Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Peter’s Pence
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, February 17
5:00pm Vigil Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

Sunday, February 18
9:00am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ
11:30am Mass: James Miracky, SJ
5:00 PM Mass: Sam 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.
From the Pastor’s Desk
Kenneth Boller, SJ

Although this is only the sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are already on the verge of Lent which begins this Wednesday, February 14. (See the bulletin for specific times for masses and services of ashes.) Now is the time to plan your Lenten practice(s) to deepen your prayer life and draw closer to God in this sacred season.

There are several opportunities offered to us in the bulletin: The Stations of the Cross presented at 6:30 on five Fridays of Lent by different ministries. This year we will offer the opportunity for Eucharistic adoration before the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:30 on each of those Fridays. Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life (ISEL) is offering an opportunity to pray with the Lenten offerings of Sacred Space, the Irish Jesuit prayer website and gather in person or by zoom to reflect on the readings in common. Even if you can’t join one of the groups for sharing, the site is a worthwhile resource for your prayer during Lent. The Young Adults Group is offering a series of Lenten prayer experiences geared to that age group.

Last week we held our first “Mass Class” for adults on Saturday at 5 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to participate in the eucharist while, at the same time, learning the why’s and wherefores of our practices in the celebration of the eucharist. Our next opportunity will be on Sunday, March 3 at 9 a.m. in the Student Chapel of the high school. All are welcome.

Our scriptures this week focus on the ancient attitudes towards Hansen’s Disease, commonly called leprosy. It was not until the twentieth century that medical science developed treatments for this highly contagious disease. The fear and superstition surrounding the disease and those suffering from it has translated into the use of the word leper as a basis for bias and discrimination against various people we consider “other.” In the Gospel, Jesus readily reaches out to bring healing and reconciliation with the community. Miracles of physical healing are not commonplace, but we can make acceptance of persons with alternate abilities a part of our ordinary lives. May we too, eliminate attitudes of bias and exclusion in our lives.

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 Pinski, Brian Prentke, Betty and Ray Ralph, Mark Reynolds, Dolores Roddy, John Schlee, Eleanor Schleider, Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan, Encarnacion Singh, Cryea Spencer, Priscilla Stefan, Eleanor Sundaram, Joyce Williams, Miciah 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, Pat Brown, Michael Patterson, Sr. Cecilia Palange, Mary Lou Brewis.

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed parishoners 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.
Embrace Integral Ecology this Lent

This Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey. We can enrich our experience by intentionally incorporating Care of Creation into our prayer life. Catholic organizations offer many resources to assist us.

There are Lenten reflections, Stations of the Cross, calendars, prayer services and campaigns all at your fingertips. The richness of choices available to help us with our eco-spiritual conversion and address the climate crisis is a testament to how much this movement has grown.

You can find these resources at

* Catholic Climate Covenant, www.catholicclimatecovenant.org
* Laudato Si’ Movement, www.laudatosimovement.org


And, for the fifth year, our SFX Environment Ministry will offer our Lenten Carbon Fast Calendar. Please take a copy, and take one for a friend. You can also download it from the website, www.sfxavier.org. You'll find practical tips for spirituality, education and advocacy to be more aware of God's gifts of creation, and to find ways to be gentler on our Common Home.

Helen Keller said, "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something."

What will you do this Lent?

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Ash Wednesday
February 14
Masses:
7:45 AM, 12:05 PM (Livestream), 7:30 PM
Services:
3:00 PM & 6:00 PM

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Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a fourteen step or devotional, focusing on Jesus' last day on Earth as a human being, beginning with His condemnation to death by Pontius Pilate to His being laid in the tomb. They are found in Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and Methodist churches. The Stations are used as a mini-pilgrimage, imitating the Via Dolorosa, or Way of Sorrows, in Jerusalem to Mount Calvary. Tradition holds that the pilgrimage was initially followed by the Blessed Mother; though, the earliest mention of a Via Sacra, or Holy Way, was in the mid 15th Century, and permission was granted to erect Stations inside all churches in 1731 by Pope Clement XII.

Friday, February 16 | 6:30 PM | Main Church
“Women Witnesses for Racial Justice / FutureChurch ‘Stations of the Cross: Black Catholic Women Give Witness’”
Sponsored by Catholic Lesbians, The Women Who Stayed, and The Xavier Interfaith Committee

Friday, February 23 | 6:30 PM | Main Church
“Stations of the Cross: Journeying Together with Jesus: Seek and Listen, Reflect and Pray”
Sponsored by the Family Faith Program and Xavier Youth Ministry

Friday, March 1 | 6:30 PM | Main Church
“Stations of the Cross and Racial Justice in Collaboration With Ability Xavier and With Musical Accompaniment”
Sponsored by The Racial Justice Ministry and Ability Xavier

Friday, March 15 | 6:30 PM | Main Church
“Stations of the Cross: Caring For All of God’s Creation”
Sponsored by The Environment Ministry

Friday, March 29 | 12:00 PM | Main Church
“Good Friday Stations of the Cross”
Sponsored by the R.C.I.A. Program and The Music Ministries
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.


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

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.

**On Zoom**

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

To register, use the QR code.

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.

At Prayer In The Cosmos With Teilhard De Chardin

with Kathleen Deignan and Libby Osgood from their BOOK of HOURS

Sunday, February 11 | 10:30 AM

Meditz Library

Kathleen Deignan and Libby Osgood, sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame, will facilitate a session titled, “At Prayer in the Cosmos with Teilhard de Chardin” based on their Book of Hours. During this session, they will introduce the Cosmic Vision of the French Jesuit priest, Teilhard de Chardin, which is a vision for Christianity that draws science and faith together through a cosmic hope for the future through humanity’s participation in the ever-evolving cosmos. This presentation offers a path to broaden our perspective on entering Xavier Lenten’s Theme, Walking Together: The Synodal Way.

Young Adults Mardi Gras Celebration

Tuesday, February 13 | 6:00 PM

Mary Chapel

Join the Xavier Young Adults for a Mardi Gras celebration. Don’t miss the pancakes, king cake, bingo (with prizes!), and fun times!
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 18 and 25, and March 3 and 17. 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.

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:
Sunday, March 3: 9:00 am Mass
Sunday, April 7: 11:30 am Mass
Sunday, May 5: 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.

Catholic Lesbians
Friday, March 8 | 6:00 PM | West Room
Liz Sullivan will host a screening of Carl Theodor Dreyer’s 1928 silent era masterpiece, The Passion of Joan of Arc (La Passion de Jeanne d’Arc), followed with a presentation on its form, aesthetics, and history. Considered one of the most important and influential films of the twentieth century, The Passion of Joan of Arc is deeply complex and haunting and is a must-watch for anyone who loves cinema and/or Saint Joan of Arc. The film will be screened with English intertitles.

The Women Who Stayed
Sunday, March 10 | 1:00 PM
West Room
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-mailthewomenwhostayed@gmail.com for a copy of Joan Chittister’s essay “Women Will Call the Church to Truth.”
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45.

SIXTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13.

7:45AM  HENRY HARBAT (D)
12:05PM  AVAILABLE

SIXTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21.

7:45AM  AVAILABLE
12:05PM  FRANKIE PASSADINO (D)

ASH WEDNESDAY:
Jl 2:12-18; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18.

7:45AM  ASH WEDNESDAY
12:05PM  NO INTENTIONS
7:30PM

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25.

7:45AM  AVAILABLE
12:05PM  THERESA WAHL (D)

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY:

7:45AM  LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM  KATHRYN ANNE GRAHAM - HAWKINS (D)

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY:
Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32.

12:05PM  LEON DIOYAN DIOLATA (D)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:

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