



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 26, 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

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.



***May the Light and Love
of the Christ Child
Brighten your year.
With prayers and heartfelt gratitude
for your support of the
Church of St. Francis Xavier!***

SFX Staff

John

Greg Turner

Dr. Zach Russett 87

Ken B. May

Mon. Jeff P.

Luz Marina Diaz

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Pablo Jimenez

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM XAVIER MISSION!

As we continue to grapple with COVID, deep political divisions, racism, xenophobia, and the systematic dismantling of voting and women's rights, let's all remember a few things: Jesus was a brown-skinned refugee, and some called him a rabble-rouser. He spoke truth to power and challenged the establishment. Embodying the peace of Christ does not mean that we must always keep the peace. It means not being afraid to show radical love and to work for justice in the world despite the struggles we may face in doing so.

Thank you for joining us in sharing love and working for justice all year round. For your continuing time, talent, treasure, prayers and support, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May you be filled with light, love, and the fire of the Spirit this Christmas season. We look forward to working together with you in the New Year!

With Love and Peace,
Cassandra, Rachel, Roxanne, Beverly, and Ray

"Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all." – St. Óscar Romero

OH GIVING TREE, OH GIVING TREE, HOW LOVELY ARE YOUR BRANCHES!

The Giving Trees and Virtual Giving Trees are up for one more week! The tags on the trees and the website list items that are often requested and much needed by our clothing room guests in the winter, many of whom live on the streets.

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

THE IMPACT OF YOUR HOLIDAY GIFT...

Our Hope & Healing Campaign officially ends on December 31st. While our programs operate year-round, the extra "oomph" we receive at the holidays helps us to continue our programs into the leaner-donation months in the spring and summer.

Your gift to our Holiday Campaign (and all year long!) helped us to do the following this past year:

- Provide 70,000 meals at our Welcome table soup kitchen;
- Distribute groceries for 50,000 meals at the Customer-Choice Food Pantry;
- Distribute casual and professional clothing and toiletries - including coats and cold-weather items during the winter months - to 1,200 people through the All Saints Clothing Room;
- Support 100+ Life-Skills Empowerment Programs alumni, offering thousands of text messages and phone calls, as well as multiple zoom and teleconference groups to provide mutual aid and resources throughout the pandemic;
- Provide 72 families and individuals with assistance to pay off their rent arrears, prevent eviction, and avoid the trauma of homelessness through our Financial Assistance Program.

You help make all of this possible every year! As you prepare for a New Year full of hope and possibility, please remember our families at Xavier Mission whose year will be more hopeful, and full of possibility, because of your gifts.

Please consider making an end-of-year gift to help us reach our goal and push our programs firmly into the New Year. If you've already made your gift, please consider a stretch gift to help one more of our neighbors in need!

Thank you so much for your support!

xaviermission.org/donate

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>

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, January 14th

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Pope Francis said, “Synodality is what God expects of the church in the third millennium.” Can deep patriarchy and clericalism change in the church? Are the lived experiences of women worth hearing about? Deep listening can prioritize marginalized voices; get rid of a pattern of domination and separation; build cooperation, transparency, interconnectedness among all; teach us how to live in service to one another as equals. The 2022 game plan for Catholic Lesbians is synodality. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com for the Zoom link.

GAY CATHOLICS

Praying for a happier and healthier New Year!

Out of an abundance of caution, due to the substantial community spread of COVID-19 and its variants, the winter flu season and possible infection from holiday gathers, we have decided to have Zoom only meetings for the months of January and February.

THIS
WEEKEND'S
MUSIC



Scan me

Email us at SFXGCgroup@gmail.com

“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

SUNDAY~THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52.1

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN: 1 JOHN 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8.

9:00AM MATTHEW BOCCI (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matt 2:13-18.

7:45AM THE MURPHY FAMILY (L)
12:05PM VINCENT & ELIZABETH COOGAN (D)

WEDNESDAY WITHIN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE:
1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM HERIBERTO VARGAS (D)

THURSDAY WITHIN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE: 1 JOHN
2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM KAREN HAYNES (D)

FRIDAY WITHIN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18.

SATURDAY~THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:
NUM 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; John 2:16-21.

SUNDAY~THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:
Isa 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matt 2:1-12.

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