



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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OFFICE CLOSED
Monday, May 29th

One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.
Please use 15th Street entrance.

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

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

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

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

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) -
208

Ackime Colquhoun (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 214

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

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

Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

Pablo Jiminez (Youth Ministry Coordinator)

James Martinez (Assistant for Financial Planning)

Desiree Resto (Office Assistant)-203

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Roseann Vidal (Dir. of Business) - 221

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

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

SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

SUNDAY

9:00am Mass: James Miracky, SJ

11:30am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00pm Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Ethan Balbi, Florence Bartosik, Jocelyn Dabu Twigg,
Christyn DeAngelis, Carmenchu Diago, Kathleen Friel,
Susan Forbes, Jim Fox, Carmen Gomez, Leonor Herbandez,
Jerry Hill, Tonia Hubert, Elizabeth Jones, Charles Kelley,
Kevin Kennedy, Eileen Miller, AnnMarie Mohammed,
Mike Orza, Edward Pinsdorf, Brian Prentke,
Mark Reynolds, Dolores Roddy, John Schlee,
Eleanor Schleider, Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan,
Encarnacion Singh, Crysea Spencer, Priscilla Stefan,
Eleanor Sundaram, Joyce Williams

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

Carol Burke, Stephanie Castillo, Charles Cole,
Sharon Ann Conner, Mercedes de Luna, Eileen Egan,
Patricia Goldklank, Diane Hobday, Ellen Elizabeth Lowry,
Barbara Mallette, Ofelia Nazareno Samson

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

Happy Pentecost Sunday!

As we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our ministries, we are also happy to formally adopt the Laudato Si Action Plan for our parish.

As you may recall, Pope Francis invited all parishes, dioceses, and Catholic ministries to translate the message of his encyclical, Laudato Si, into concrete steps to help bring healing to our earth. We registered to join the LSAP as a parish and have spent much of the last year working through an inventory of our carbon footprint and a detailed questionnaire to establish a benchmark for our impact on the environment. The plan which has gone through an initial draft, a comment period open to the whole parish, and, finally, approval from the Pastoral Council, is now ready to be implemented.

As you review the action plan for the next three years, you will realize that it is a mixture of readily available goals and aspirational ones. We invite you to engage in the plan and resolve to do your part to help us bring healing to the planet. We will benchmark our progress annually and make adjustments accordingly.

As a small and symbolic step to begin this journey, we have planted two Japanese Maple Trees on the portico of the church.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Potluck Picnic

HOSTED BY THE SFX YOUNG ADULTS

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON
OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP IN
CENTRAL PARK - WE'LL
BRING THE WINE & CHEESE!

Saturday, 3rd June 2023
2:00pm
Near the Alice in Wonderland
Sculpture (East 74th street)
[RAIN DATE: SUN, 4th JUNE]

RSVP TO SFXAVIER.YOUNGADULTS@GMAIL.COM

CONGRATULATIONS!
THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
IS NOW A LAUDATO SI' PARISH

After a year-long discernment, evaluation and planning process, the Pastoral Council endorsed a 3-year action plan on May 9, 2023. We join many other Catholic parishes, schools and hospitals across the world which are doing the same as a step to reducing the climate crisis. Today, we begin this vital effort to green our church and to incorporate care for our common home into our daily lives.

OUR PLAN: LAUDATO SI' ACTIONS (2023-2026)

Pope Francis asked all Catholic institutions to join the Laudato Si' Action Platform, and to focus our work on the **7 goals** addressed in the encyclical:

1. Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles
2. Ecological Education
3. Ecological Spirituality
4. Response to the Cry of the Earth
5. Response to the Cry of the Poor
6. Ecological Economics
7. Community Resilience and Empowerment

To read the full action plan, pick up a copy of the printed booklet in the back of the church, or visit sfxavier.org/green. We need the help of all parishioners, staff, ministries, and outreach groups to achieve these goals. The SFX environment ministry needs volunteers to assist with several education programs. Contact them at SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com.

After the 11:30am Mass, we will have a blessing of two new Japanese Maple trees which have been planted in large pots and placed on the outside staircase at the 16th St. entrance.

XAVIER ART PROJECT

PHASE TWO

After the 2020 murder of George Floyd, the working Art Committee proposed the expansion of our church iconography to include international and American Saints and Holy People reflecting the diversity of our Parish.

The working group now proposes to the community the second phase of the project – the installation of two tapestries in the Narthex one on each side leading up the steps to the church. The highly regarded artist, John Nava, who created the tapestries at the Cathedral of Los Angeles, has accepted a commission to create the tapestries. The tapestries will continue the theme of the communion of Holy People and Saints and focusses on people of heroic virtue from the Americas.

We invite you to take a closer look at those we propose to include and to propose others who would reflect the diversity of our world and the commonality of all seekers of justice.

Scan the QR code here which will direct you to the presentation. We look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions at artcommittee@sfxavier.org.



SONGS FOR THE EARTH Concert

7:30 pm

Mon. June 5



Featuring Xavier Choir
Bell Choir, Musicians
and Dancers

Church of St. Francis Xavier, 46 W 16th St, Manhattan
Wheelchair admission on 15th St. Free admission. All are welcome.
sfxavier.org



CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, June 9th at 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
West Room

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus said, "And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them."

(Luke 9:5)

How does this reflect on LGBTQ+ people in the Catholic Church and in our society? Share your thoughts and maybe a little wine to celebrate thirty years of PRIDE ministry at the Church of St. Francis Xavier! For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com.

The St. Francis Xavier Church Racial Justice Ministry focuses on the role racism has played both in our individual lives and in the life of the Catholic Church. Our book group meets monthly on Zoom.

We also organize events such as meeting authors. We have rescheduled our next meeting to **May 31st, 7-9pm**, to avoid conflicting with the Parish Council. All are welcome. Interested?

Email sfxbookgroup@xavier.org to get the Zoom link.

40th Anniversary Block Party

Our 40th Anniversary Block Party is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, June 17th** (pending final approval of our city permit).



XAVIER MISSION

WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

The Block Party will be open to the public and we'll have food, music, activities for the kids, and guest appearances by some of our elected officials. Please stay tuned for more details!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA 2023-- 2024

JOIN THIS INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for:

- Anyone who has never been baptized.
- Anyone who has been baptized into another Christian faith and would like to convert to the Roman Catholic faith.
- Anyone who was baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.
- Any Catholic who has received all the sacraments but would like to deepen his or her faith by attending the RCIA sessions.

RCIA Requirements



- Fill out the [RCIA FORM](#)
- If you have received the sacrament of Baptism, submit your baptism certificate via email at lldiaz@sfxavier.org or via mail at 55 West 15th Street, NY, NY 10011
- An interview with Luz Marina Diaz will be arranged before RCIA starts on the third Sunday of September.

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For more information, contact Luz Marina Diaz at lldiaz@sfxavier.org or (212) 627-2100 ext 207

Scriptures & Announced Masses

PENTECOST SUNDAY: Acts 2:1-11;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23.

MONDAY~FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH: Gen 3:9-15, 20;
John 19:25-34.

EIGHTH TUESDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: Sir 35:1-12;
Mark 10:28-31.

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

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Zeph 3:14-18a;
Luke 1:39-56

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM FREDERICK S. CHUSMAN (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. JUSTIN MARTYR:
Sir 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52.

7:45AM ELAINE SCHMITT (D)
12:05PM STEFANO TRIULZI (D)

EIGHTH FRIDAY OF ORDINARY TIME:
Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM JOHN GAFFNEY (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. CHARLES LWANGA:
Sir 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33.

12:05PM PATTY & DENISE LAMAR (D)

SUNDAY~THE MOST HOLY TRINITY:
Exod 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; John 3:16-18.

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

BREAKING OPEN OF THE WORD: Join us in praying and reflecting on the Sunday Readings using a Lectio Divina model. Saturdays from 10:00am to 11:00am Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3UsoMJC>

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: Religious Education Program for children pre-kindergarten -12th grade. Sessions for parents/guardians are provided. Contact DRE Luz Marina Diaz, Imdiaz@sfxavier.org

GAY CATHOLICS: Men meet in a caring and affirming environment on the first and third Fridays, 7pm Mary Chapel. Contact sfxgcggroup@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 please contact Nick Grimaldi at nlgnyc@gmail.com. To arrange for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY: We offer spiritual direction, conversations, and retreats. Contact Mary.Elizabeth.Hurson@gmail.com and/or gerrymoss@gmail.com.

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.

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

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: 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

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