ministry (XYM) is seeking adult volunteers to help out with various aspects of this ministry, particularly:

- Faith growth companions, who will provide doctrinal, spiritual and liturgical guidance to the youth, walking together on the path to Emmaus, as disciples of Jesus.
- Community services organizers, who will help the youth embrace the Church’s preferential option for the poor, effectively materializing their living faith.
- Social events organizers, who will facilitate social activities where friendship can flourish while having fun and learning.
- Website designer, who will guide XYM in the best ways to share our love for Christ and the world on the internet.

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)).

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS**  
**Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 p.m.--8:00 p.m.**  
**Online via Zoom**

Take two! We’ve waited a year-and-a-half, and now Ann F. is going to do a slice of her one-woman show, *The Cross, The Sword, The Gun: Live Life Up*. “Bring your handkerchiefs because there will be tears,” says Ann, “and bring an open heart because there will be laughter.” For more information, contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com).

## 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**

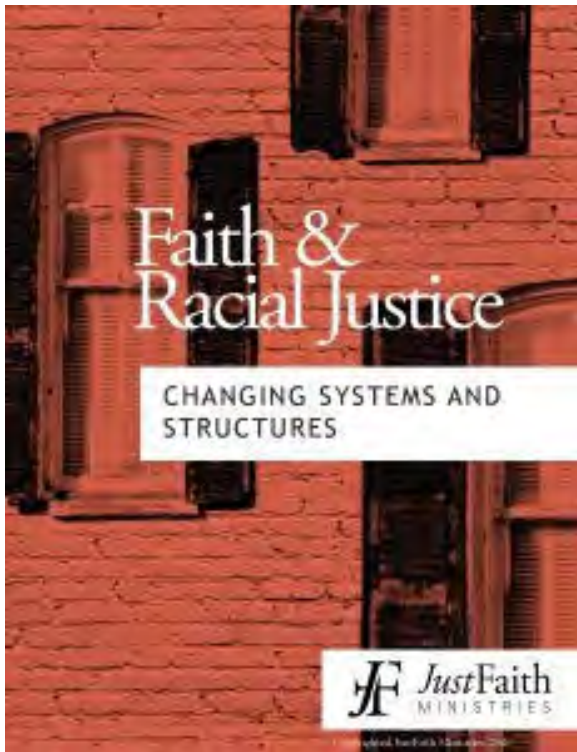
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**Returning to Xavier:**  
**ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS**  
**Saturday, October 2, 2021 10:30 am.**

**THIS  
WEEKEND’S  
MUSIC**



# COMING THIS FALL ON ZOOM!!



**ZOOM SESSIONS:**  
*Wednesday evenings*  
*September 15<sup>th</sup>-November 3<sup>rd</sup>*  
*6:30pm-8:30pm*

*(Opening Zoom Retreat:  
Saturday, Sept 11, 10:00am-2:00pm)*

*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.*

For more information or to register contact  
**Robert Choiniere** at [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    [Imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:Imdiaz@sfxavier.org)  
212-627-2100

## CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

### RCIA

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

# 2021-2022

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for:

Anyone who has never been baptized.

Anyone who has been baptized into another Christian faith and would like to convert to the Roman Catholic faith.

Anyone who was baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

Any Catholic who has received all the sacraments but would like to deepen his or her faith by attending the RCIA sessions.

For more information contact Luz Marina Diaz  
[Imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:Imdiaz@sfxavier.org)

Register at:  
<https://form.jotform.com/21146349174150>

## GAY CATHOLICS “WELCOME HOME”

September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
in the Mary Chapel

We have longed to be together for over a year and are happy to announce that the men's group will meet for the first time in person on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

We will use the evening to catch-up and discuss plans for the coming year.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [sfxgcgroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgcgroup@gmail.com)

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## 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>

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8,  
14-15, 21-23.

TWENTY SECOND MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
1 THESS 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:00PM AVAILABLE

TWENTY SECOND TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM AVAILABLE

TWENTY SECOND WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME: Col 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM ROSS AND MARY J. JOSEPH MITTIGA  
(D)

TWENTY SECOND THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
COL 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM AVAILABLE

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT:  
Col 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM IDA ARAGONA (D)

TWENTY SECOND SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
COL 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5.

12:05PM AVAILABLE

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Isa 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37.

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

### 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)

## 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, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](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: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](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 [nlgny@gmail.  
com](mailto: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](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 [xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.  
com](mailto:xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com)

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