



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Campaign for Charity & Justice

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 21, 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

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Andrea Foley-Murphy (Secretary); Kristen Beckles;

Cara Caponi; Joel Dabu; Karen DeMasi;

Michelle Jung; John Karle; 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: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Kevin Ambrose, Megan Chinnock, Evelyn Cortezano Nazareno, Sheila Creasey, Didi D'Errico, Sr. Olga Diaz, Bernard Fitzsimmons, Sr. Stacy Fitzsimmons, Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes, Joseph Giannetto, Rick Helm, Cassandra Henderson, Jerry Hill, Tim Kennon, Hie-Joon Kim, Fr. John Lehner, Rose King Lopez, Rosemarie McGrath, Adolph Mills, Cecille Mills, Diana Minor, Amelia Mullings, Rudy Nazareno, Olivia Papageorgiou, Enrique Passarge, Lina Plantilla, Patricia Precobb, Maggie Rodriguez, Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan, Stout Family, Mary Todd, Asher Tung, Susan Weems and Christine Zotti

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

Rose Allocca, Mervin Arviola, Patricia Brennan, SC, Vincent Colicchio, Ernesto Hormillosa, Bettina Rafferty and Leonora Valdez Diaz

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 celebrate the feast of Christ the King which marks the last week of the liturgical year. With our celebration of Thanksgiving Day this week as well we are poised to anticipate Christmas.

How will our celebrations this year be “normal”?

The answer to that question challenges us to really examine what “normal” means to us. We all have routines associated with Thanksgiving and Christmas, the preparations we make, the nature and extent of the meal, the number of guests at the table, the decorations and so forth. It’s been two years since we innocently assumed the holidays would always be the same. This year, with widespread vaccination rates including children over five, many of us will try to recreate the best of the old normal. Should we settle for that? Shouldn’t we take the lessons learned and the graces received during the pandemic to inform our Thanksgiving-Advent-Christmas season?

We begin with Thanksgiving. Once I get beyond thanking God for surviving the pandemic thus far, I can look at my relationships with family and friends and consider how they may have deepened or how I may have a new appreciation for them despite the limits of quarantine. We have all had to come to terms with our space-where we live and work, how we manage the work/life balance in a “work from home” environment. Where are the graces and insights gathered from those experiences?

We all have many blessings for which to be thankful. Perhaps we can savor and cherish those blessings in a different light this year.

Our Advent/Christmas theme this year is **Close to Home**. When something hits close to home, it affects us deeply. The stories and scriptures of Advent are tender, heavy with emotion, and vulnerable. We hold the memories and truths of this season close to our hearts. Close to Home acknowledges that Emmanuel is with us, and yet, God’s promised day—our everlasting home—is not fully realized. We long for God to come close. The Advent and Christmas scriptures are rich with home metaphors and imagery. After receiving the news from the angel, Mary retreats to the home of Elizabeth. The Holy Family is in the midst of a journey and must make a home in the stable. We celebrate the homelife of the family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus in Nazareth. We recount their exile from home to protect the child Jesus.

The grace of Emmanuel, God dwelling among us, has sustained us thus far in the time of Covid. Let us renew our appreciation of that grace in this season.

THIS WEEKEND’S MUSIC



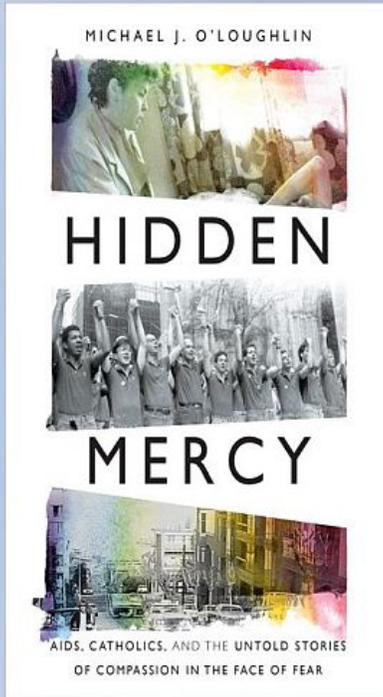
VIRTUAL MASS COMMUNITY

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>



Church of St. Francis Xavier
 ~ A Jesuit Apostolate in New York City since 1847 ~
Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 7:00 PM
World AIDS DAY



Each year since 1988, on December 1st, the world commemorates World AIDS Day. People around the world unite to show support for people living with HIV and to remember those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses. **World AIDS Day** remains as relevant today as it's always been, reminding people and governments that HIV has not gone away. There is still a critical need for increased funding for the AIDS response, to increase awareness of the impact of HIV on people's lives, to end stigma and discrimination and to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV.

Please join us in PRAYER as we remember those who have died and celebrate the acts of love, mercy and compassion of a people who "let their light shine." We will also welcome, podcast host and author Michael J. O'Loughlin to tell us about what he learned during the interviews for the podcast and how the experiences influenced his new book, "Hidden Mercy".



Michael J. O'Loughlin
 National Correspondent, America
 Host of America Magazine's podcast series:
 Plague: Untold Stories of AIDS and the
 Catholic Church

<https://www.mikeoloughlin.com/books>

*Catholic Lesbians & Friends
 All Are Welcome!*

**19TH ANNUAL
 CHRISTMAS
 WRAPPING PARTY**

Saturday, December 11th
1:30pm—3:30pm
*Outside 55 W. 15th St.
 Church Entrance*



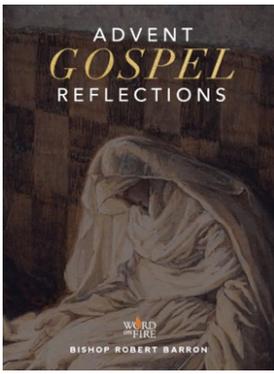
Let's deliver some Christmas cheer to kids from Picture the Homeless, Life Experience & Faith Sharing, and STEPS to End Family Violence. Bring a brand-new toy (gift-wrapped or not), and label it with age and gender appropriateness. Please spend no more than \$25.00. We also welcome gift cards to local stores such as Target, Kohl's, and Old Navy. Contact SFXWrap@gmail.com or (917) 608-9369 with your questions. Ho! Ho! Ho!

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE
 RECEPTION REINVENTED**



Lessons and Carols will happen with our returned Parish Music Ministry on Sunday December 19th at 7PM. Traditionally, we have a homemade Christmas Cookie reception afterwards

and gathered in Hurtado Hall for the festivities. This year we are playing it safe and reinventing the gesture without the risk. If you are willing to prepare 4 or more baggies of 6 cookies each we can have give aways for everyone in the church that evening. Please identify cookies as nut free or gluten free with a label. If you are willing to participate, please email *John Uehlein*: juehlein@sfxavier.org



*This Advent
pray and share
with Bishop Barron's 2021
Advent Gospel Reflections*

**ISEL is facilitating an Advent retreat
based on
Bishop Barron 2021 Advent Reflection
and 3 weekly gatherings**

The retreat will include daily scripture reading, Bishop Barron's writings, reflecting and journaling. Then, we will meet in groups to share.

There will be 3 sharing groups:

- Group 1 will meet Tuesdays at 1:00pm in person at Xavier on Dec. 7
- Group 2 will meet Tuesdays at 6:30pm in person at Xavier on Nov. 30
- Group 3 will meet will meet online on Tuesdays at 6:30pm on Dec.7
- An introductory meeting on zoom will be held Sunday, on Nov. 28 at 2:30pm

Books are available for the first 20 people who sign up. A \$6.00 donation is suggested for the book.

To register, please contact
Marie Bannister at

mariebannister1@gmail.com

Gerry Moss at **gerrymoss@gmail.com**

Sponsored by ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)

Last Sunday at 11:30 am, we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming that ends the RCIA Inquirer period and begins the Catechumenate period.

Dakota Lombardi and Carol Cordero were admitted as catechumens and welcomed by the whole community. Elsa LoPresti and Ryan Parra seek to complete their Christian initiation and Cameron Steward to prepare for reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Elsa, Ryan, and Dakota are part of the RCIA teens led by Pablo Jiménez. Carol and Cam are part of the RCIA adults led by Luz Marina Diaz with a catechetical team formed by Roseann Bonadia, Michael Allocca, and José Ramón Pérez López.

Dakota Lombardi~Dakota Lombardi is a student at Xavier High School passionate about communal work and giving back to the community. Dakota does Jiu-Jitsu and volunteering projects. He is excited to deepen his relationship with God.

Carol Cordero~Carol is a mother, Wife, Columbia University graduate, hopefully going into law school soon. What attracted her to the Catholic Church is that she has been longing for a deeper spirituality as well as a better understanding of God's Word. Her sponsor is Dee Kelly.

Elsa LoPresti~Elsa is in the 8th grade in a public school in lower Manhattan. She enjoys country music, traveling, writing, and spending time with her family. Elsa has chosen to pursue the reception of the Holy Sacraments to strengthen her bond with Christ.

Ryan Parra~Ryan was born in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. He enjoys playing soccer and running cross country. Ryan is currently a student at Xavier High School, class of 2025. He wants to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion and Confirmation because he wants to grow closer to God and become more involved with the Catholic Church.

Cameron Stewart~Cam was drawn to the Church by its contemplative tradition. He is currently a writing teacher at CUNY and will begin his Masters of Social Work at Fordham in January. His sponsor is Martin Keohan.

On Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Cardinal Dolan will offer a 7:30 PM Mass in the Cathedral for Young Adults, and celebrate the completion of the diocesan phase of the canonization Cause for Servant of God Dorothy Day and its transmittal to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome. Dorothy Day was a lay woman, a mother, a journalist, a woman of prayer, and who with Peter Maurin founded the Catholic Worker movement. Dorothy loved the church and strived to live Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, through her practice of non-violence, charity and justice. We give thanks for her life and witness. The Mass will be live streamed from the Cathedral: <https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>. For more information on Dorothy Day and the Cathedral Mass please visit: dorothydayguild.org.

El 8 de diciembre, la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción, el Cardenal Dolan ofrecerá una misa a las 7:30 PM en la Catedral para jóvenes adultos, y celebrará la finalización de la fase diocesana de la canonización Causa para la Sierva de Dios Dorothy Day y su transmisión a la Congregación para las Causas de los Santos en Roma. Dorothy Day fue una mujer laica, una madre, una periodista, una mujer de oración, y que con Peter Maurin fundó el movimiento Obrero Católico. Dorothy amaba a la iglesia y se esforzó por vivir el Sermón del Monte de Jesús, a través de su práctica de la no violencia, la caridad y la justicia. Damos gracias por su vida y testimonio. La Misa será transmitido en vivo por internet desde la Catedral: <https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>. Para obtener más información sobre Dorothy Day y la Misa de la Catedral, visite: dorothydayguild.org.

REMEMBER XAVIER WHEN CONSIDERING A YEAR-END GIFT

First, we want to thank all of you for your support throughout the year. As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. It also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to Xavier. Over the years, it has been the gifts left to Xavier that have helped us to continue to operate as a welcoming community and place of worship. Your year-end gift can help us continue to celebrate vibrant liturgies and support our many ministries. Belonging to Xavier offers many blessings. Those blessings multiply when we commit our time, treasure, and talent to its work. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. For more information on how you can help make a difference contact the parish office.

Please join the clients, staff, Board Members and supporters of Xavier Society for the Blind for its annual St. Lucy Mass in honor of the patron saint of the blind.

*The Mass will be held at noon on
December 13th in
St. Francis Xavier Church with Father
Jamie Dennis
as the main celebrant.*



Father Jamie is a blind priest from the Diocese of Owensboro, KY, and receives braille materials from Xavier Society. Other clients will be participating as lectors. There will be braille and large print Mass Propers available at the Mass. For more information please contact Aisling Redican at info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org or call 212-473-7800.

CATHOLIC LESBIANS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH 6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

In this season of Advent, we anticipate the coming of Jesus.

Hope. Peace. Joy. Love. These virtues guide us, define us, help us as we wait. Let's break open what all this really means in 21st century New York City. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com for the Zoom link.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE: Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8;
John 18:33b-37.

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. CECILIA: DAN 1:1-6, 8-20;
Luke 21:1-4.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM GEORGE GERALD WASHINGTON (D)

THIRTY-FOURTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Dan 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11.

7:45AM JOHN GILLEN (D)
12:05PM ROSE ALLOCCA (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC:
Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19.

7:45AM JOHN GILLEN (D)
12:05PM NANCY ANN HRANKO (D)

THIRTY-FOURTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
DAN 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28.

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN BERCHMANS:
Dan 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33.

THIRTY-FOURTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
DAN 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36.

12:05PM AMPARO BERBERENA (D)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Jer 33:14-16;
1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.

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](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

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

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](mailto: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@
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.

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