



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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JOIN US FOR
**MISSION
WEEKEND**

Saturday, 10/9: 5:00pm
Sunday, 10/10: 9:00am, 11:30am, 5:00pm

XAVIER MISSION IS BACK!

Well, actually, we never left! But it has been too long since we've been able to engage in person with the parish community, so we welcome you to join us for a 'Petite Mission Weekend' (it's 'petite' because it won't be as expansive as it usually is, but we miss you all and want to see you)!

We will celebrate the work of Xavier Mission at all of the Masses with special gifts representing each Mission program along with an address to the congregation by our Executive Director, Cassandra Agredo.

Each mass will be followed by a reception (wine and cheese in the evening, coffee and pastries in the morning!) at the 16th St. entrance of the church. Mission staff will be at the receptions so drop on by, introduce yourself, pick up a muffin or a Xavier Mission mug, and ask us any questions you might have!

We can't wait to see you again!!

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, October 11th

One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am in the Main Church.

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 Diaz (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); Belinda Conway (Vice Chair);
Andrea Foley-Murphy (Secretary); Kristen Beckles;
Cara Caponi; Joel Dabu; Karen DeMasi;
Michelle Jung; John Karle; Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe;
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.

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: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Thomas Feely, 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, 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, Joseph Giannetto, Ellen Grant, Leyda Grullon and Family, Bernard Fitzsimmons, Sr., Cassandra Henderson, Justin Herrmann, Jerry Hill, Jane Jacobus, Tim Kenyon, 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, John Carroll, Estrella Canilang Diaz, Fr. Roque J. Ferriols, SJ, Virginia Jarczynski, Mary Mastrogiovanni, Maris Anne Mattingly, Marie Racioppi, 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

This weekend we have a special appeal for the *Xavier Mission*. Cassandra Agredo, the Executive Director, will be speaking at each of the masses to describe the work of the Mission during this past year in light of the pandemic. I will not attempt to match her eloquence and zeal for the work of the Mission. Let me simply highlight the obvious: as result of the pandemic there has been an increase in homelessness, in mental illness and in food insecurity. While some of these issues require major government intervention to resolve the simple Gospel mandate to feed the hungry and clothe the naked requires us to meet the immediate needs of these, our neighbors, where they are.

Although the men's shelter has been closed because of Covid, the Welcome Table is still serving 600 to 700 meals on Sunday and families are coming to the food pantry and asking for clothing on a regular basis. Many are turning to the Mission to avoid eviction. Simply put: the need has never been greater. Please be generous today and consider supporting other fund-raising activities in support of the Mission moving forward. Thank you.

October 24th is World Mission Sunday. We have the annual collection in support of the Church's outreach in all parts of the world. In a world where humanitarian crises seem to erupt constantly, most often it is the local Catholic Church organizations which are in the forefront to meet the needs of the people of all faith traditions most effectively because there are pre-existing organizations on the ground in these parts of the world. This effort is most worthy of our support.

We are also blessed that weekend(October 24th) to have back, **Fr. Dan Corrou, S.J.** who will preside at the 11:30 mass and then host a presentation in the Mary Chapel on the work of **Jesuit Relief Services** especially in the Middle East. It's always great to welcome Dan back to Xavier. I ask you to consider how you can support both the efforts of the universal Church and the specific work of JRS. Thank you again.

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.

Contact: sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org
for Zoom link.

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*



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, 2022 – 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 (lmdiaz@sfxavier.org) or Robert Choiniere (rchoiniere@sfxavier.org)

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR TEENS

RCI Teens aims at helping teens become fully initiated Catholics.

This program is for: Children in 7th Grade or older who have not been in or have not attended the standard sequence of religion classes and need Sacraments.

The sessions are virtual, but the participants have to come on some Sundays for the rehearsal and celebration of rites, one day during Holy Week to rehearse the reception of the sacraments and on Easter vigil to receive the sacraments.

[RCIA Registration Form](#)

STARTING ON OCTOBER 20

FROM 6 PM TO 7 PM

ZOOM

**WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS IN
OCTOBER**

WEDNESDAYS FROM NOVEMBER ON

**RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS IN
EASTER VIGIL**

CONTACT: PJIMENEZ@SFXAVIER.ORG

REMEMBER XAVIER IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

Over the years, the estate gifts received by Xavier have helped us continue to operate as a welcoming community and place of worship. October 18-24 is National Estate Planning Awareness Week. As Estate Planning Awareness week aims to teach us, an estate plan can help protect you, your loved ones, and your life's work. Estate planning is an often overlooked element of financial wellness, it is estimated that over half of Americans – 56% – do not have an up-to-date estate plan! It can also memorialize your medical wishes, especially important in this time of COVID, and ensure you have trusted people in place to help with financial or legal decisions. Everyone should have an estate plan in place to protect what you worked so hard for and so you can document the legacy you wish to leave behind for your family, your friends, and the charities you love. Already have a will or trust? Although a well-drawn will or trust provides for certain changes, professionals still advise that you review yours every three to five years. Events that should prompt a review include changes in your family situation, moving to a new state, changes in the value of your estate, changes in tax law, and changes in your charitable giving goals. Please consider a gift to Xavier in your estate planning. Please contact the Parish office if you have any questions.

During the summer Xavier, along with parishes and church groups throughout the country, met to provide input and insight into the discussion around ordaining women who serve and are called as deacons in our church. The report which incorporates all these voices is now available. This is the same document that was delivered to the Vatican last month. The commission continues to meet in Rome. Please use the link below to view the report.

<https://www.calledtocontribute.org/>

CATHOLIC LESBIANS Friday, November 12th 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Online via Zoom

Cato Ybarra will look at "Death Herself, an introduction to folk beliefs in Santa Muerte." Contact SFXWomen@aol.com for the Zoom link.

CATHOLIC LESBIANS & FRIENDS ALL ARE WELCOME!

***19th Annual Christmas Wrapping Party
Date & Time To Be Determined***

Together, let's deliver some Christmas cheer to kids from Picture the Homeless, Life Experience & Faith Sharing, and STEPS to End Family Violence. Contact SFXWrap@gmail.com for more specifics. Ho! Ho! Ho!

CRISIS AT THE BORDER: ENCOUNTERING CHRIST AS THE BRIDGE

**Friday, October 15, 2021
from 7:00pm-8:30pm (via Zoom)**

The St Francis Xavier Gay Catholics Ministry extends a warm invitation to the parish community to learn more about the life of immigrants and refugee families and Transgender people at our southern border. We are pleased and honored to have Sparkhill Dominican, Sr Valorie Lordie, OP share her experiences in ministry. She will focus on what she learned about the spirituality of these families and transgender people she worked with, and how important God and the Virgin of Guadalupe are to their survival and resiliency. Sr Valorie will also draw on over thirty years as a public health nurse and healer trained in indigenous practices to discuss her thoughts about what healing of this terrible suffering needs to look like. She will address some of our own possible contributions to repairing the globe. Please join us for this extraordinary evening.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom link,
Please RSVP: SFXGCGroup@gmail.com

Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

TWENTY EIGHTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
ROM 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32.

TWENTY EIGHTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Rom 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM BENITO GO BIO, JR. (D)

TWENTY EIGHTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Rom 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46.

7:45AM SUSAN FORBES (L)
12:05PM ANTHONY & MARIA DEMEO (L)

TWENTY EIGHTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
ROM 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54.

7:45AM VALENTIN TARASENKO (D)
12:05PM MARIE SPINALE (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. TERESA OF JESUS: Rom 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM MARY TODD (L)

TWENTY EIGHTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
ROM 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12.

12:05PM GLORIA LANDORNO (D)

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Isa 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45.

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

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, 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

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 nlgnycc@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 xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact sanxnycc@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

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

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