



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Thrive for Life

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 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

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An etching by Jan Luyken representing “Jesus the Teacher” in the Bowyer Bible, Bolton, England.

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Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, February 3

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

Sunday, February 4

9:00am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Ricardo da Silva, 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*.

From the Pastor's Desk

Kenneth Boller, SJ

Greetings from Linwood Spirituality Center where I am on my annual retreat until Sunday, January 28!

In the peace-filled winter setting here on the Hudson, I lift up our community in prayer with gratitude for the work of the Spirit in our parish life. I am happy to step away from the whirl of activity to center myself in God's loving arms.

In the Gospel today, Jesus astonishes by driving out demons and speaking with authority in a way that moves His listeners. As followers of Jesus, we work to counter the "demons" which cause so much chaos and harm in our world and rely on the authority of Jesus to guide and sustain us in our efforts to build the reign of God in our midst.

Prayer Requests

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

Sr Mary Ann Ambrose, CSJ, Ethan Balbi, Florence Bartosik, Julie Burke, Christyn DeAngelis, Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes, 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, 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, Henna Ali, Dava Weinstein.

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, Don Brophy, Anthony Antunes, Rolando Zapata.

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.



You're Invited...Two Exhibits, Two Angles on Our Climate Crisis

This week we highlight and invite you to take in two nearby exhibits relating to the Climate Crisis. One is primarily retrospective, the other combines retrospective and prescriptive elements.



Poster House, at 119 W. 23rd St. NY, NY 10011 posterhouse.org 917-722-2439, offers through February 24th a visual history of environmental activism via **"We Tried to Warn You! Environmental Posters 1970-2020"**. The posters sound the alarm about the global climate crisis and its many aspects. Fridays have free admission 10 AM-9 PM. Thursday and Saturday and Sunday hours 10 AM-6 PM.

The Climate Museum, at 105 Wooster St, (in Soho) NYC 10012 www.climatemuseum.org recently extended through April 28th its exhibit **"The End of Fossil Fuels"**. The focus is on the fossil fuel industry and its self-serving, but earth-harmful, behaviors over the decades --- and what we can do about it. Hours: Wed-Sun, 1-6 PM

The SFX Environment Ministry invites you to take in these family-friendly educational exhibits soon. We hope this spurs you to take action. Contact us: SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com

A Message from The Archdiocese of New York on the Financial Integrity Hotline

The Archdiocese of New York takes stewardship of your donations seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct, report your concerns via a toll-free hotline at 877-820-0541 or on the internet at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day.

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.



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.

The Art of the Piano with Matthew Phelps

Friday, February 9 | 7:30 PM

In-Person & Online | Free Admission

Pianist Matthew Phelps is returning to St. Francis Xavier to perform Frederic Rzewski's monumental *The People United Will Never Be Defeated*. Written in 1975, this virtuosic piece depicts the struggles and triumphs of social change in one of the most celebrated pieces of American piano music.

Mass Classes

As a part of the Xavier Eucharistic Revival, we will be conducting four Mass classes that will be held simultaneously with the regular Masses at Xavier. These Mass classes will occur at the Xavier High School Chapel on the second floor of 30 West 16th Street.

The Mass Class schedule is:

Saturday, 2/3/24: 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, 3/3/24: 9:00 am Mass

Sunday, 4/7/24: 11:30 am Mass

Sunday, 5/5/24: 5:00 pm Mass

A Mass class is a celebration of Mass that includes an explanation of its various parts. Throughout the Mass, the priest takes the time to explain essential elements of each part of the celebration, including the Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, and Concluding Rites, as well as relevant liturgical-related information such as liturgical year, liturgical colors, vestments, etc. At certain moments of the Mass, the presider will invite the attendees to pose questions regarding the liturgy. This helps participants to understand better and appreciate our Catholic liturgy.

You are Invited To: CLC-USA Virtual Synod Conversation Event

Responding to the 2023 Synod General Assembly

Tuesday, January 30 | 8:00 PM

Free Registration

Join your fellow Christian Life Community members from across the United States for the first virtual Conversation in the Spirit event. Engage in facilitated rounds of listening and dialogue that will result in notes we'll share with the Bishops' Conference and Synod Office as part of the ongoing Synodal journey. Scan the QR code to register and learn more.



Save The Date: Ash Wednesday February 14

Masses:

7:45 AM, 12:00 PM (Livestream), 7:30 PM

Services:

3:00 PM & 6:00 PM



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 two different times.

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

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

To register, use the QR code or
this google form: <https://forms.gle/mAYQrzETVBueB8nw5>



We will use the **Irish Jesuits' Sacred Space for Lent 2024**, which is available in printed or digital form (see image). Participants should get it on their own before the first meeting. **If you are having trouble getting a copy, or if you have any questions, please reach out to ISEL at ISEL@sfxavier.org**

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

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.

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



EVENTS (LSEP GRADUATION IS WED 1/31!)



LSEP Graduation
Wednesday, 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.

One-Time Gifts - Online
After each online gift, a confirmation was emailed to serve as tax documentation.

Monthly X-PACT gifts
2023 summary statements were emailed Jan 22.

Pink Envelopes
2023 summary statements have been mailed.

If you need documentation or believe you received one with a discrepancy, please contact Marin Correa at mcorrea@xaviermission.org.

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Now's the time!

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

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

The Women Who Stayed Sunday, March 10 | 1:00 PM Mary Chapel

In our thirteenth year as a ministry at the Church of St. Francis Xavier, we women have much to share with one another. Please join us for a spiritual conversation in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola. And until then, e-mail thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com for a copy of Joan Chittister's essay "Women Will Call the Church to Truth."

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28.

FOURTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20.

7:45AM PETER HAWKES (D)
12:05PM AVAILABLE

FOURTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30-19:3;
Mk 5:21-43

7:45AM ROSE SCHULTZ (D)
12:05 PM MARGARET BARBARA BEATENDORF (D)

WEDNESDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO:
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM AARON XAVIER DAVIS (D)

FOURTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13.

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

FRIDAY- FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: Mal 3:1-4; Lk 2:22-40.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM DI BALDWIN (D)

FOURTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34.

12:05PM MAUREN MORRIS (D)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;
Mk 1:29-39.

**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 sfxgsgroup@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