



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

46 West 16th Street, NYC

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

Parish Office Closed Monday, January 15

One mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

Please use 15th Street Entrance.

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

Parish Phone Number - (212) 627-2100

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 (Office Manager) -222

MaryLennox Halfacre (Dir. of Communications)-206

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

Belinda Conway (Chair); Alan Ahles (Vice-Chair);
Susan Faggiani (Secretary); Christina Amendolia; Kristen
Beckles; Joel Dabu; Andrea Foley-Murphy; John Lucas;
Larry Ruth; Todd Schmidt.

PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

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Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, January 20

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

Sunday, January 21

9:00am Mass: James Miracky, SJ

11:30am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturday: 11:30am to 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am to 6:00pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices 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.

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

**To stay up-to-date on parish
news, follow us on Instagram
and Facebook at [sfxaviernyc](https://www.instagram.com/sfxaviernyc).**

From the Pastor's Desk

This week we returned to ordinary time in the liturgical year. As the decorations are put away, we consider how we will respond to God's call in our ordinary lives. In an election year, the divisive rhetoric gets amplified and many humanitarian issues such as immigration reform become political footballs. We continue to pray and work for an end to hostilities especially in Israel and Gaza. There is more than enough guilt to go around for both sides of the conflict while innocent civilians are slaughtered.

These and so many other issues clamor for our attention. In the Book of Samuel, the young prophet had to learn how to hear the voice of God and to say "Speak, your servant is listening." Our synodal approach to serious issues invites us to listen to the voice of the Spirit in the midst of our conversations.

Prayer Requests

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

Sr Mary Ann Ambrose, CSJ, Ethan Balbi, Florence Bartosik, Julie Burke, Darcy Crum, Christyn DeAngelis, Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes, Maria Formoso, Jim Fox, David Fuentes, Francisco Fuentes, Jaclyn Suzanne Gomez, Jim Held, Leonor Herbandez, Christopher Henderson, Donna Marie Henderson, Tonia Hubert, Elizabeth Jones, Charles Kelley, Kevin Kenned, Eileen Miller, Ann Marie Mohammed, Mike Orza, Edward Pinsdorf, Brian Prentke, Betty and Ray Ralph, Mark Reynolds, Dolores Roddy, John Schlee, Eleanor Schleider, Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan, Encarnacion Singh, Crysea Spencer, Priscilla Stefan, Eleanor Sundaram, Joyce Williams, Micaiah Wilson, Mike Mattioli, Joan Schechter, Kay Thomas, Patricia Jones, Gary Trout, Anthony Cuoco, Mark Morin, Marion Pierce, Rosina Davis, Robert Raymond, Richard Chow, John P. Sabini, Avada Mulzac, Jane Jacobus, Neepa Magarelli, Eve Duke.

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

Judy Lothian, Ana Gerda Kennedy, Carmen Gomez, Amor Mendoza Domingo, Pietro Rocca, Ryan Thoresen Carson, Bob Morrow, Jason Vermonty, Jessie Russell, DeJuan Strickland, Greg Lubert, Dr. Samuel Alcaarez, Barbara Ann Haynes, Blair Dean, Carmen Chu Diago.

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.



Reducing Plastic Waste in NY- A Step Forward

Single use plastics made from fossil fuels contribute to climate change and pollute our environment. While metals, glass and paper can be readily recycled, 95% of plastics are not recycled -- and most cannot be recycled at all. Our plastic waste, including from packaging, is landfilled, incinerated or becomes litter. Microplastic particles are now ubiquitous. Managing the waste stream is expensive - New York City spends \$426 million annually to export waste to landfills and incinerators.

There are two bills before the New York Senate and Assembly that would reduce our plastic waste: The Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, which is designed to transform the way goods are packaged and sold in New York State; and the and the Bigger Better Bottle Bill, which would incentivize more bottle recycling. Plastic bottles are the most recyclable item in our plastic waste stream.

If enacted, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act would require most companies that sell products in New York to reduce their packaging by 50%, redesign their packaging for reusability or recycling, remove the most toxic chemicals within the plastic packaging, and pay for the waste management of their packaging. The Bigger Better Bottle Bill would increase the types of bottles that require deposits, and increase the deposit amount, which will lead to more bottles being recycled.

For ways to help advocate for these earth-friendly bills that could include a lobbying day in Albany on February 27, we invite you to contact us at SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com

Pastoral Council Coffee Hour

Sunday, January 14 after the 9:00 AM Mass

Please join members of the Pastoral Council after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Mary Chapel for light refreshments and community.

Saturday 5 PM Mass - Eucharistic and Hospitality Ministers Needed!

Eucharistic ministers and hospitality ministers are needed to serve, regularly, at the Saturday 5 PM mass. If you are interested, please email Luz Marina Diaz (Imdiaz@sfxavier.org) with "Saturday 5 PM Mass" in the email subject line. You may serve as often, in a given month, as you wish. Training is provided.

Healing Prayer Ministry Upcoming Dates

You are invited to come for prayer for healing for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing after the 11:30 Mass on **January 21**. Our Pray-ers look forward to praying with you.

Looking For More Pray-ers for the Healing Prayer Ministry Team

Consider if you are called to become a Pray-er. We currently serve after the 11:30 Mass on selected Sundays. Trained Pray-ers serve no more than twice a month, for about 30 minutes after Mass. Training involves some reading and Zoom discussions, then in-person observation and practice. **Please reach out to HPM@sfxavier.org or to Philip Waldrop (Coordinator) by text to 973-214-6589.**

Central Park — The Big Backyard Of The City

An Illustrated Talk by Joyce Gold

Thursday, January 18 | 1:00 pm | Mary Chapel

The Xavier Adult Group invites you to join us for an insightful and informative talk, about the origins and design of this much-loved park. We will learn how Olmsted and Vaux transformed 843 acres into an educational, recreational, and horticultural marvel. All are welcome.

Matt Phelps performing *The People United Will Never Be Defeated by Frederic Rzewski*

Friday, February 9 | 7:30 PM

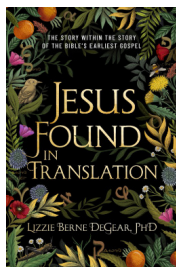
Main Church & Online

Join us for our next Performing Arts at Xavier event with Matt Phelps! Matthew Phelps is a pianist and conductor based in Nashville, Tennessee. He is a frequent recitalist known for his performances of Rzewski's music, and has won numerous awards as a pianist, conductor, and organist. A former resident of New York City and member of St. Francis Xavier, he is pleased to be returning for this performance.

The Women Who Stayed

Sunday, January 21 | 1:00 PM
Main Church

All are welcome to celebrate the thirteenth anniversary of The Women Who Stayed with a conversation/book signing for Jesus Found in Translation by Lizzie Berne DeGear, PhD. This #1 new release in "Spiritual Growth" on Amazon is a labor of love that we hope will be genuinely good news to those who read it. We can't wait to share the joy with you!



More Queer Grace

Sunday, January 28 | 12:45 PM | Mary Chapel

Following on the success of our Queer Grace event in November, More Queer Grace on January 28 will take place at 12:45pm, immediately following the 11:30am Mass. We invite parishioners of all genders and sexual orientations to explore and reflect on the unexpected, uncanny, and even queer ways that grace works in all our lives in a facilitated, interactive, 90-minute session. Parishioners Ann Harris-Jacobs and Paul Moreno will share some of their stories of queer grace and you'll then be prompted to reflect on your own.

To watch a video on queer spirituality with Kathy Talvacchia and Dominic Longo, two Xavier parishioners who are theologians and helping to organize this event, follow the QR code. Come take part in this experience of spiritual storytelling and listening, sharing and connecting! Sponsored by Catholic Lesbians, Gay Catholics, and Xavier Outings.



Racial Justice Ministry Book Group

Please join the Racial Justice Ministry Book Group discussion on *How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery*, by Clint Smith. Each chapter is a self-contained piece, so if you missed the first chapter you will not be at a disadvantage.

Monday, February 12, "Our Independence Day," Galveston Island, pp. 173-206.

An annual celebration of the June 19, 1865, reading of the order announcing the end of slavery takes place in Galveston. The celebration is called Juneteenth.

Monday, March 11, "We were the good guys, right?" New York City, pp. 207--238.

The author visits several sites in the city that reflect the role of slavery in its history.

The Racial Justice Ministry meets by Zoom from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. To receive the link, email to sfxbookgroup@sfxavior.org.



Two Wars, One Morality: A comparative analysis of the conflicts in the Middle East and Europe

Wednesday, January 17 | 6:30 PM | Zoom

Join A Faith That Does Justice for a conversation with Peter Gyves, SJ MD, Founder and Executive Director of A Faith That Does Justice and Rev. Bryan Hehir, Secretary for Health and Social Services in the Cardinal's Cabinet in the Archdiocese of Boston. Rev. Hehir, a recently retired faculty member of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, will explore similarities and differences between the conflicts in the Middle East and Europe from a moral and faith perspective.

This virtual event is free and open to the public. Please register here in advance to receive the Zoom link before the meeting begins. Visit our website for more information.



Corpus Christi Chapter Meeting Saturday, January 27 | 2:00 PM

Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121 Street

Join the Corpus Christi Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society as they host **Thomas Merton: Wisdom's Voice for Our Time?** a meeting to discuss our Chapter's future and to celebrate his and the chapter's birthday. Jonathan Montaldo and others will lead us to consider Merton's prophetic voice together. Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121 Street, Manhattan. Info: (212) 666-9350 or cchristinyc@gmail.com. Free admission, but please pre-register.



Happy New Year from Xavier Mission!

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

We exceeded our \$325k fundraising goal for our holiday Hope & Healing campaign by 13% ... and counting!

Our Giving Trees campaign garnered hundreds of donated items and \$6,000+ for new clothing.

DONOR TAX INFO

One-Time Gifts - Cash or Check

Donors received a mailed or emailed acknowledgement letter for each gift to be used for tax purposes.

We are still processing and mailing acknowledgments for checks received in recent weeks.

One-Time Gifts - Online

After each online gift, a confirmation was emailed to serve as tax documentation.

Monthly X-PACT gifts

2023 summary statements will be emailed in the coming weeks.

Pink Envelopes

2023 summary statements will be mailed in the coming weeks.

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Ask your employer about matching gift programs or submit 2023 donations for matching!

EVENTS

LSEP Graduation Monday, January 22

6pm
Church of St. Francis
Xavier
46 W. 16th Street
Reception in Hurtado Hall



Annual Dinner Dance Saturday, March 23

7-11pm
Hurtado Hall
55 W. 15th Street
Details to follow



Capuchin Family Ministries presents A Eucharistic Retreat For Men

Saturday, February 3 | 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM
St. Lawrence Retreat Center

Grounding our reflections on the truth of Christ's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament and considering the Eucharist as Sacrifice and Banquet lead us to live truly Eucharistic lives. Explore how we live this out in our day-to-day lives as men of faith. The \$70.00 fee includes the program, continental breakfast, and lunch. This retreat filled to capacity last year. Register today to ensure your spot. Scan QR code to learn more and register.



Scriptures & Announced Masses

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;
Jn 1:35-42.

SECOND MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22.

OFFICE CLOSED
9:00AM AVAILABLE

SECOND TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM PHILIP J. SMITH (D)

WEDNESDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT:
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6.

7:45AM JAMES B. GORRA (D)
12:05PM AVAILABLE

SECOND THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12.

7:45AM MARIE SANETRA (D)
12:05PM SOOGIE (D) & SHEILA RILEY (L)

SECOND FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19.

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

SECOND SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21.

12:05PM TOM RAINONE (D)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20.

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

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, 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 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.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY: We offer spiritual direction, conversations, and retreats. Contact ISEL@sfxavier.org.

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, empower, call forth, and celebrate our emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth. We strive to bring the riches of the Word of God in ways that speak to everyone in the congregation. TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com

XAVIER ADULT GROUP: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact xaviersharingandlearninggroup@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. **Will not meet December 12, December 26th, January 2nd, March 26th, May 21st, June 4th.**

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 at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact Peggy & Paul schubertnyc@gmail.com