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 Diaz (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, 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

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.

Bulletin Cover Artwork: *Jesus the Teacher*
An etching by Jan Luyken representing "Jesus the Teacher" in the Bowyer Bible, Bolton, England.
Artist: Goodhue, Bertram Grosvenor, 1869-1924
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 Herbrandez, 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 parishioners and friends, especially:

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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

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
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 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.

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.

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.

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.”
ABILITY XA VIER: 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, krcott5th@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, lmdiaz@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 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 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

XA VIER ADULT GROUP: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com

THE XA VIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact sanxnyc@gmail.com

THE XA VIER YOUTH MINISTRY: Spiritual, service, and social activities for parishioners 20s-30s, and the young in spirit. Contact Pablo Jimenez at youthministry@sfxavier.org

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact Peggy & Paul schuberntyc@gmail.com


7:45 AM Peter Hawkes (D)
12:05 PM Available

Fourth Tuesday in Ordinary Time: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

7:45 AM 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.

7:45 AM Leo & Antoinette Buongiorno (D)
12:05 PM Aaron Xavier Davis (D)

Fourth Thursday in Ordinary Time: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

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12:05 PM Mauren Morris (D)

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