



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2022

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

Jovi Villavicencio (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

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Sue Carberry, Karen Casey, Didi D'Errico,
Jesus Dabu, Thomas Doeghty, Ellen Donnelly, Sr. Olga Diaz,
Bernard Fitzsimmons, Sr., Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes,
Rob Gillich, Rick Helm, Elizabeth Jones, Jerry Hill,
Raymond Kelderhouse, Tim Kennon, Hie-Joon Kim,
George Lawton, Fr. John Lehner, Rose King Lopez,
Giancarlo Malchiodi, Rosemarie McGrath, Anna Meli,
Richard Meli, Eileen Miller, Adolph Mills, Cecille Mills,
Diana Minor, Ted Moon, Amelia Mullings,
Olivia Papageorgiou, Hernando Perez,
Marcy Parlow Pomerance, Enrique Passarge, Lina Plantilla,
Dolly Powell, Patricia Precobb, Ruby Lynn Reyner,
John Sabini, Anthony Scorra, Ana Shahin,
Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan, Tom Steere,
Stout Family, Eleanor Sundaram, Peter Thomson,
Mary Todd, Asher Tung, Belen Vales, Liz Vito and
Christine Zotti

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

Jim Curley (brother of Kevin), Jo Ellen Jacek, and Emilie
Juilliard

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

Many thanks to the Racial Justice Reading Group, Sacred Space, Music Ministry and Family Faith and especially to Fr Mario Powell, S.J. for an outstanding celebration for Juneteenth.

This weekend New York City and much of the rest of the world are ablaze in color as the LGBTQ+ community celebrates Pride with a parade and many festivities. We certainly stand in solidarity with all of our sisters and brothers as they celebrate their dignity as God's children.

Our readings today ask us to reflect on the cost of discipleship. The Gospel calls each of us, as baptized Christians, to follow the call of the Jesus to witness to peace with justice for all of our sisters and brothers throughout the world and for the earth on which we live. This is a call to prophetic action, as Pope Francis reminds us: "Preach always. If necessary, use words."

In the last few weeks, a number of issues have come to the fore: the opportunity to join one or more action groups to focus on our parish response to Laudato Si; the dedication of our diversified iconography in our worship space; the celebration of emancipation and the ongoing struggle for equality in Juneteenth and the recognition of the dignity and worth of our friends and family in the LGBTQ+ community.

Let us continue to preach as a welcoming community of faith.

FREE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual direction is a one on one monthly conversation with a director for the purpose of seeing how God is inviting you to live your life more fully.

We have several spiritual directors in training in our Spiritual Direction Formation Program who are seeking individuals to direct for the next 10 months. If interested, please contact me at gerrymoss@gmail.com.

ELEVATOR RENOVATION

Our elevator will be OUT OF SERVICE. We have chair lifts installed at our 15th Street entrance for the duration of the renovation.

The Parish staff and Homebound Ministry will be happy to bring communion to anyone unable to attend church in person during the elevator renovation.

Please contact nlgny@gmail.com

**THIS
WEEKEND'S
MUSIC**



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From the Desk of Luz Marina Diaz

LITURGY IS TRULY AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

In 2021, Xavier liturgical ministers had the gift of participating in a retreat titled “What it means to be a Eucharistic Community,” facilitated by liturgist Rita Ferrone. In this three-part retreat, we discussed 1) How has the pandemic increased our appreciation of the Eucharist? 2) What does it mean to “proclaim the gospel of justice” through liturgy? And 3) How does “thanks and praise” arise in challenging times?

In the retreat, we shared insights about liturgy that has arisen for us during the pandemic time, such as how liturgy relies on human touch and engages our senses. We discussed how to be a Eucharistic people is to know ourselves as an embodied people rooted in the created world and the concreteness of human lives. As Rita says: *“To be a people of the Eucharist is more than an adherence to an abstract set of ideas or aspirations, it is more than simply affirming the doctrines of the church. To be a Eucharistic people is to know ourselves through sharing food and drink.”*

Rita facilitated a discussion on how the senses, embodiment, and the goodness of creation are key elements of Christian anthropology and the foundation of our sacramental life. Liturgy honors these dimensions of humanity in each of us by speaking the language of faith through our senses and drawing people together in real-time. Liturgy is truly an immersive experience.

We worship our source by means of all splendid things—words, emotions, hearts, thoughts, bread and wine and oil, flowers, wax, water, fire, memories, music, color, space, movement, sounds and silence, order, poetry, symmetry and proportion. Standing amid all these things before God in Christ, we discover always anew how utterly gorgeous all things are in their deep ordering to their source. How they humble us who have gone astray and tried, futilely, to defile God’s Son. And how they sing to us that their source is inexpressibly more lovely than even they are.¹

During the pandemic, we missed a lot – but especially we have missed the people! Little by little our liturgies are approaching the experiences we had before the pandemic. But the number of liturgical ministers has decreased for varied reasons. At 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday we have no ministers of hospitality. In the database of trained liturgical ministers, we have more men than women. Therefore, in some of the liturgies we see more men than women serving as Eucharistic ministers and lectors. Our community strives for inclusiveness and diversity. The liturgy as the heart of our Christian life should reflect this inclusiveness and diversity. We invite people of all ages, races, and genders to be trained as liturgical ministers. Women, we need your presence at the sanctuary as liturgical ministers!

For more information, send an email to *Luz Marina Diaz* at lm Diaz@sfxavier.org or fill out the form Enrollment - Church of St. Francis Xavier (rotundasoftware.com)

¹Quote from a lecture given by Benedictine Fr. Aidan Kavanagh read by Rita Ferrone in 2021 retreat at Xavier.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS, EUCHARIST MINISTERS, AND LECTORS NEEDED

We need more
Hospitality
Ministers on
Sunday Masses!

We urgently need
Hospitality
Ministers on Saturday
5 p.m. Mass!

We need more women
serving as lectors,
Eucharist Ministers and
Hospitality Ministers!!

Interested?

Contact Luz Marina Diaz at
Imdiaz@sfxavier.org



CATECHISTS NEEDED

On May 11, 2021, Pope Francis officially instituted the ministry of the catechist, linking directly with the way of evangelizing of the first Christians, as read in the letters of Saint Paul and the Acts of the Apostles.

In his apostolic letter “Antiquum ministerium,” the Pope declares it necessary “to recognize the presence of lay men and women who, by virtue of their baptism, feel called to collaborate in the service of catechesis.”

Without clericalism and without undermining bishops, priests, and consecrated men or women, the Pope promotes that lay women and men receive “the proper biblical, theological, pastoral and pedagogical training to be attentive communicators of the faith.”

Looking to get involved and make a difference? Wondering how you can help form the next generation of involved Catholics?

We need catechists at Xavier to serve in our Religious Education Program called the Family Faith Program.

Starting in August, we will offer level one and two catechist formation classes.

Level One provides opportunities for growth as a person of faith, effective teaching/facilitating skills and a plan for your ongoing training and developing a spiritual life.

Level Two deepens the training by focusing on essential areas of theological training, such as scripture, the Creed, and morality.

In August, we will offer the first three sessions corresponding to the “Prayer and Spirituality” course, a day to discern the call to be a catechist, and a catechist retreat.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62.

THIRTEENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matt 8:18-22.

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

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. IRENAEUS:
Amos 3:1-8;4:11-12 Matt 8:23-27.

7:45AM ANDREW CORRIGAN (D)
12:05PM AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF STS. PETER & PAUL:
Acts 12:1-11;2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Matt 16:13-19.

7:45AM PAUL GORRA & PETER HAWKES (D)
12:05PM THOMAS GORRA (D)

THIRTEENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Amos 7:10-17; Matt 9:1-8.

7:45AM ALEX TARTAGLIA (D)
12:05PM VINCE RYAN (D)

THIRTEENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matt 9:9-13.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM EVELYN SAAL (D)

THIRTEENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Amos 9:11-15; Matt 9:14-17.

12:05PM THOMAS M. DONNELLY (D)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Isa 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20.

YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS
BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.

XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Clothing Room: Every Sunday, sorting & distribution shifts

Soup Kitchen: Every Sunday, prep & distribution shifts

Food Pantry: Second Saturday of every month, distribution shifts

For info and to sign up: SIGNUP.XAVIERMISSION.ORG

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, LM Diaz@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. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact Peggy & Paul schubertnyc@gmail.com