



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Religious Retirement

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 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

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: Thomas Feely, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Kevin Ambrose, Augie Aloia, 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, Kenneth Latsch, George Lawton,
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, Tom Steere,
Stout Family, Mary Todd, Asher Tung, Susan Weems and
Christine Zotti

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

Rose Allocca, Mervin Arviola, Patricia Brennan, SC,
Adonis Causing, Vincent Colicchio, Mario Ficarra, Ernesto
Hormillosa, Bettina Rafferty, 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 Pastor's Desk

Our theme for the third Sunday of Advent is A Home for All. Last week Pope Francis made a visit to Greece and Cyprus and, once again, pleaded for the world to find compassionate solutions to the terrible refugee crisis around the world. The gospel infancy narratives tell us that, not only was the child Jesus born without a proper home, but he was forced to flee to Egypt as a refugee with his parents to escape Herod's wrath. The ultimate solution to the refugee problem is to create a just, equitable society in each of their home countries so that families, like the Holy Family, are not forced to flee for their lives. In the interim, we need to ask our leaders to find compassionate ways to address the reality of refugees and their plight in real time.

On Monday, December 20 we will participate in **Reconciliation Monday**. Here at Xavier and in churches throughout the city, priests will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to prepare for Christmas through the sacrament of reconciliation. Put it on your Christmas "to do" list.

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 12:05pm on December 13th in St. Francis Xavier Church with Father Jamie Dennis as the main celebrant.

This Mass will be Live Streamed through Facebook & Youtube.



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.

Lessons and Carols: Sharing the Joy!

Welcoming back our
Choir after a year's
"pandemic" hiatus.

**December
19th
7:00pm
Main
Church**

Featuring The Choir,
The Campanologists
(Bell choir) and
The Xavier Players
with string quartet

With a new reinvented take on the Christmas Cookie reception "a la pandemic." We're hoping to have baggies of 6 cookies for everyone to take on their way out of the church!!!

URGENT

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



REMEMBER XAVIER WHEN CONSIDERING A YEAR-END GIFT

First, we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support us 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 where injustice is challenged, where the poor, the alienated and the marginalized find a home, and where people are refreshed, reconciled and renewed. 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. A gift can also help support Xavier for years to come. There are many ways of contributing a gift. Two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. For more information on how you can help make a difference contact the parish office.

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>

**THIS
WEEKEND'S
MUSIC**



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Reconciliation Monday December 20th



**11:00am-
1:00pm**

**6:00pm-
8:00pm**

**Confessions available here and all
Churches in the city.**

“Pray-ers” needed
for new
Healing Prayer
Ministry Team

*Do you feel called
to pray with
people?*



A new Healing Prayer Ministry at Xavier is forming and seeks “pray-ers” for its team.

Team formation has already begun, and there will be some training in January and February.

Bilingual is a plus! We want to have a diverse team.

Planned start date is March 6, 2022, the First Sunday of Lent, after the 11:30 Mass. For 2022, the plan is for six Lent and three Advent Sundays, and twice a month April-June and September-November.

For more information, or to express interest, contact Phil Waldrop at HPM@sfxavier.org or by text or voicemail to 973-214-6589.

¿Te sientes llamado(a) a orar por los enfermos? ¿Hay un nuevo ministerio de oración de sanación en Xavier!

Los únicos requisitos son haber recibido el sacramento de la Confirmación y seguir tu llamado. Nosotros proveeremos el entrenamiento necesario para desempeñar tu llamado de la forma más eficiente, segura y gratificante.

Daremos inicio el domingo, 6 de marzo de 2022, primer domingo de Cuaresma. Durante 2022, el ministerio de sanación estará disponible los domingos del Adviento y Cuaresma, así como dos veces al mes, de abril a junio y de septiembre a noviembre.

Si quieres saber más, puedes escribir a Phil Waldrop (HPM@sfxavier.org) o llamar al 973-214-6589



HONDURAS PROJECT CARD SALE

The Honduras Project will resume its annual sale of holiday cards during Advent to raise funds to continue providing scholarship stipends to secondary school students in Honduras. Local groups select the students, administer the programs, and meet regularly to mentor and develop leadership skills so that students have a chance to succeed and avoid the lure of gangs and drug dealers. This year, education has been generally remote, with students needing both the technology and reliable electricity to participate.

The virus continues to rage in Honduras, with only about 13% of the population fully vaccinated. The Pandemic plus two hurricanes a year ago have boosted the poverty rate to an estimated 70%, a 10% increase in one year. Health services have been overwhelmed. Corruption remains as rampant as ever.

For more than 20 years Xavier parishioners have supported our efforts. We appeal for your help once more. Our cards were created by children in residence at Casa Corazon, a home for HIV+ children in Honduras. You can find us at the back of the church after the masses beginning December 5. You can also contribute through our link in Faith Direct. As always, thank you for your support!

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Zeph 3:14-18a;
Isa 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18.

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. LUCY: NUM 24:2-7, 15-17A; Matt 21:23-27.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM AVAILABLE

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS:
Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Matt 21:28-32.

7:45AM ROSE ALLOCCA (D)
12:05PM PAUL HANEY (D)

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF ADVENT: Isa 45:6b-8, 18,
21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23;
Luke 1:26-38.

7:45AM LUIS MAISONET (D)
12:05PM LAWRENCE TWILL (D)

THIRD THURSDAY OF ADVENT: ISA 54:1-10;
Luke 7:24-30.

7:45AM LARRY COYNE (D)
12:05PM VERONICA STATILE (D)

THIRD FRIDAY OF ADVENT: Gen 49:2, 8-10;
Matt 1:1-17.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

THIRD SATURDAY OF ADVENT: JER 23:5-8;
Matt 1:18-25.

12:05PM ROSE ALLOCCA (D)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Mic 5:1-4a;
Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.

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

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@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