



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 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;

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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

9:00am Christmas Day Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30am Christmas Day Mass: Thomas Feely, 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

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, Ana Shahin, 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, Riva Kopp, Terry Lew, 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

I'm sure we are all moved and deeply saddened by the devastation caused by tornados in western Kentucky. One parishioner reached out to the pastor at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Mayfield which was at the epicenter of the destruction. In the National Catholic Directory, the area of western Kentucky is in the diocese of Owensboro. According to the statistics in the directory, there are 51,000 Catholics in an overall population of 886,000. Their resources are stretched. We will take up a special collection for the diocese of Owensboro on Sunday, December 26. If you wish, you can make a contribution directly through the Diocesan website: <https://owensborodiocese.org/give/>.

Our Advent theme continues to be Close to Home and this week's focus is Finding a Sanctuary, a place of Love. Even as we continue our spiritual journey to make a home for Christ in our lives, the families in Kentucky need our help to have a physical home to find sanctuary in.

On a more festive note, please join us for **Lessons and Carols** Sunday, December 19 at 7 p.m. in the church. The event will be live streamed as will the Christmas Eve masses at 4 p.m., the Family Faith mass with the children's pageant, and at 11 p.m., the so called "Midnight Mass." Both of these masses will be preceded by a half hour of Christmas carols. We will also simulcast these masses in Hurtado Hall in the event there are more people in attendance that you are comfortable with. Communion will be distributed in Hurtado at the appropriate time.

Following our current practice, and the recent directive of the governor, masks should be worn indoors and communion will be distributed on the hand only. Thanks for your extraordinary compliance with these safety procedures.

**Lessons and Carols:
Sharing the Joy!**

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

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

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

**This event will also be Live Streamed
through Facebook and YouTube.**

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!!!



GIVING TREES ARE BACK!

The Giving Trees are hybrid this year! The trees themselves are up at the entrance to the church. Each tag on the trees lists an item that is often requested and much needed in the winter by our clothing room guests, many of whom survive on the streets.

Each tree also has a QR code that you can scan to purchase an item on the Virtual Giving Trees website. Skip the long lines and crowded stores and shop online to keep our guests warm this winter!

Please take a tag (or two or three) and bring back the warm items to be distributed, or scan the code to buy online. Our guests depend on us to stay warm throughout the cold months. We are grateful for your support!

GIVE JESUS A HOME THIS CHRISTMAS

Depending on which account you go by, Jesus was born in a manger, a stable, or a cave. Regardless of which it actually was, I'm sure we all agree that a stable is no place for a family to live and a baby to be born. The same is true for a shelter.

A shelter is no place for a family to live or for children to be raised, yet more than 60,000 of our fellow New Yorkers are doing just that – living in shelters every day. Kids are doing their homework, parents are trying to maintain jobs, and people just like you and me are trying to live in the same kind of conditions that we recognize were not fit for Jesus. So why are they fit for our brothers and sisters?

A large portion of our Hope & Healing Campaign funds goes to our Financial Assistance Program, which assists families with paying their rental arrears and staying in their homes. Last year our program kept 72 families safe and protected from the traumas of eviction and homelessness.

Make a gift to our Hope & Healing Campaign and keep families in their homes this Christmas. You are not only providing a home for a fellow New Yorker, you are providing a home for Jesus.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”
-Matthew 25:40

xaviermission.org/donate

THANKSGIVING THANK YOU!!!

A HUGE thank you to the following people for their contributions to our Thanksgiving Festivities – we served more than 3,000 total meals to families and individuals in need!

Roxanne De La Torre, Beverly Torres, Ray Perez, Adilson Silva, Dawn Besthoff, Vaishali Javeri, Alex Burzaco, Danny Tore, Michael Costello, Sandra Jackson, Brian Hotaling, John Corrigan, Rosemarie Sauerzopf, Kenneth Norz, our Food Pantry translators, our Homebound Delivery drivers (especially the Sirens!), the Kitchen Crew, and all our Volunteer Teams!

A shout out to Greg Stelzer & Xavier High School for collecting 30,347 lbs of food (a new school record!) and to Carrie Meconis & the NYU Administrative Management Council for collecting 2400+ items of food, all for our Thanksgiving Food Pantry baskets!

And thank you to all of our donors - without your generosity, this service wouldn't be possible!

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



Scan me

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

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

FOURTH MONDAY OF ADVENT: Isa 7:10-14;
Luke 1:26-38.

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

FOURTH TUESDAY OF ADVENT: Song 2:8-14;
Luke 1:39-45.

7:45AM AGNES SCOLARO (D)
12:05PM MICHAEL AMAN (D)

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF ADVENT: 1 Sam 1:24-28;
Luke 1:46-56.

7:45AM MARIA ELENA NOYA GARCIA (D)
12:05PM ANASTASIA DOWRIE (D)

FOURTH THURSDAY OF ADVENT: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24;
Luke 1:57-66.

7:45AM PETER HAWKES (D)
12:05PM ANNE DONNELLY (D)

FOURTH FRIDAY OF ADVENT: Isa 62:1-5;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matt 1:1-25.

SATURDAY~THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:
Isa 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; John 1:1-18.

SUNDAY~THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-
24; Luke 2:41-52.

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