



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

46 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit Xavier Mission

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 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](mailto:PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org)

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## Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

**Saturday, February 10**

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Sam Sawyer, SJ

**Sunday, February 11**

9:00am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

11:30am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Thomas Feely, 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](mailto: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](http://signup.xaviermission.org)

**To stay up-to-date on parish news, follow us on Instagram and Facebook at *sfxaviernyc*.**

## **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.

***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 Alcaez, Barbara Ann Haynes, Blair Dean, Don Brophy, Anthony Antunes, Rolando Zapata.

***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.**

## Let's Support NY State's "Bigger Better Bottle Bill"

An expanded bottle deposit bill has much to like and support. The bill calls for a ten-cent deposit on nearly all kinds of beverage containers. The current deposit amount of five cents on fewer types of containers has not changed since 1982.

The BBB Bill S8361A/A6353 would expand the types of bottles to include those for wine, liquor, ciders, teas, juices that are not 100% juice, sport drinks, and most milk products. Of course, soda, beer, and water bottles remain included.

Advantages:

- reduced bottle litter statewide
- increased recycling of beverage container materials
- fewer beverage containers in the municipal waste streams
- the unclaimed container deposits will go to the
- state's Environmental Protection Fund and to bottle redemption centers

Finally, in the spirit of Laudato Si's call to "care for the poor" as well as the earth, we like the bill because it will increase income for persons who collect and redeem beverage containers.

If enacted, the law would be phased in to allow the affected companies to adjust operations.

The SFX Environment Ministry invites your support of this bill. Soon we will offer ways to do that with a planned postcard campaign. Contact us at: [SFXEnvironmentministry@gmail.com](mailto:SFXEnvironmentministry@gmail.com)



## Young Adults Contemplative Mass Sunday, February 4 | 5:30 PM Xavier High School Chapel

Join the Xavier Young Adults every first Sunday of the month for "the Mass that takes its time." Ring the bell at 30 West 16th Street! See you there!

## The Art of the Piano with Matthew Phelps

Friday, February 9 | 7:30 PM

In-Person & Online | Free Admission

Pianist Matthew Phelps is returning to St. Francis Xavier to perform Frederic Rzewski's monumental *The People United Will Never Be Defeated*. Written in 1975, this virtuosic piece depicts the struggles and triumphs of social change in one of the most celebrated pieces of American piano music.

## 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:**  
**Saturday, February 3: 5:00 pm Mass**  
**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.



## **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](mailto:sfxbookgroup@sfxavior.org).**

## **Stations of the Cross**

### **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

## **Save The Date: Ash Wednesday February 14**

Masses:

7:45 AM, 12:00 PM (Livestream), 7:30 PM

Services:

3:00 PM & 6:00 PM

## **Catholic Lesbians**

### **Friday, February 9 | 6:00 PM West Room**

"Looking In and Coming Out": Ellie Crum reveals her relationship to contemplative prayer and her coming out journey and leads us on a guided meditation. BYOCUPS (Cups, Utensils, Plates, Serviettes), snacks, and/or beverages to share with friends, old and new. For more information, contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com).



## **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 4th, 18th, and 25th**. 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@sfxavior.org](mailto:HPM@sfxavior.org) or to Philip Waldrop (Coordinator) by text to 973-214-6589.**

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

for Lent 2024



## 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.

We are pleased to offer meetings at two different times.

**In person at Xavier** Thursdays Feb 15-March 21  
from 12:45-2:15 PM

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

To register, use the QR code or this google form:  
<https://forms.gle/mAYQrzETVBueB8nw5>

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



## STUDIO 55

70s Disco Dinner Dance  
Saturday, March 23



[XAVIERMISSION.ORG](http://XAVIERMISSION.ORG)

## LATEST DONOR TAX INFO

### One-Time Gifts - Cash or Check

Donors received a mailed or emailed acknowledgement letter for each gift to be used for tax purposes.

### One-Time Gifts - Online

After each online gift, a confirmation was emailed to serve as tax documentation.

### Monthly X-PACT gifts

2023 summary statements were emailed Jan 22.

### Pink Envelopes

2023 summary statements have been mailed.

If you need documentation or believe you received one with a discrepancy, please contact Marin Correa at [mcorrea@xaviermission.org](mailto:mcorrea@xaviermission.org).

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;  
Mk 1:29-39.

### MONDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56.

**7:45AM** JOHN STEINGASSER (D)

**12:05PM** ROSE MARY BUBB (D)

### TUESDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS:

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE

**12:05 PM** GEORGE DEAN JR. (D)

### FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE

**12:05PM** FELICIANO LEVISTE (D)

### FIFTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30.

**7:45AM** ROSE SCHULTZ (D)

**12:05PM** GERDA PINTAURO (D)

### FIFTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37.

**7:45AM** MICHAEL CLARKE (D)

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

### SATURDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN:

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10.

**12:05PM** JOHN BUONO (D)

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1;  
Mk 1:40-45.

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](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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room (offsite July & August), [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) (929) 333-5011.

**EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@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, [lm Diaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:lm Diaz@sfxavier.org)

**GAY CATHOLICS:** Men meet in a caring and affirming environment on the first and third Fridays, 7pm Mary Chapel. Contact [sfxgsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgsgroup@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 [nlgnyc@gmail.com](mailto:nlgnyc@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](mailto:ISEL@sfxavier.org).

**INTERFAITH COMMITTEE:** works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact [Xavierinterfaith@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com)

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

**THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE:** Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

**XAVIER YOGA:** Meets on Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Open to all levels. Will not meet 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](mailto: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](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)