

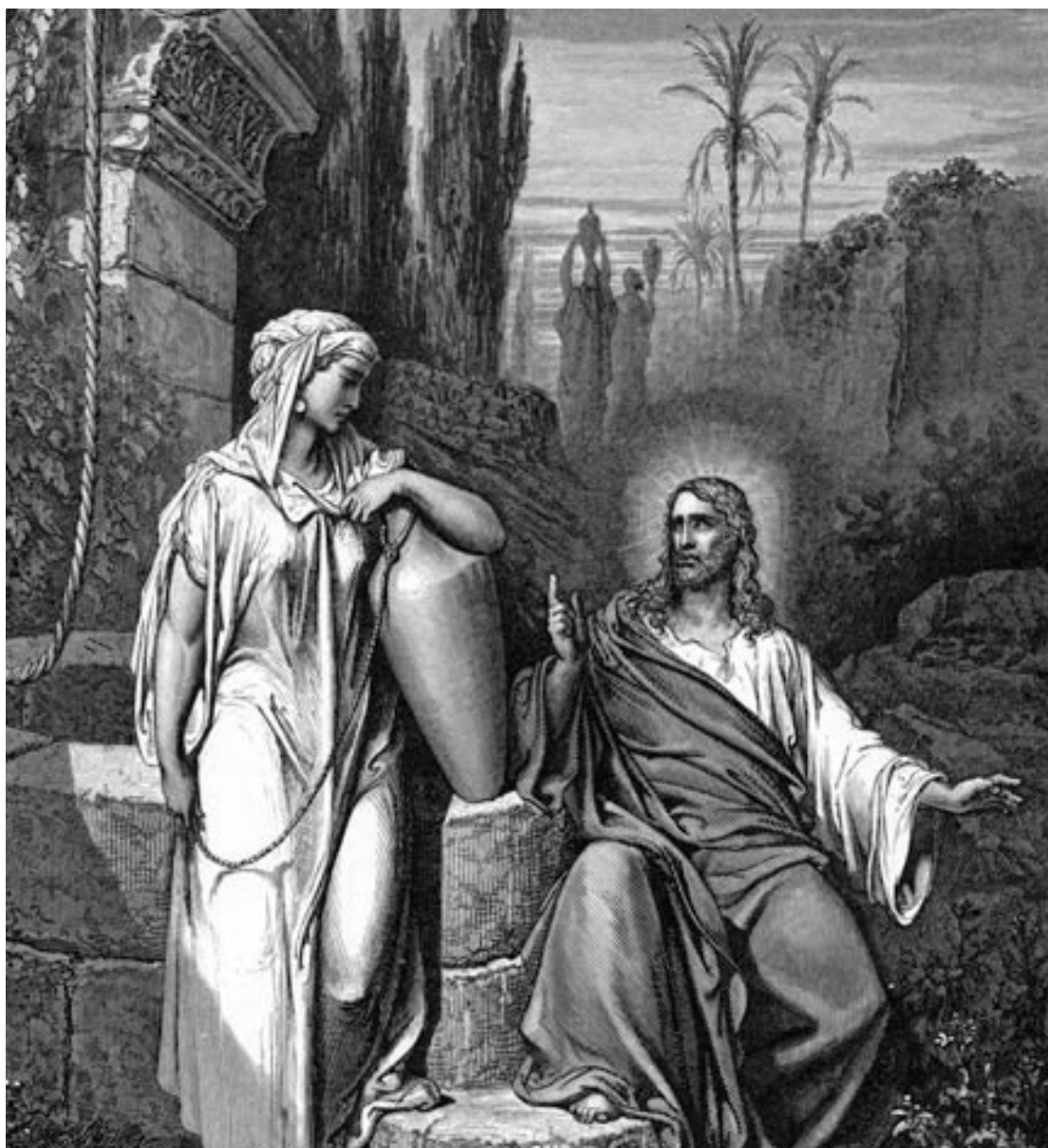


CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

46 West 16th Street, NYC

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 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.

PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

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Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, March 9

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

Sunday, March 10

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*.

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, Neepa 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, Kurt Burger.

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.



Advocacy for NY State and Our Planet Continues

St. Francis Xavier went to Albany! Well, not our saint, and not the whole parish, but five of us representing the parish went on February 27 with a Memo of Support for two NY State bills on plastic!

The day was organized by Beyond Plastics, an organization that was started by Judith Enck, a former Environmental Protection Agency NE Regional Director and now a professor at Benington College. In all, the five of us visited 20 legislative offices, and left our parish's Memo of Support in many others.

We told you about the two bills in previous bulletins: the **Bigger Better Bottle Bill** and the **Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act**. These bills would help stop the proliferation of plastic in the environment and in the waste stream. Along with people from other parts of NY State and from different organizations, we participated in the Beyond Plastic rally and raised our concerns with our legislators.

We encourage you to raise your concerns as well! The advocacy needs to continue through the NY State budgeting and legislative processes of the next three months. Soon we'll give you the opportunity to express your concerns with a postcard campaign after the Masses on the weekend of March 10.

More information is available via SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com



Organizers of the lobby day on plastic: Judith Enck and Alexis Goldstein of Beyond Plastic.

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 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

Steve Sandberg and The Art of the Piano

Sunday, March 17 | 2:00 PM

Main Church & Online

Three-time Emmy-nominated pianist/composer/raconteur Steve Sandberg plays classical masterpieces as well as original music that masterfully blends classical, global music traditions, and jazz with the excitement of virtuosic improvisation.

In his March 17 recital at St. Francis Xavier Steve will perform a selection of his favorite classical compositions (several Chopin Mazurkas, plus pieces by Debussy, Ravel, Bach); his original compositions inspired by these masterpieces; and some 20th century jazz masterpieces by Billy Strayhorn, Chick Corea, and others. There will also be selections from Steve's "Dream Music Project," begun during the pandemic, in which Steve turns his listeners' dreams into music.

Liturgical Ministry Information Session

Experience the joy of liturgical ministries at Xavier by joining us in the Mary Chapel with Mass Coordinators, Lectors, Hospitality Ministers, and Eucharistic Ministers. Listen to their stories of serving at our liturgies and how it has impacted their spiritual journeys and our communal life. This event is an excellent opportunity to build community and discover your calling in our liturgical ministry. Food and beverages will be provided.

March 2, 2024, after 5 pm Mass
March 3, 2024, after 11:30 am Mass
March 3, 2024, after 5 pm Mass
March 17, 2024, after 9 am Mass

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.

Xavier Young Adults Lent Series



Young Adult Lent Series Sunday, March 3

Pathways to God Series #2
5:30 PM | Xavier High School Chapel

Sunday, March 10
Pathways to God Series #3 | 3:00 PM
Thrive for Life, Ignacio House

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 **March 3 and 17, and April 7 and 21.** 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.**

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.

Monday, April 8, “One Slave is too much,” Gorée Island, pp. 239-269.

Clint Smith visits the small island off the coast of Dakar, Senegal. Gorée Island had been controlled by several European countries between the 1440s and 1960 and used by them in the slave trade until 1848.

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



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 TheWomenWhoStayed@sfxavier.org for a copy of Joan Chittister's essay "Women Will Call the Church to Truth." The Women Who Stayed Hosts an Evening with Women's Ordination Conference on Monday, March 18 at 5:30 PM in the Mary Chapel.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

THIRD MONDAY OF LENT:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30.

7:45 AM AVAILABLE

12:05 PM JOSEPH ELWOOD(D)

THIRD TUESDAY OF LENT:

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05 PM DON BROPHY (D)

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF LENT:

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM CANDACE HARDEN-STOREY (D)

THIRD THURSDAY OF LENT:

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM THE RUDOLPH FAMILY (L&D)

THIRD FRIDAY OF LENT:

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

THIRD SATURDAY OF LENT:

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14.

12:05PM FR. ROBERT VEREECKE (L)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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
CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org 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. 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.

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. 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.

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact Peggy & Paul schubertnyc@gmail.com