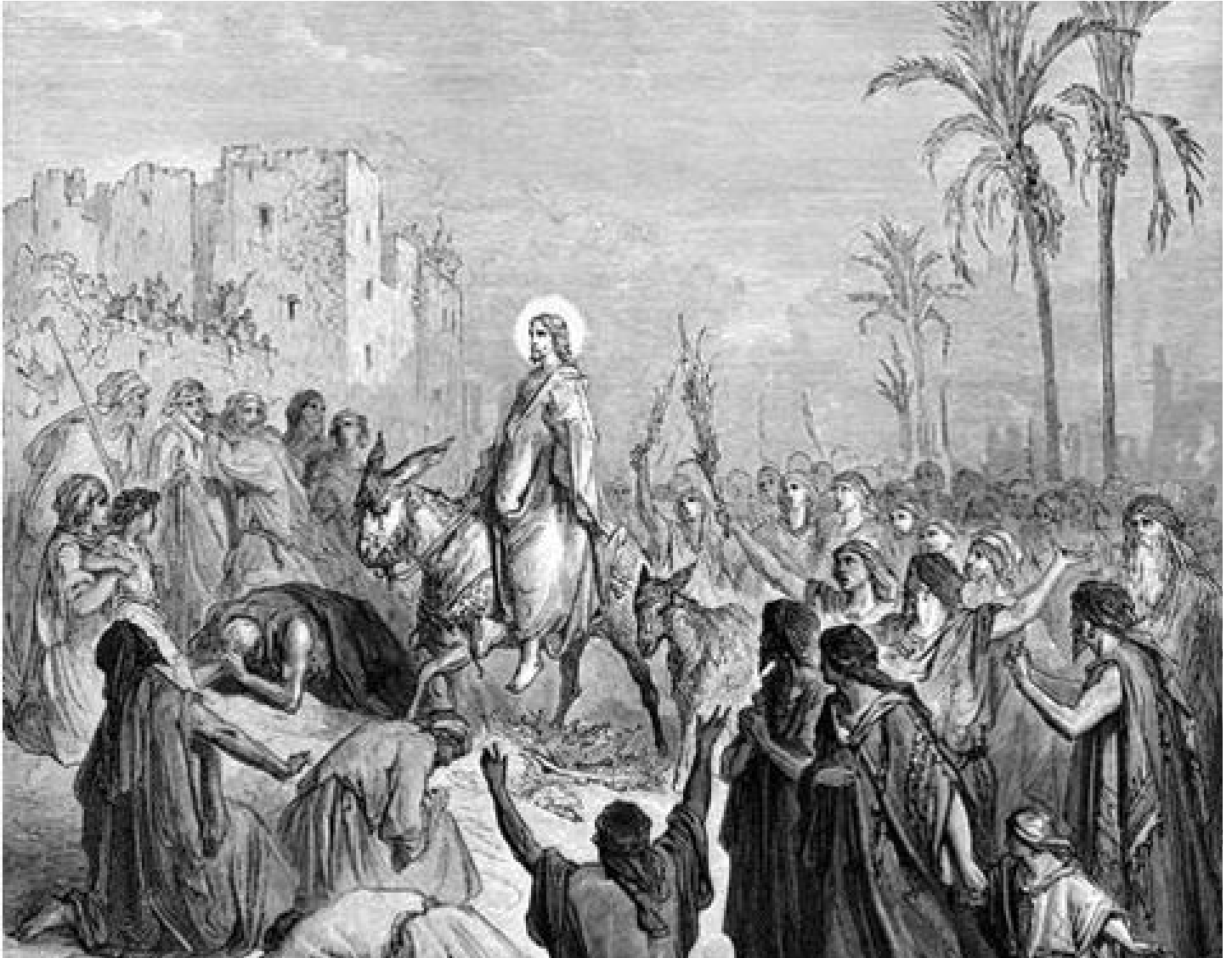




CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

46 West 16th Street, NYC
Email: StFrancisXavier@sfxavier.org



SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Knights of
Malta Hospital in Bethlehem

Palm Sunday

March 24, 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

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

Bulletin Cover Artwork: *Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey on Palm Sunday* Source: Wikimedia Artist: Gustave Doré (1832–1883)

Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, March 30

7:30pm Easter Vigil: Kenneth Boller, SJ

Sunday, March 31

9:00am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

1:30 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

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](https://www.instagram.com/sfxaviernyc).

From the Pastor's Desk **Kenneth Boller, SJ**

The Palm Sunday liturgy is prayerful, inspiring, and engaging. The blessing of palms, proclamation of the gospel story of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem as well as our entrance procession allow us to be drawn into the events of this sacred week. The liturgy of Palm Sunday quickly moves from the exultation of the entrance into Jerusalem to the dramatic reading of the Passion. Allow your mind, body and soul to engage with the scriptures and be moved by the retelling of the stages of Jesus' passion.

On Monday, March 25, we will participate in Reconciliation Monday, a commitment by parishes in the Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre to offer the sacrament of reconciliation from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This is an excellent opportunity to receive the sacrament either here or at a church of your choosing.

I encourage you, if your schedule permits, to continue the journey through the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum, Holy Thursday at 7:30 PM, Good Friday at 3:00 PM and the Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM, when we will welcome into the Church our candidates from the R.C.I.A.

May this Holy Week be the occasion of blessing for you and yours.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Each year during the Sacred Triduum, an offering is requested for the *Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land (Pro Terra Sancta)*. This collection from our people will be taken at the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Friday, March 29.

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, 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, Jess Dabu, Gus Lobo, Tom N. Pantages, Eve Duke, Cathy Geronimo, Carmela Farace, Thomas Farace, Raul Naparan, Jesse Albino, Maggug Araullo, Jingsing Fitzgerald, Francesca Macaranes, Michael Silver, Chris Curatoo.

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, Mary Lou Brewis, Rosina Davis and Russell Williams.

***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.**



Our Hosannas to God's Creation

On Palm Sunday, we recall Jesus' journey into Jerusalem with people shouting Hosanna! to praise Him as they laid palm leaves on the path before Jesus passes by.

What do we praise and honor with our "hosannas"?

Wealth?

Social media hits?

The newest tech gadgets?

Flying around the world?

Fast Fashion?

Pope Francis encourages us to make efforts in our households to "reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence" thus "creating a new culture." (LD71) This means looking at our materialistic goals, especially if they involve consuming finite resources, polluting the air and water, or using materials that are exploitatively mined (e.g. cobalt for our batteries), or ultimately result in emissions that are warming our planet.

In Laudate Deum, Pope Francis points out that our lifestyles are not sustainable for the whole world to embrace: "If we consider that emissions per individual in the United States are about two times greater than those of individuals living in China, and about seven times greater than the average of the poorest countries, we can state that a broad change in the irresponsible lifestyle connected with the Western model would have a significant long-term impact." (LD72)



This Holy Week, look back on your Lenten practices. Were there any related to the environment or to reducing emissions? Are they practices you can continue beyond Lent by making them a daily life habit? We say "Hosanna" to your new creation care habits as we participate together in building God's Kingdom!!

HELP US BRING

Hope to Bethlehem

DURING THIS TIME OF CRISIS

Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem is a Catholic teaching hospital located just 1,500 steps from the birthplace of Christ. It is a state-of-the-art maternity and neonatal critical care center serving poor and at-risk women, infants, and children throughout the Bethlehem region. This modern-day manger is sustained by generous donations from individuals and parishes throughout the world.



With the war zone in Gaza over 45 miles away, Bethlehem is suffering from economic collapse, additional checkpoints, and isolation. In a world where uncertainty has become the norm, Holy Family Hospital stands as a pillar of strength -- our doors remain open. Our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land need our support.

There will be a second collection on *Palm Sunday*. Donation envelopes for Holy Family Hospital Foundation will be available in the pews in the church and representatives of the Foundation will be available in the back of the church after Mass.

For more information, visit birthplaceofhope.org

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HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL
of Bethlehem Foundation

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Sacred Space Shoe Donations

In the spirit of this Lenten and Easter season's theme, **Journeying Together**, a reflection of Pope Francis's ongoing Synod on Synodality and Eucharistic Revival, Sacred Space invites you into contemplation and participation in our walk with Jesus and with each other. Jesus asks us to follow him, to stay with him, and to love him and each other along the way. Prayer, discernment, listening, and action are elements of both Lent and synodality.

Our Lent/Easter installation includes new, sturdy shoes reflecting our communal journey. Women's, men's, and children's sizes are included and will be donated to Xavier Mission's Clothing Room after the season concludes. We invite the Xavier community to join in the journey together by donating new (only) shoes (sneakers preferred & requested by the Mission). You can order the shoes at retailers online, such as Target.com and Shoebacca.com. Donation baskets have been left alongside the rere-dos for your use. The shoes donated will be incorporated into the installation as the season progresses and then will go to a neighbor in need. Wishing you a Lent that brings searching, listening, reflecting, and praying - Sacred Space.

Holy Week at St. Francis Xavier

Monday, March 25

Reconciliation Monday

Confessions: 2-4 PM, 6-9 PM

Thursday, March 28

The Mass of the Last Supper: Holy Thursday

7:30 PM (Main Church & Livestream)

Friday, March 29

Stations of the Cross

“Good Friday Stations of the Cross”

Sponsored by the R.C.I.A. Program and

The Music Ministries

Noon (Main Church & Livestream)

Good Friday Service with

Veneration of the Cross

3:00 PM (Main Church & Livestream)

Saturday, March 30

Easter Vigil

7:30 PM (Main Church & Livestream)

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday Masses

9 AM, 11:30 AM (Livestreamed) and 1:30 PM
Main Church

Mercy Center

Long-time Xavier parishioner Sean Adcroft will be honored at Mercy Center’s 2024 “Transforming Lives” gala on Tuesday, April 9th at Tribeca Rooftop. Sean has been volunteering with Mercy Center since 1995 and currently serves on Mercy Center’s Board of Directors.

Mercy Center helps women, men, and families in the South Bronx to grow and thrive through education, family, civic, social, and economic programs, last year serving over 3700 of New York’s most vulnerable residents with adult education, workforce development, ESOL, immigrant services, and youth programs.

St. Francis Xavier parish has maintained a supportive relationship with Mercy Center since its founding by the Sisters of Mercy in 1990, with many Xavier parishioners like Sean generously supporting Mercy Center with their time, talent and treasure over the years.

Please consider attending the gala and/or supporting this great cause. Take advantage of the early bird discount through March 25th with code MERCY2024 to save \$50 on a Supporter Ticket! For more information please visit: www.mercycentergala.org.

Eucharistic Revival Upcoming Events

The Xavier Eucharistic Revival will continue with ***The Eucharist, Faith, and Social Justice*** with Fr. Bruce Morrill, SJ on Sunday, April 7 at 1:00 PM in-person and online.

The next event will be ***In the Breaking of the Bread: A Prayer Experience*** on Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 PM via Zoom with facilitators: Catherine O’Hagan Wolfe and Luz Marina Díaz. If you would like to participate, please email Luz Marina Díaz at [lmdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:lm Diaz@sfxavier.org).

Are You Called to Serve on the Xavier Pastoral Council?

The Xavier Pastoral Council seeks **three** new members 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 pastoralcouncil@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.

Liturgical Ministry Volunteers Needed

If you attend our liturgies and have a desire to serve your community, step up and volunteer as a hospitality minister, lector, or Eucharistic minister. Your contribution can make a significant impact and help create a welcoming and enriching experience for all. Scan the QR code to learn more. Please email Luz Marina Díaz at lm Diaz@sfxavier.org for more information.



Xavier Youth Ministry Sacred Sleepover

**Saturday, April 6 4:45 PM - 5 PM Mass
to Sunday, April 7 - 8 AM**

Between the ages of 12 and 18? Join us for a Sacred Sleepover and let's brainstorm ideas to rejuvenate the Youth Ministry together. Bring your sleeping bag and pajamas! Email youthministry@sfxavier.org to register.

Healing Prayer Ministry Upcoming Dates

Happy Easter and blessings to all as we celebrate the Resurrection! You are invited to come for prayer for healing for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing after the 11:30 Mass on **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, 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 sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org.**

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, April 12 | 6:00 PM
West Room**

Larissa Santiago will do a 2025 calendar photo shoot, interviews, and Q&A with one another to share our stories. BYO cups (cups, utensils, plates, serviettes/snacks).

XAVIER MISSION
WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

XAVIER MISSION

STUDIO 55
70s Disco Dinner Dance
Saturday, March 23

TICKETS

**MISSED
THE PARTY?**

It may be too late to break out your go-go boots ... but you can still help us fight hunger and homelessness!

xaviermission.org/DONATE

Scriptures & Announced Masses

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION:
Mk 11:1-10; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK:
Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11.

7:45 AM TOM RAINONE (D)
12:05 PM MARGARET GARAY (D)

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK:
Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM PIERRE BENJAMIN (D)

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK:
Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25.

7:45AM CAMPBELL GRANT PHILLIPS (D)
12:05PM BRIAN MCGLAUGHLIN (L)

THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK:
Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Lk 4:16-21.

HOLY THURSDAY
7:05PM NO INTENTIONS

GOOD FRIDAY:
Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9.

GOOD FRIDAY
7:30PM NO INTENTIONS

HOLY SATURDAY:
Gn 1:1-2:2; Mark 16:1-7.

HOLY SATURDAY
7:30PM NO INTENTIONS

EASTER SUNDAY:
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4;
Jn 20:1-9.

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. 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. 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