



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3, 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

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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;

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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 7:00pm Fri: 10:00am-7:00pm

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: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Allocca, Petrona Anorve, Lisa Armband, William Byers, Robert & Dolores Castle, Charlie Cole, Sheila Creasey, Fr. Vic de Jesus, S.J., Sr. Olga Diaz, Moira Egan, Heather Feola, Stacy Fitzsimmons, Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes, James Gallagher, Ellen Grant, Leyda Grullon and Family, Bernard Fitzsimmons, Sr., Cassandra Henderson, Justin Herrmann, Jerry Hill, Jane Jacobus, Tim Kennon, Hie-Joon Kim, Rose King Lopez, Rosemarie McGrath, Adolph Mills, Cecille Mills, Diana Minor, Amelia Mullings, Ralph Nicoletti, Ryan Nieves, Michael Orza, Olivia Papageorgiou, Enrique Passarge, Marilyn Toneth Pazmino, Pilar Perez, Patricia Precobb, Ray Ralph, Maggie Rodriguez, Marie Saccoccio, Melanie Samoy-Lutz, Dick Schoeller, Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan, Stout Family, Asher Tung, Amelia and Danny Webb, Susan Weems and Christine Zotti

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

Patricia Brennan, SC, Dolores Butler, John Carroll, Frank Crapanzano, Estrella Cantlang Diaz, Fr. Roque J. Ferriols, SJ, Fr. Kiko Glover, SJ., William (Vilya) Kopp, Virginia Jarczyński, Mary Mastrogiovanni, Maris Anne Mattingly, Bernie O'Neill, Marie Racciopo, Hector Ruiz, Chris Stout, and Br. Philip Zeller

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

For the last couple of weeks, we have exhibited samples of some of the holy women and men which the Art Committee has proposed for installation in the church. I think it is worthwhile to recall the history of this project in order to view the paintings in their context.

For a year or more before I arrived at Xavier a number of parishioners had begun to have serious conversations about racism in our country and in our Church. Part of their activity involved conversations with parishioners at St. Charles Borromeo/Resurrection/All Saints Parish in Harlem as well as workshops facilitated by Fr. Bryan Massingale of Fordham University. These initial conversations led to the formation of a Racial Justice Book Group which has continued to this day.

In the late spring of 2020, in the wake of the murder of George Floyd and the national reckoning with issues of race in this country, we at Xavier responded with a number of initiatives to learn more about race relations and inform our reflections by the light of the Gospel. We offered two prayer services, offered Spiritual Conversations on Race, the Just Faith program, Scriptural Reflections on Race and joined with parishioners from St. Charles Borromeo/Resurrection/All Saints Parish and St. Francis De Salles Parish to form the Catholic Anti-Racist Program.

In the midst of these thoughtful and prayerful exercises, we also opened our eyes to our surroundings. We are blessed to have one of the most beautiful churches in the city, even in the country. Built in the 1880's it reflects the devotional iconography of the time and the largely Irish, German and Italian members of the congregation. In the last 140 years the Church has come to recognize people of heroic virtue from many parts of the world and formally canonized some of them as examples of faith in different cultural settings.

In light of this, the Pastoral Council asked for volunteers to help envision ways in which we could diversify the iconography while maintaining the integrity of our 19th Century gem. A year later, after many meetings, discussions, interviews with potential artists, the Art Committee has settled on an artist, Ms. Patricia Brindle, and asked her to create images of twelve heroic Catholics. We intend to mount the images in the brown marble spaces between the Stations of the Cross. The holy people are: Sister Thea Bowman, St. Rose of Lima, St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Mother Mary Lange, St. Charles Lwanga, St. Lorenzo Ruiz, St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Ven. Pierre Toussaint, St. Oscar Romero, St. Andrew Dung Lac, Rani Maria Vattalil.

As with all works of art, people of good will can differ in their sense of aesthetics. We have been displaying the first draft samples of each person to get the thoughts and comments of the congregation. Many of the suggestions have been incorporated by the artist into a final product. It is our intention to provide descriptions of the lives of each of these holy people in an accessible way so that all of us can come to appreciate the scope of God's grace working in different people in different cultures throughout the world. We also know that some will find particular devotion to one or other of the people depicted. We hope that all of us will grow in our appreciation of how God acts through the lives of our sisters and brothers from all nations and races

Please take the time to look at the works, learn about the person and offer your suggestions for how we can be the house of God which truly welcomes all.



The Church of St. Francis Xavier

Virtual Ignatian Pilgrimage

Celebrating the 2021-2022 Ignatian Year



The Virtual Ignatian Pilgrimage is a series of 5 one-hour Zoom sessions between October 2021 – March 2022.

Each session focuses on moments in the life of St. Ignatius.

Sessions include:

- Scenes from the life of St. Ignatius
- Photo journal of the Way of St. Ignatius in Spain
- Short talks on the spiritual journey of St. Ignatius
- Small group reflection sessions
- Shared prayer and song

Pilgrimage Dates and Themes:

All Zoom gatherings will be on Sunday evenings between 6:00-7:00pm

October 17, 2021 – Early Life in Loyola

November 21, 2021 – The Cannonball Experience in Pamplona

January 16, 2021 – Montserrat and the Black Madonna

February 20, 2022 – The Cave in Manresa and the Vision at the River Cardoner

March 20, 2022 – Salamanca to Paris and Beyond – Meeting the First Jesuit Companions

Come for One or All!!! To register and receive the Zoom link:

Please email Luz Marina Diaz (lm Diaz@sfxavier.org) or Robert Choiniere (rchoiniere@sfxavier.org)



*Are you a teenager?
Are you confirmed?
Are you interested in growing
as a friend and disciple of Jesus?*

The Church of Saint Francis Xavier is happy to invite you to the Youth Ministry!

Together, we will deepen our life of prayer.
Together, we will find Jesus in the sick, the poor, and the foreigners.
Together, we will raise our voices for those in need.
Together, we will learn more about our Faith.
Together, we will sing and praise God.
Together, we will have a lot of fun, learn new songs, watch movies, explore NYC and meet marvelous people.

To join, please register at
<https://bit.ly/XYMregistration>

If you are interested to know more, contact
Pablo Jimenez (youthministry@sfxavier.org).

BUSINESS MANAGER OPENING:

Our faithful *Business Manager, Damely Tineo*, will be leaving us to pursue other opportunities. We are currently looking to fill this full-time position. Please see the website for the complete job description and online application at <https://sfxavier.org/director-of-business-position/>

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>

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, October 8th 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom**

Join us for a presentation and discussion of lesbian feminist poets through the ages, led by Jackie Starkey. Bring one of your favorites. For as Mary Oliver wrote in *A Poetry Handbook*: "Poetry is a life-cherishing force. For poems are not words, after all, but fires for the cold, ropes let down to the lost, something as necessary as bread in the pockets of the hungry. Yes, indeed." Contact SFXWomen@aol.com for the Zoom link.

**THIS
WEEKEND'S
MUSIC**



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SEASON OF CREATION

Tomorrow is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It's also two weeks before the UN Summit on Biodiversity starts. How can we bring Saint Francis to the Summit? By signing the Catholic petition, "Healthy Planet, Healthy People," we can bring the eco-spirituality tradition of Saint Francis and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha to the Summit. Our signatures carry with them the immense respect that our saintly role models had for all of God's creatures. If you didn't already sign the petition, please

use the QR code below to access it.

Most of us have experienced having a pet, gone birdwatching in Central Park, visited zoos or the butterfly garden room at the Museum of Natural History. We appreciate the warmth and beauty of the animals. We cringe when we see them mistreated. Yet we seem indifferent to what scientists call the Sixth Mass Extinction our planet is experiencing, which, unlike previous extinctions, is caused by humans. Some use the term ecocide.

Last year, 32 orchid species in Bangladesh went extinct, along with 22 frog species in Latin America. The annual count of the Western monarch butterfly dipped from several hundred thousand in 2017 to a mere 2,000 this year. Rising temperatures are thought to be the cause.

The climate crisis and biodiversity collapse are twin crises. A warming world is exacerbating the spiraling loss of species.

Animals and plants form part of a web of life and are integral parts of diverse biomes. Damage to one part of the web impacts the whole. Cutting down the Amazon rainforest trees not only destroys one of the greatest plant and animal biodiversity regions of the world, it also impacts the streams of water in the air that go all the way to Africa. In its 2020 report, *Saving Life on Earth*, the Center for Biological Diversity recommends that the U.S. rejoin international efforts to halt extinctions and protect wildlife; protect key habitats; restore full power to the Endangered Species Act; use the Clean Water Act to establish strict limits on toxic and polluting discharges into waterways; and stem the tide of invasive species.

Let's support these efforts. Pope Francis, echoing his saint name says, "*Nature as a whole not only manifests God, but is also a locus of his presence.*" LS88



www.thecatholicpetition.org

St. Francis Xavier's Racial Justice Book Group invites you to join us in reading, sharing and social action.

On **Sunday, Oct. 24 @ 2:30pm** we will be meeting on Zoom to discuss Part One of *CASTE, The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. This NYTimes bestseller is available on Amazon, Kindle, Audio and at the New York and Queens Public Libraries.

An invitation to a Zoom link will be provided.

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

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16.

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:
JON 1:1-2:2; Luke 10:25-37.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM CARMEN & BARBARA (L)

TWENTY SEVENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Jon 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42.

7:45AM SUSAN FORBES (L)
12:05PM JAMES & SHENIQUE MCGEE (D)

TWENTY SEVENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Jon 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4.

7:45AM CAMILLE TALIA (D)
12:05PM JOSE PAMINTUAN (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY:
MAL 3:13-20B; Luke 11:5-13.

7:45AM ANN DOLAN (D)
12:05PM CIRILO ROMAN (D)

TWENTY SEVENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26.

7:45AM VICTORIANA GARAVATA (D)
12:05PM S. JEROME MARTIN(D)

TWENTY SEVENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
JOEL 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28.

12:05PM JUAN COTTA FIGERO (D)

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-27.

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.
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.

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
Pablo Jimenez at youthministry@sfxavier.org.

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