



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

46 West 16th Street, NYC

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

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

Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, January 27

5:00pm Vigil Mass: James Miracky, SJ

Sunday, January 28

9:00am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Kenneth Boller, 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

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is also designated as "Word of God" Sunday. It is an opportunity to reflect on the power of the Word of God and its importance in our lives.

The readings remind us of the urgency of God's call in our lives. Whether it be the call to repent in the Book of Jonah or the call to discipleship in Mark's Gospel, the call demands an immediate response and a response of "yes" is transformative. Yes, even in ordinary time, we need to be attentive to the call of the Gospel in our lives. It is never a one and done proposition. There's a restlessness and relentlessness to the call.

And so, during the winter doldrums, after the first snow in almost two years, we are called to action. In the face of increasingly divisive political discourse, how can we foster respectful airing of differences? How can we work toward bipartisan solutions to the pressing issues of our day especially a just and fair immigration system, effective action for climate restoration, inequality, and food and housing insecurity?

Internationally, how can we foster peace and reconciliation among warring nations and work toward a just and lasting peace?

No one of us can resolve the issues of our day, but we are called upon to make our voices heard and to intervene whenever and wherever possible.

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I will be away making my annual retreat this week in Linwood Spirituality Center. Please pray for me as I will for you.

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, Neepea Magarelli, Eve Duke, Henna Ali.

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.



Going Fast and Going Slow -- Do Both

The call to ecological conversion in Laudato Si' (2015) and Laudate Deum (2023) has fast and slow elements -- and we are called to both, in dynamic tension.

The slow part is developing your ecological spirituality. This could be by being in Nature close by or farther afield, or by reading, watching videos, listening to music or doing meditations. Doing this alone and with groups is of value.

The fast part recognizes the climate crisis and its widespread effects on people and ecology. It recognizes the urgency of taking significant action to prudentially care for our common home, and to care for each other. The fast part calls for action.

As a Laudato Si' parish, we are committed to operate in the dynamic tension of slow and fast. We invite you to take personal earth-care actions and also to take part in wider advocacy actions. Postcards, letters, petitions, phone calls, pledges and in-person lobbying for change are some of the ways.

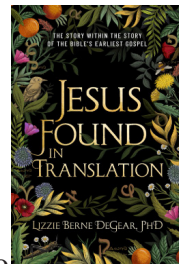
We invite you to participate in upcoming Environment Ministry action initiatives. Watch this space. Contact us at SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com



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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!



The Racial Justice Ministry invites you to see and discuss Oscar-nominee Ava DuVernay's film **ORIGIN**

"A moving drama that's unafraid to ask big questions . . . with powerful performances in service of a deeply emotional story."

-Critics Consensus, Rotten Tomatoes

Find ORIGIN showtimes at www.originfilm.com
Available in multiple NYC theatres ONLY:
1/17 to 2/1/2024

Register for ZOOM discussion via email
sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org
Monday, February 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Thursday, February 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

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, February 4th, 18th. and 25th.** 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.**

**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.

**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.

**Employment Support Group
Tuesday, January 23 | 6:30 PM
West Room**

Join the Employment Support Group for the first meeting of 2024. We look forward to welcoming and including you in ESG's mission of helping one another achieve our goals. Feel free to bring any questions or concerns you have about your work life. Please feel free to contact us by email to krcoff5th@netzero.com with any comments, questions or ideas.

We Refuse to be Enemies

Sunday, January 21 | 10:30 AM | Meditz Library
Get ready to embark on a profound and insightful conversation with Sabeeha Rehman (Muslim) and Walter Ruby (Jewish), on their book, "We Refuse to Be Enemies: How Muslims and Jews Can Make Peace, One Friendship at a Time." If you would like to join virtually, email Luz Marina Diaz (Imdiaz@sfxavier.org). Co-sponsored by the Family Faith Program and the Interfaith Ministry.

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.



**Ignatian Encounter Ministry
Online Facilitators Needed!
Virtual Conversation in the Spirit**

Facilitator Training Options

7:00 - 9:00PM on Thu. Jan 25

3:00 - 5:00PM on Sat. Jan 27

Become a confident and capable facilitator through this event designed to give you the training and support you need to facilitate impactful spiritual dialogues.

CLC Conversations Event 8:00 - 9:30PM EST on Tue. Jan 30 Be part of our first virtual Conversation in the Spirit event by facilitating a small group at our kick-off.

Register or get more information by scanning the QR code.



Pax Christi New York State invites you to The Vow from Hiroshima

**Saturday, February 3 | 1:00 PM
Keenan Commons**

Our presentation includes a talk-back with film producer, Mitchie Takeuchi. Celebrate with us the third anniversary of the entry into force of The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons!
Please RSVP: nypaxchristi@gmail.com

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 (lm Diaz@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.

Is there is a need for St. Francis Xavier to start a Bereavement ministry?

If you are interested in discussing starting a bereavement ministry, please email the Pastoral Council at PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org. If you want to make us aware of other issues related to Bereavement, please let us know at Pastoral-Council@sfxavier.org.

Catholic Lesbians Friday, February 9 | 6:00 PM West Room

"Looking In and Coming Out": Ellie Crum reveals her relationship to contemplative prayer and her coming out journey and leads us on a guided meditation. BYOCUPS (Cups, Utensils, Plates, Serviettes), snacks, and/or beverages to share with friends, old and new. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com.



XAVIER MISSION

WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

EVENTS (NEW DATE FOR LSEP GRADUATION!)



LSEP Graduation
Thursday, January 31
6-8pm
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

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.

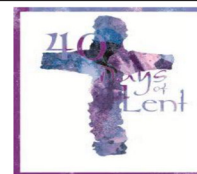
Pink Envelopes

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XAVIERMISSION.ORG

Now's the time!

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



ISEL Lenten Retreat

Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life invites you to deepen your prayer this Lent in community with your fellow parishioners through a Lenten retreat. Participants will spend time praying daily and then meet once per week to engage in spiritual conversation.

We are pleased to offer meetings at three different times. For more information or to register, please email us at ISEL@sfxavier.org so we may provide further information. (Please put Lenten Retreat in the header and tell us which session you are interested in. Register soon to reserve your spot)

**In-person at Xavier Thursdays
Feb 15-March 21 from 12:45-2:15 PM**

**In-person at Xavier Fridays
Feb 16-March 22 from 12:45-2:15 PM**

**On Zoom Thursdays
Feb 15-March 21 from 7:00-8:15 PM**

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20.

MONDAY- DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN:

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30.

7:45AM ANN FERRY RILEY (D)

12:05PM RAQUEL TERRY (L)

THIRD TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

2 Sm 6:12B-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35.

7:45AM CARMEN CHU DIAGO (D)

12:05 PM STEPHEN MCNERNEY (D)

WEDNESDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH:

2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM JOSEPH SALZANO (D)

THURSDAY- FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE:

Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05PM JOSE DOMINGO LOPEZ SANTIAGO (D)

FRIDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINTS TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS:

2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:26-34.

7:45AM ROLANDO ZAPATA (D)

12:05PM AVAILABLE

THIRD SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41.

12:05PM LORETTA HAWKES (D)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28.

**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 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