



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

Parish Office Closed
Monday, February 19
One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM

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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**Next Weekend's
Presider Schedule**

Saturday, February 24

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

Sunday, February 25

9:00am Mass: James Miracky, SJ

11:30am Mass: Sam Sawyer, 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

We have begun our Lenten journey. This year Pope Francis invites us to have as our theme, Journeying together. We are invited to consider our journey as synodal and join together for personal and ecclesial “transfiguration” through the season.

Pope Francis put into motion a worldwide, three-year Synod on Synodality. The word synod is from the Greek *synodos*, meaning to “walk together.” The process began in October 2021 and included a listening stage in which Catholics across the world shared their perspectives on the Church today. In October 2023 a synodal assembly—a gathering of bishops, religious, and lay people—met in Rome to discuss the feedback.

Simultaneously, our engagement in the three-year Eucharistic Revival in the United States will help us deepen the connection between the Body of Christ we receive at Mass and our call to be the Body of Christ in the world

We are invited now to see Lent through these lenses, remembering we do not journey to the Cross alone, but together with our faith community.

Prayer, discernment, listening and action are elements of both Lent and synodality.

May our Lent be a time for searching, listening, reflecting and praying.

Whether it is for Lent or for the listening sessions in which we are engaged, we would do well to consider all or some of the questions Pope Francis raises in “Let Us Dream,” as he considers them important in discernment:

- What is the Spirit telling us?
- What is the grace offered here if we can only embrace it; and what are the obstacles and temptations?
- What humanizes, what dehumanizes us?
- Where is the good news hidden within the somber news, and where is the bad spirit dressed as the angel of light?

Our Holy Father states, “These are questions for those who humbly search and listen, who are willing not just to grasp answers, but to reflect and pray.”

Let us journey together this Lent.

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, Press McCallum.

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.



Support NY's "Packaging Reduction & Recycling Infrastructure Act"

The Environment Ministry is advocating for another NY State bill as part of our "Take a Bite out of Plastic Campaign." It is the **"Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act"** (PRRIA), S4246-a / A5322-a.

The PRRIA bill moves Care for the Earth forward. It would shift responsibility for packaging waste to corporations and away from municipalities that pay to have it incinerated or landfilled. Corporations with sales over \$1 million would be held responsible to cut packaging, increase recycling and its infrastructure for reusables and refills, support municipal recycling programs, and reduce plastic and toxins in their packaging.

The toxins to be eliminated include: heavy metals, formaldehyde, PFAs (the so-called "forever chemicals"), and flame retardants containing fluorine, chlorine, bromine and other halogens.

Once passed, new requirements would phase in over 30 months. Affected corporations would be required to pay fees to a new Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) to fund education and outreach and reimburse local governments for costs of recycling and disposal of packaging. The bill's sponsor estimates savings to NY municipalities and taxpayers is up to \$250 million annually.

The Environment Ministry finds much to like about PRRIA and invites your support. A postcard campaign is planned. You are also invited to participate in a lobby day in Albany on **February 27** for passage of the PRRIA and the Bigger Better Bottle Bill. Contact us at SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com

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 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

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.

Are You Called to Serve on the Xavier Pastoral Council?

The Xavier Pastoral Council seeks one new member to join us beginning in September 2024. All members of the parish community are encouraged to prayerfully consider—in Ignatian language, to discern—whether this might be the time to offer your gifts as a servant leader. Serving in an advisory role to the pastor, the Council collaborates with the Xavier community to set parish goals and develop objectives; empowers parishioners to implement pastoral plans; and oversees and evaluates them in light of fulfillment of the parish mission.

- Pastoral Council members commit to a three-year term of service. At the conclusion of this term, they may serve a subsequent three-year term if they choose to do so. ***To be eligible, you must be a registered member of the parish for at least two years and be at least 20 years old.***
- Additional information is available in the Pastoral Council's Guidelines for Leadership. Questions may be directed to any Council member or to pastoral-council@sfxavier.org. An **optional information session** for those interested in learning more about service on the Council will be held via Zoom on Monday, April 8th at 7pm.

New Council members will be selected over two parish-wide meetings to be held on Zoom on Sunday April 21st and Sunday May 5th. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to participate in the selection process. Stay tuned for more information about these meetings.

Take a Bite Out of Plastic!

Come with us to Albany!

Tuesday, February 27

To lobby on two bills on plastic with
[BeyondPlastics.org](https://beyondplastics.org):

*The Better Bottle Bill, and

*The Packaging Reduction and Recycling
Infrastructure Act

The free bus leaves at 7AM from midtown and
returns at 7PM.

To register: beyondplastics.org/events

For details, contact Phil Waldrop, 973-214-6589 or
SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com



Rosary For The Canonization of The Saintly Six

Co-Sponsored by St. Ignatius Catholic
Community, Baltimore, MD and Church of
St. Francis Xavier, New York, NY
Thursday, February 29 | 7:30 PM | Zoom

As we conclude Black History Month, join us to pray the Rosary for the canonization of the Saintly Six Black Catholics on the road to sainthood: Ven. Mother Mary Lange, Ven. Pierre Toussaint, Ven. Fr. Augustus Tolton, Ven. Henriette DeLille, Servant of God Julia Greeley, and Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman. This evening of prayer is jointly hosted by Saint Ignatius in Baltimore, MD and Saint Francis Xavier in New York, NY. All are welcome - register for Zoom link by emailing sfxrosary@sfxavier.org.

A Catholic Reckoning on Slavery: Rachel Swarns on her Book "The 272"

Thursday, February 29

The 2024 Russo Lecture | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Fordham University at Lincoln Center
McNally Amphitheater

Rachel Swarns is a journalist, scholar, and Black Catholic from Staten Island whose groundbreaking reporting and research illuminates the harrowing origin story of the Catholic Church in America, which relied on slave labor and slave sales to sustain its operations and help fuel its expansion.

The article she first wrote for The New York Times in 2016—about the prominent Jesuit priests who sold 272 people to save Georgetown University from bankruptcy—would become the seed of her new book, *The 272: The Families Who Were Enslaved and Sold to Build the American Catholic Church*. Her work has helped spark the movement for reparations and reconciliation in America—and in the Catholic Church. Scan the QR code to learn more and register.



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.**

Xavier Young Adults Lent Series

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LENT SERIES

FEB

18
PATHWAYS TO GOD SERIES #1
PRAISE Mary Chapel, 6pm
Join us for an evening of praying with Scripture and reflecting with one another in community.

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'A LISTENING CHURCH IN A DIVIDED NATION' WITH CARDINAL GREGORY
Mary Chapel, 6pm
JESUITICAL podcast Livestreamed Event

MAR

3
PATHWAYS TO GOD SERIES #2
REVERENCE Xavier High School Chapel, 5:30pm
Join us for Mass and an opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we focus on the Lenten pillars of fasting and abstinence.

10
PATHWAYS TO GOD SERIES #3
SERVE Ignacio House, East Harlem, 3pm
Learn more about the Thrive for Life Prison Project, a Jesuit nonprofit, and share a meal with members of Ignacio House.

RSVP at sfxavieryoungadults@gmail.com



XAVIER MISSION

STUDIO 55

70s Disco Dinner Dance and silent auction

Saturday, March 23
7-11pm
55 W. 15th Street
xaviermission.org

TICKETS

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, March 11, "We were the good guys, right?" New York City, pp. 207--238.
The author visits several sites in the city that reflect the role of slavery in its history.

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

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 TheWomenWhoStayed@sfxavier.org for a copy of Joan Chittister's essay "Women Will Call the Church to Truth."

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:

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

FIRST MONDAY OF LENT:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46.

9:00AM OFFICE CLOSED

FIRST TUESDAY OF LENT:

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05 PM RITHA DAVIS (D)

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF LENT:

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM PHILIP GLEASON (D)

THURSDAY- FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, APOSTLE:

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM LOIS BAUMGARTNER (D)

FIRST FRIDAY OF LENT:

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM DONALD BROPHY (D)

FIRST SATURDAY OF LENT:

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48.

12:05PM CLODAGH MEE (D)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10.

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