

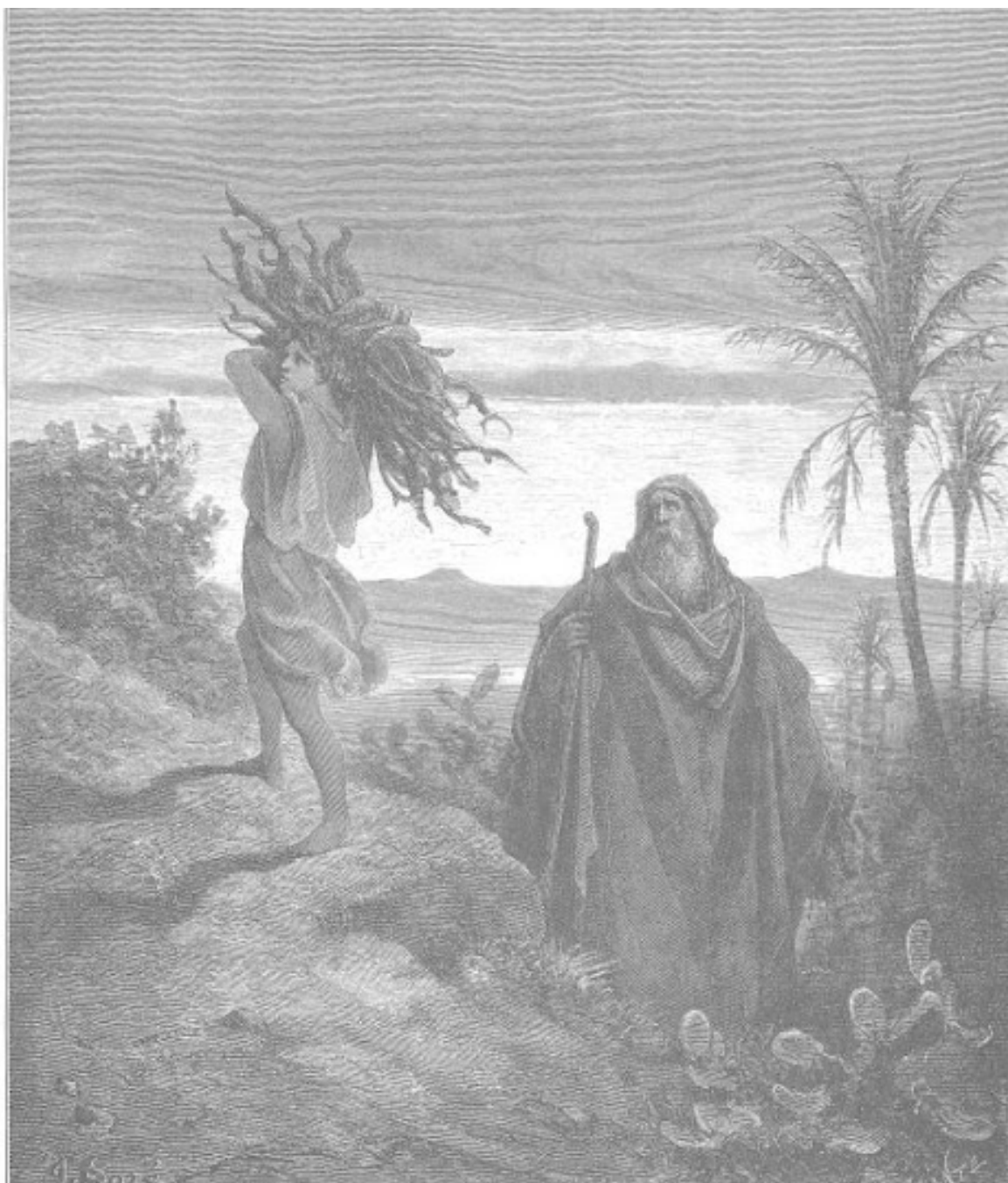


# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 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](http://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, March 2**

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Sam Sawyer, SJ

### **Sunday, March 3**

9:00am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: James Miracky, SJ

## **Office Hours**

Mon-Fri: 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturday: 11:30am to 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am to 6:00pm

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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](http://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**

During the Ministries Retreat on February 10, we were challenged to respond to a question coming from the Synod in Rome last October: "How can we enhance the differentiated co-responsibility in the mission of all members of the People of God?"

The question needs a serious translation remake for most of us. At the heart of the question is the challenge to each of us to acknowledge that we have responsibilities as members of this faith community. On a basic level, when we come to join in the eucharist on Sunday or other days, we take responsibility to pray with and for the community, we raise our voices in song and prayer, we exchange a greeting of peace. It's not a heavy lift but it is essential to forming a community of prayer. Some members of the community assume another responsibility by serving as Mass coordinators, hospitality ministers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, music ministers. (Here's where the "differentiated" part comes in.)

This reminds us of Paul's letter to the Corinthians: "there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same God; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

Beyond the celebration of the eucharist, some members participate in one or more of the many ministries we have in our parish including the leadership responsibilities of the Finance Council, the Pastoral Council and staff ministry leaders who have received training for fulltime church ministry and serve in various capacities such as music ministry, faith formation, and outreach programs.

During this season of Lent, we Journey Together in Faith. In your prayer, it would be an excellent opportunity to consider what role(s) you are called to assume your response to the Gospel and take responsibility in the community of faith.

Next weekend, the liturgical ministry will be hosting information sessions in the Mary Chapel after the Saturday and Sunday 5 PM masses and the Sunday 11:30 AM. The Sunday 9 AM will gather on March 17. Please come and learn about the different opportunities to serve in our liturgies.

The Hospitality Ministers are the first persons you meet upon entering the church. They greet worshippers, provide them with worship aids, and help them find seating. The Hospitality Ministers take up the collection and recruit worshippers to take up the gifts of bread and wine at the Offertory.

The Lectors proclaim the Word of God for the community and lead us in the Universal Prayers. Their prayerful proclamation of the Word opens our minds and hearts to the Spirit at work.

Eucharistic Ministers assist in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful at the mass.

Music Ministers share their vocal gifts with us, leading us in hymns of praise and thanks to God.

What role(s) in our community are you called to? We each have something to contribute. We each have a role to play.

## **Prayer Requests**

***Let us especially, remember those who have asked for our prayers***

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, 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, Neepea Magarelli, Eve Duke, Henna Ali, Dava Weinstein, Pat Brown, Michael Patterson, Sr. Cecilia Palange, Mary Lou Brewis, Jess Dabu, Gus Lobo, Tom N. Pantages, Eve Duke, Cathy Geronimo.

***Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed parishoners and friends, especially:***

Bob Morrow, Jason Vermonty, Jessie Russell, Greg Lubert, Dr. Samuel Alcaez, Barbara Ann Haynes, Blair Dean, Don Brophy, Anthony Antunes, Rolando Zapata, Rosalie Stillo, Cathy Geronemo, Press McCallum, Bill Bennett, Perlitta Abbago, Retha Davis.

***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.**





## Doing Something to Care for Creation

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

The enormity of challenges to our common home, to Creation is daunting, yet each of us -- individually and collectively -- can do something for the paired tasks of care for creation and care for the poor via environmental justice.

The **2024 Lenten Carbon Fast Calendar** has many great ideas for that -- copies are available in the back of the church, and from [SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com)

2024 Lenten Carbon Fast Calendar, Pt 1						
Created by Church of St. Francis Xavier's Environment Ministry, NYC						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>FEB. 11 SPIRITUALITY</b> We begin our Lenten journey. Throughout these 40 days, we will be challenged to deepen our love of God's gifts of creation and to find new ways to protect our common home.	<b>12</b> In our spiritual lives, we will pray for our common home, and consider how our actions affect the natural world and how our consumer habits may harm others. In our active lives, we'll find new ways to care for the earth & the poor.	<b>13</b> Pope Francis reminds us: "Taking our vacation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue. It is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience." (LS 237).	<b>14 3rd Wednesday</b> "The ecological crisis is a summons to profound interior conversion." Pope Francis	<b>15</b> Nature reveals to us the hand of God. Take time each day to make a part of your prayer. Notice new life budding, the intricate patterns of plants, the sounds of different birds, the changes in a tree, the sound of water.	<b>16</b> As a prayer, watch a section of "The Letter: A Message for Our Earth" each week, on YouTube. Listen to the voices of science, indigenous, youth and the poor and how as they are impacted by climate change.	<b>17</b> The Laudato Si' Movement has gifted us with the download-able Laudato Si' Prayer Book, with 52 prayers offered by people from 26 countries. <a href="http://www.laudatothemovement.org/prayer-book/">www.laudatothemovement.org/prayer-book/</a>
<b>18 ADVOCACY</b> "With the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. (LD2)	<b>19</b> There's still time to catch "We Tried to Warn You! Environmental Posters 1970-2020," an exhibit by NYC's Poster House (23rd St) with posters that sounded the alarm about the climate crisis. Closes Feb. 24th.	<b>20</b> Join us to "Take a Bite Out of Plastic" in Albany on Feb. 27 as we support two NY plastic bills! BeyondPlastics.org is providing a free bus. Sign up now! Contact: SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com for details.	<b>21 "The Earth Bill is a beacon of light for the youth and generations to come."</b> Anna Kathawala, Fridays For Future NYC.	<b>22 The NY Bigger Better Bottles Bill</b> (S4246-a/S5322-a) will reduce plastic in packaging and make corporations be more responsible for packaging waste. Tell your NYC reps to support it.	<b>23 The NY Bigger Better Bottles Bill</b> (S4246-a/S5322-a) will reduce plastic in packaging and make corporations be more responsible for packaging waste. Tell your NYC reps to support it.	<b>24</b> Nature needs our advocacy. Since the Endangered Species Act of 1973 passed, 99% of the species deemed "endangered" have been saved. Yet, the rate of extinction is far greater now, says the EPA.
<b>25 EDUCATION</b> "I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home." (LD69)	<b>26 "The End of Fossil Fuels,"</b> an exhibit through April 28 at The Climate Museum in NYC, reveals the fossil fuel industry's self-serving & earth-harmful behavior; plus ideas for action. <a href="http://www.climatemuseum.org">www.climatemuseum.org</a>	<b>27</b> Pope Francis says it will take all of us to confront this crisis. Become a Laudato Si' Animator! Get the tools to protect the environment. Apply now. Starts April 8. <a href="http://LaudatoSiAnimators.org">LaudatoSiAnimators.org</a>	<b>28 "I am only one, but I am still one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something."</b> - Helen Keller	<b>29</b> In "Saving Us: Hope & Healing in a Divided World," climatologist Katharine Hayhoe shows us a strategy for talking about climate change based on shared values, not just sharing facts.	<b>March 1</b> For the first time, Al Gore's Climate Reality Leadership Training will be offered in NYC, April 12-14! It's in-person, and free, but you must apply. <a href="http://www.climatealliance.org/new-work">www.climatealliance.org/new-work</a>	<b>2 "Pangloss"</b> is a wonderful children's book by primatologist Jane Goodall. The problem of trafficking exotic animals is woven into a charming story. Visit Earth.org for more great book ideas.
<b>3 LIFE STYLE</b> "There are no lasting changes without cultural changes, without a maturing of lifestyles and convictions... and there are no cultural changes without personal changes." (LD70)	<b>4</b> Start a new habit or two this Lent - like always carrying a long-lasting reusable shopping bag or mesh produce bag. After you've got that down, start another habit to build up gradually & not get overwhelmed.	<b>5</b> Take the plastic bag ban seriously. Stores have resorted to "reusable plastic" bags that are heavier & rarely get reused. You'd have to reuse them 17 times to match their production emissions with a cotton one.	<b>6 "There is no such a thing as 'away'."</b> When we throw away, it just goes somewhere." - Annie Leonard	<b>7</b> Ask yourself if you really need the newest model of electronic gadgets - cell phones, computers, TVs etc. Use them as long as they function. If buying new ones, recycle or donate the old ones. Look for store buy-back policies.	<b>8</b> Haven't switched? Get a renewable source of electricity. Your building can switch. The utility company delivers the energy & bills you. In NYC, power companies at Power To Choose <a href="http://www.choosewiserenergy.org/">www.choosewiserenergy.org/</a>	<b>9 Skip the Stuff:</b> Educate your favorite take-out place! It's now against the law for NYC restaurants to give single-use plastic utensils, straws and condiments with take-out unless you request it. Flyer for businesses at DSNY.

This Tuesday, several of us from the Environment Ministry will travel to Albany with BeyondPlastics.org to support two bills that would reduce plastic in our waste stream. Pray that we can make an impact.

Coming in March, we'll give you an opportunity to ask your legislators to support these bills with a postcard campaign for the **Bigger Better Bottle Bill** and the **Packaging Reduction Act**. The bills have been briefly described in prior columns. There will be a chance to sign cards after Mass -- details to come.

## Ines Ferdenzi Funeral Mass Friday, March 1 10:15am | Main Church

### 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. 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. **The Stations will be livestreamed on our Facebook. The Adoration of the Cross will take place before the Stations starting at 5:30 PM.**

**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.

## The Women Who Stayed Hosts an Evening with Women's Ordination Conference

**Monday, March 18 | 5:30 PM | Mary Chapel**

Join Women's Ordination Conference and other supporters of gender justice in the Roman Catholic Church for a reception featuring updates on WOC's efforts at the United Nations and the Synod on Synodality, as well as time for conversation and connection. Light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.



## 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.

## 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 next Mass Class will be held on Sunday, March 3 during the 9:00 am 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.

## 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 25, 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.**

## Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion

**Sunday, February 25 | During 11:30 AM Mass**  
Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion (RCIA 446) is for Catholic baptized adults who wish to complete their Christian initiation through the sacraments of confirmation and eucharist or baptized adults in other Christian denominations who want to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. This Rite occurs this weekend, on the second Sunday of Lent and will occur during the 11:30 am Mass at Xavier on Sunday, February 25. Xavier candidates are Bradford (Brad) Blevins, Eileen "Leena" Chen, Miranda T. Hernandez, Helena Gabrielle Ong, and Tristin Rice. Scan the QR code to learn more about Xavier candidates.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@sfxavier.org) for a copy of Joan Chittister's essay "Women Will Call the Church to Truth."





# STUDIO 55

## 70s Disco Dinner Dance and silent auction



**Saturday, March 23**  
**7-11pm**  
**55 W. 15th Street**  
[xaviermission.org](http://xaviermission.org)



TICKETS



## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT:

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

### SECOND MONDAY OF LENT:

Dn 9:4b-10, 11-18; Lk 6:36-38.

**7:45 AM** KEVIN BARNETT (D)

**12:05 PM** AVAILABLE

### SECOND TUESDAY OF LENT:

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE

**12:05 PM** JAMES TYSON (D)

### SECOND WEDNESDAY OF LENT:

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE

**12:05PM** KATHLEEN FRIEL (L)

### SECOND THURSDAY OF LENT:

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE

**12:05PM** PHILIP RUSSO (D)

### SECOND FRIDAY OF LENT:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE

**12:05PM** LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

### SECOND SATURDAY OF LENT:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32.

**12:05PM** MICHAEL CAREW (D)

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10;  
Jn 3:14-21

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YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING  
THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.

## Ongoing Parish Happenings

**ABILITY XAVIER:** Celebrating persons with disabilities.  
[abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (929) 333-5011.

**EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Provides support to parishioners seeking employment. Katherine Cleary,  
[krcinnyc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com).

**LAUDATO SI ACTION PLAN (LSAP):** Implements the message of Laudato Si. [SFXLSAP@gmail.com](mailto:SFXLSAP@gmail.com).

**FAMILY FAITH:** Religious Education Program for children pre-kindergarten -12<sup>th</sup> grade. Sessions for parents/guardians are provided. Contact DRE Luz Marina Diaz, [imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:imdiaz@sfxavier.org).

**GAY CATHOLICS:** Men meet in a caring and affirming environment monthly. [GayCatholics@sfxavier.org](mailto:GayCatholics@sfxavier.org).

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** We pray for spiritual, emotional, and/or physical healing. [HPM@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ISEL@sfxavier.org).

**RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY:** Provides book clubs, supportive activities and actions related to racial justice. To learn more, [sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@sfxavier.org).

**XAVIER ADULT GROUP:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. [xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:xaversharingandlearninggroup@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sfxrosary@sfxavier.org).

**XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** Spiritual, service, and social activities for parishioners 20s-30s, and the young in spirit. [sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:youthministry@sfxavier.org).

**ZEN MEDITATION GROUP:** Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact Peggy & Paul [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com)