



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit Parish Maintenance

*First Sunday of Advent*

*November 27, 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](http://www.sfxavier.org)

## Staff

Rev. Kenneth Boller, S.J. (Pastor) - 204

Rev. James Miracky, S.J. (Associate Pastor) -225

Rev. Ricardo da Silva, S.J. (Associate Pastor)

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) -  
208

Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) -207

Stephanie Fuentes (Asst. to the Pastor/Dir. of  
Communications) -222

Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

Pablo Jimenez (Youth Ministry Coordinator)

James Martinez (Assistant for Financial Planning)

Desiree Resto (Office Assistant)-203

Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201

Jovi Villavicencio (Dir. of Business) - 221

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

**Receptionist — 201**

## Pastoral Council

Patrick Egan (Chair); Belinda Conway (Vice Chair);

Alan Ahles (Secretary); Kristen Beckles; Joel Dabu;

Karen DeMasi; Susan Faggiani;

Andrea Foley-Murphy; Michelle Jung; Todd Schmidt.

[PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](mailto: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: David Ciancimino, SJ

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30 am Mass: James Miracky, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Tahina Adrea, Karen Casey, Charles Christie,  
Olga Cruz, Jesus Dabu, Rosina Davis, Christine DeAngelis,  
Sr. Olga Diaz, Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes, Jim Fox,  
Elizabeth Jones, Rosemarie McGrath, Eileen Miller,  
Ray & Betty Ralph, John Schlee, Dorothy Shepherd,  
Anne Sheridan, Encarnacion Singh, Crysea Spencer,  
Priscilla Stefan, Eleanor Sundaram, Geneva Thomas, and  
David Woolwine

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

Richard Coburn, Sheila Creasy, Alfredo Dela Rosa, Benildo  
"Sonny" Fabella, Jose Navarro, Marcelino Nazareno,  
Margaret Patricia Morley, and Jason Vermonty (16<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary)

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*

This Sunday we celebrate the beginning of Advent, four weeks to prepare spiritually to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation. This year we have a full four weeks since Christmas is on a Sunday. Throughout this season, our readings will speak of the expectations of the Chosen People for the promised leader. Will the leader be a powerful ruler? A prophetic leader?

We are asked to reflect on the meaning of the Incarnation in our lives. Are we just preparing for an exchange of presents? A traditional family meal?

What does it mean for us to welcome Emmanuel, the Word made flesh? The mystery of the Incarnation and our involvement in it through our baptism takes on different forms as diverse as the uniqueness of each of us-body, mind, and soul. Yet the same power of the Incarnation enables us to build up the Body of Christ in our world today.

How will you prepare spiritually to celebrate the Incarnation this year?

On the weekend of December 3 & 4, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis Xavier. This year is notable as the 175th Anniversary of the founding of Xavier parish and Xavier High School. The school will celebrate at the 5 p.m. mass on Saturday followed by a gala dinner at Chelsea Piers. We will celebrate after each of the masses with wine & cheese after the two five o'clock masses and coffee and sweets after the morning masses. Please join us in celebrating 175 years of service to the Church in New York.

Sunday, December 11th there is the annual national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many of us are greatly indebted to the inspiring Sisters and Brothers who tirelessly served in schools, hospitals and other outreach agencies often without any retirement benefit. The current reality is that the current demographic of religious orders in the United States has most members over 70 years of age. This creates a great financial strain on their resources to provide a dignified and safe environment in which to live. Please be generous to this second collection.

### ***IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY IN EVERYDAY LIVING***

**Monday, November 28; December 5, 12, 19, 2022**

**6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Make this Advent truly meaningful as you patiently await, prepare for, and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Reflect on daily readings from the booklet Sacred Space (Irish Jesuits), and come to our virtual group to share and pray together with Scripture, refecton, and spiritual conversation.

**IN PERSON SESSIONS CONTACT:** [deekelly83@gmail.com](mailto:deekelly83@gmail.com)

**ZOOM SESSIONS CONTACT:** [gerrymoss@gmail.com](mailto:gerrymoss@gmail.com) or [mary.elizabeth.hurson@gmail.com](mailto:mary.elizabeth.hurson@gmail.com)





## Come Celebrate our parish's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!

On the weekend of December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> we are celebrating our anniversary after each Mass.

There will be wine and cheese after the 5 p.m. weekend masses on Saturday and Sunday and coffee and donuts after the 9 a.m. and 11:30 masses on Sunday.

Please plan on celebrating our wonderful community of faith, prayer and action in the heart of Chelsea.

## HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY



Once again the Healing Prayer Ministry is offering prayer with you for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing after the 11:30 Mass. Next meetings are on December 4, 11, and 18. For info or questions, contact Phil Waldrop at [HPM@sfxavier.org](mailto:HPM@sfxavier.org)

Catholic Lesbians & Friends—All Are Welcome!

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PARTY

Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.  
Hurtado Hall



Let's deliver some Christmas cheer to kids from Life Experience & Faith Sharing, STEPS to End Family Violence, and Community Voices Heard. Contact [SFXWrap@gmail.com](mailto:SFXWrap@gmail.com) for the name and age of a child, bring a brand-new gift, wrap it with friends (old and new), and enjoy pizza and beverages at the first in-person party in three years. Ho! Ho! Ho!



## World AIDS Day Mass

On Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM, the community of Saint Francis Xavier will commemorate World AIDS Day with a mass in the main church and to bless the newly arrived AIDS Memorial plaques from St. Veronica's Church on Christopher Street.

Observed worldwide on December 1 since 1998, World AIDS Day unites people from around the world to raise awareness of the global AIDS response. Please take this time to be with us and pray for those we have lost, and for those currently living with HIV/AIDS.

## THE WOMEN WHO STAYED Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Mary Chapel

The fourth of eight spiritual conversations, in the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola, is a gift to ourselves as we are clear in our hearts and question our place in the Roman Catholic Church. Join the twenty women who, so far, have opened up sacred spaces within themselves and one another. Sisters in Christ, it is time to be together.

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



SUNDAY DECEMBER 11

5 PM BILINGUAL MASS

FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION IN THE MARY CHAPEL AND WEST ROOM



## Our Christmas Cookie Reception Returns!!!

Bakers sought for our annual **Lessons and Carols** program on **Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. Wonderful contemporary readings with many of your favorite Christmas carols will be represented. Wouldn't you like your cookies to be eaten along side of these great readings and carols? We are looking for 30 individuals to commit to baking 2 dozen cookies (or other baked goods).

If you think you can help out, please email *John Uehlein* in the parish office at [juehlein@sfxavier.org](mailto:juehlein@sfxavier.org) or if you don't have email, call John at 646-573-0099. Start softening up the butter!!!!

### NEEDED for the HOLIDAYS

One Campanologist for the bell choir who is able to ring a bell or two and read some music. Needs to be available on **December 18<sup>th</sup> Lessons and Carols**, Monday nights for rehearsals, hopefully Christmas Eve but not mandatory.

One Soprano and One Alto with choral experience and the ability to read music. Must be available for Thursday evening rehearsals, Lessons and Carols on December 18<sup>th</sup> and hopefully for Christmas Eve.

Please contact *John Uehlein*: email to [juehlein@sfxavier.org](mailto:juehlein@sfxavier.org), or phone 646-573-0099.

## 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.

## THIS WEEKEND'S MUSIC



*Scan me*



**PREVENT AN  
EVICTION – GIVE  
TO THE HOPE  
& HEALING  
CAMPAIGN**

Keep families in their homes this holiday season!

One of the biggest beneficiaries of the holiday campaign is our Financial Assistance Program, which assists families in danger of eviction to pay their rental arrears and stay in their homes. Last year our program kept 75 families in their homes, safe and secure. The majority of the money that enabled us to help so many people came from our Holiday Campaign.

Please join us this year to ensure that we can continue to help families avoid the traumas of eviction and homelessness by keeping them in their homes for the holidays, and all year long!

**GOAL: \$325,000**  
**RAISED (as of 11/16): \$43,400**  
**– 13% of our goal**

Please join us now and help us help our neighbors!  
[xaviermission.org/donate](http://xaviermission.org/donate)

**¿HABLAS ESPAÑOL?**

Help us welcome arriving refugee families in their own language!

Over the last few months Xavier Mission has had many refugee families arriving from other states come to the Welcome Table, Food Pantry, and Clothing Room for services. We need more volunteers who speak Spanish at the Welcome Table and especially the Clothing Room. If you or someone you know is interested, please sign up for a shift at [signup.xaviermission.org](http://signup.xaviermission.org)!

**WINTER AND  
WOMEN'S/  
CHILDREN'S  
CLOTHING  
NEEDED**



Let's prepare our new neighbors for the winter!

While our Giving Tree collection doesn't officially begin until December, we are already responding to a significantly increased need for winter clothing, particularly from refugee families arriving from other states (who are facing their first ever Northeast winter!). And while we've spent many years turning down clothing donations for women's and children's clothing, we are now welcoming those donations with open arms! Many of the refugees seeking clothing are women and children and we want to provide as much as we can for them without having to send them elsewhere.

Please consider donating new or gently used winter clothing and women and children's clothing to our Clothing Room.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Isa 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Matt 24:37-44.

### FIRST MONDAY OF ADVENT:

Isa 4:2-6; Matt 8:5-11.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05PM OSWALD PONCE TRABAL (D)

### FIRST TUESDAY OF ADVENT:

Isa 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24.

7:45AM JAMES E. GORRA (D)

12:05PM THERESA DALEY (D)

### WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. ANDREW:

Rom 10:9-18; Matt 4:18-22.

7:45AM JACK RYAN (D)

12:05PM JASON VERMONTY (D)

### THURSDAY~FEAST OF STS. EDMUND CAMPION, ROBERT SOUTHWELL: Isa 26:1-6; Matt 7:21, 24-27.

7:45AM OWEN MAHONY (D)

12:05PM CHARLES VAN SCHOICK (D)

### FIRST FRIDAY OF ADVENT: Isa 29:17-24; Matt 9:27-31.

7:45AM JAMES E. GORRA (D)

12:05PM LES DAVIDSON (D)

### SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 16:15-20.

12:05PM GLORIA LANDORNO (D)

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Isa 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Matt 3:1-12.

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

### XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Clothing Room: 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](http://SIGNUP.XAVIERMISSION.ORG)

## Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact [abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com](mailto:abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com)

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room (offsite July & August), [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) (929) 333-5011.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:  
Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com)

FAMILY FAITH: Religious Education Program for children pre-kindergarten -12<sup>th</sup> grade. Sessions for parents/guardians are provided. Contact DRE Luz Marina Diaz, [Imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:Imdiaz@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Marie Bannister, [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com) or Gerry Moss, [gerrymoss@gmail.com](mailto:gerrymoss@gmail.com)

THE WOMEN WHO STAYED: we NURTURE, we EMPOWER, we CALL FORTH, we CELEBRATE the emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth of women in the church. [TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

XAVIER YOGA: Meets on 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. 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](mailto:youthministry@sfxavier.org).

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays and Fridays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact Peggy & Paul [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com)