



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

46 West 16th Street, NYC

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Peter's Pence

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 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.

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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 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, Pat Brown, Michael Patterson, Sr. Cecilia Palange, Mary Lou Brewis.

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, Greg Lubert, Dr. Samuel Alcaarez, Barbara Ann Haynes, Blair Dean, Don Brophy, Anthony Antunes, Rolando Zapata, Rosalie Stillo, Cathy Geronemo.

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

- * Ignatian Solidarity Network,
www.ignatiansolidarity.net
- * Catholic Climate Covenant,
www.catholicclimatecovenant.org
- * Laudato Si' Movement,
www.laudatosimovement.org

You can also find resources on the two diocesan websites in our area: the Archdiocese of New York www.archny.org/care-of-creation/ and the Diocese of Brooklyn, www.ccbq.org/our-common-home/.

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?



Ash Wednesday

February 14

Masses:

7:45 AM, 12:05 PM (Livestream), 7:30 PM

Services:

3:00 PM & 6:00 PM

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"

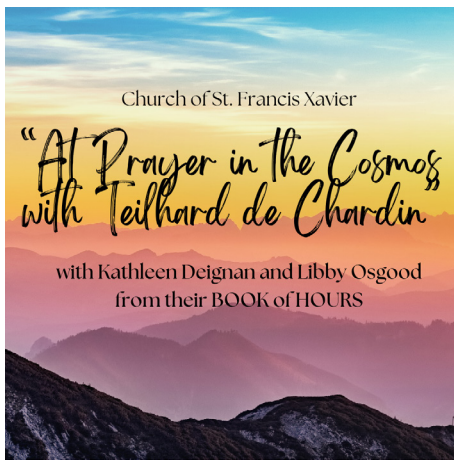
Sponsored by The Racial Justice Ministry and Ability Xavier

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



**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.

**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@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.**



**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.



STUDIO 55

70s Disco Dinner Dance and silent auction

Saturday, March 23

7-11pm

**55 W. 15th Street
xaviermission.org**



TICKETS

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-mail thewomen-whostayed@gmail.com for a copy of Joan Chittister's essay "Women Will Call the Church to Truth."

Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

12:05 PM 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:

Is 58:1-9a; 12:19; Mt 9:14-15.

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:

Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15.

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.
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 monthly.
SFXWomen@aol.com or (929) 333-5011.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Provides support to parishioners seeking employment. Katherine Cleary,
krcinnyc@gmail.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.

LAUDATO SI ACTION PLAN (LSAP): Implements the message of Laudato Si. SFXLSAP@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 monthly. GayCatholics@sfxavier.org.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY: We pray for spiritual, emotional, and/or physical healing. HPM@sfxavier.org.

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTRY FOR THE 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 Homeboundcommunion@sfxavier.org. To arrange for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE: We offer spiritual direction, conversations, and retreats. ISEL@sfxavier.org.

RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY: Provides book clubs, supportive activities and actions related to racial justice. To learn more, sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org.

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@sfxavier.org.

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

THE XAVIER INTERFAITH MINISTRY: The Xavier Interfaith Ministry aims to foster respect for religious differences to promote love, harmony and understanding among peoples of different faiths. xavierinterfaith@gmail.com.

XAVIER YOGA: Meets on Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Open to all levels. **Will not meet March 26th, May 21st, June 4th.**

XAVIER OUTINGS: Periodic gatherings with parishioners. Xoutings@sfxavier.org

XAVIER ROSARY PRAYER MINISTRY- Rosary Prayer Ministry encourages the praying of the rosary to deepen one's devotion to and relationship with Jesus through his beloved Mother. sfxrosary@sfxavier.org.

XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Spiritual, service, and social activities for parishioners 20s-30s, and the young in spirit. SFXyoungadults@sfxavier.org.

XAVIER YOUTH MINISTRY: Social, service, and spiritual community for post-confirmation youth through 12th grade. Activities 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