



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 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 13

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

Sunday, January 14

9:00am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30am Mass: James Miracky, 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 story of the Epiphany is a wonderful story of inclusion and the power of faith. The Magi were gentiles, outside the realm of the people of the promise, yet they were also seekers. Their knowledge of the tradition of Abraham and Sarah led them to believe that the star they saw would lead them to the newborn ruler of Israel. They followed the star, inquiring along the way, and trusting that God would lead them to their goal.

It's a beautiful story of a faith journey and, like so many faith journeys, including our own, we don't know what came next. They returned home by a different route. How did they recount their experience? How did it change their lives and subsequent behavior?

We'll never know.

As we continue our own faith journey in these perilous times, surrounded by war, violence, destruction, migration, environmental destruction, let us strive to follow the star of hope in the darkness of the night.

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

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 Alcaez, 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.

Speaking up for the Earth, Our Common Home

"I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home ... it is necessary to recognize that the most effective solutions will not come from individual efforts alone, but above all from major political decisions..."

-- Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, paragraph 69, issued October 4, 2023

The exhortation by Pope Francis in *Laudate Deum*, and before that in *Laudate Si'* (2015), calls on us, as people of faith, to address seriously the twin goals of care for the earth and care for the poor. The faith-based impetus to limit the climate change necessarily includes more than personal behavior changes. Pope Francis notes that personal behavior changes have value, but changes in policies and practices by governments, industries, businesses and organizations are needed.

St. Francis Xavier parish, as a *Laudato Si'* parish, along with the parish's Environment Ministry, is called to keep an eye on environmental developments and to use our voices to effect positive change. Two near-term opportunities to use our voices for our common home are lobbying days with our elected representatives in Albany -- on Tuesday, January 23, and on Tuesday, February 27. These are opportunities to show support for important environmental policies.

In January, the focus is on the policies that will help NYS meet its climate targets and on energy justice with the NY Home Energy Affordable Transition Act (NY HEAT Act) that is part of the "People's Climate Justice Budget" outlined by NYRenews. In February, the focus is on two bills that have to do with plastic and producer responsibility: the Better Bottle Bill, and the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act.

Future columns will provide more detail about participating in the lobbying process, whether in Albany, or locally, or from our homes. You are invited to contact us at SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com, or by calling or texting Philip Waldrop at 973-214-6589. By working together, we can make a difference.

Whatever our resolution is, Pope Francis encourages us to "sing as we go" with "the joy of our hope."



Eucharistic Revival Reminder **Lecture - Pastoral Guide to Pope Francis'** **Desiderio Desideravi with Rita Ferrone** **January 7th at 1:00 PM**

Main Church & Online

St. Francis Xavier continues to deepen our understanding of the Eucharist. Please join us for this upcoming event.

Pastoral Council Coffee Hour

Sunday, January 14th 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.

Healing Prayer Ministry **Upcoming Dates**

Blessings, grace, peace, and healing to you all for Christmas, New Years and Epiphany from the Healing Prayer Ministry team. You are invited to come for prayer for healing for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing after the 11:30 Mass on **January 7 and January 21, 2024**. 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.**

**Xavier High School
Martin Luther King Jesuit
High School Mass & Breakfast 2024**

January 15

8:30 AM | Mass in the Student Chapel

9:15 AM | Breakfast

Kindly RSVP by January 9, 2024

Fr. Mario Powell, S.J., Provincial Assistant for Secondary and Pre-Secondary Education, will celebrate our liturgy in the Student Chapel (3rd floor). Rev. Gary Dorrien, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary, will be our breakfast speaker.



Join us as we honor the life and legacy of one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, January 12 | 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

West Room

On this Friday of the First Week of Ordinary Time, we will explore Joan Chittister's statement: "What we bring to the pursuit of the God of Life is what we will get out of it." What will you bring this new year in the pursuit of Love? What will we bring as a ministry? Together, let us sketch that out for 2024. BYO cups (cup, utensils, plate, serviette), snacks, and/or beverages to share with friends, old and new. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com.



**CELEBRATION
OF SERVICE!**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 AT 6:00 PM

KEENAN COMMONS

31 WEST 15TH STREET

The Pastoral Council wants to thank you for all you do for the Xavier Community. Whether you serve as a Liturgical Minister, are a member of the Music Ministry, Volunteer at Xavier Mission or serve on any of the Spiritual, Social or Action Committees, Come Join us!

Please RSVP to PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

Central Park — The Big Backyard Of The City

An Illustrated Talk by Joyce Gold

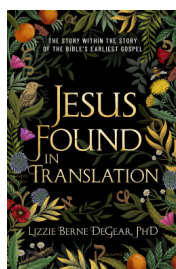
Thursday, January 18 | 1:00 pm | Mary Chapel

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.

The Women Who Stayed

Sunday, January 21 | 1:00 PM
Mary Chapel

All are welcome to celebrate the thirteenth anniversary of The Women Who Stayed with a conversation/book release 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 | 12:45pm

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 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! In the Mary Chapel. 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, January 8, Chapter 5, "I Don't Know if it is True or Not but I Like it," Blandford Cemetery, pp. 118-172. Blandford Cemetery is one of the largest mass graves of Confederate servicemen.

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@sfxavior.org.



XAVIER MISSION

WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.



XAVIER MISSION

Happy New Year!

Thank you for all your support during our 40th anniversary year. We look forward to reporting on the success of our holiday campaign and will provide information about tax letters in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, we have big plans for 2024!
Please save the dates for our upcoming events and stay tuned for more details...



Monday 6pm

LSEP Graduation

Join us in the church sanctuary to bear witness as Life Skills Empowerment Program graduates tell their stories.

Reception to follow.

Jan
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Saturday 7pm

Annual Dinner Dance

Mark your calendar for our biggest event of the year!

The theme will be announced soon so you can start planning your attire!

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Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY- THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12.

MONDAY- THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Mk 1:7-11.

7:45AM GIUSEPPE MERCURI (D)

12:05PM YVON, BILL & JOSEPH (D)

FIRST TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28.

9:00AM AVAILABLE

12:05 PM THE MURPHY FAMILY (L)

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM CARMINE GIORDANO (D)

FIRST THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM EILEEN DUFFELL LUGANO (D)

FIRST FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12.

7:45AM GARY EDWIN GUILLIAMS (D)

12:05PM BLANCA COLLANTES & AMOR DOMINGO (D)

FIRST SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mk 2:13-17.

12:05PM DORIS ALFIERI (D)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

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

**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, Imdiaz@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