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

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.
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

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

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.
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 reredos 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

**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.

**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.
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. BYOcups (cups, utensils, plates, serviettes/snacks).
Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion:
Mk 11:1-10; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47.

Monday of Holy Week:

7:45 AM  Tom Rainone (D)
12:05 PM  Margaret Garay (D)

Tuesday of Holy Week:

7:45 AM  Available
12:05 PM  Pierre Benjamin (D)

Wednesday of Holy Week:
Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25.

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12:05 PM  Brian McLaughlin (L)

Thursday of Holy Week:
Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Lk 4:16-21.

Holy Thursday
7:05 PM  No Intentions

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Gn 1:1—2:2; Mark 16:1-7.

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Easter Sunday:

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, kec@insnv@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, lmdiaz@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.

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 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 schubert@ny.com.

Scriptsures & Announced Masses

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