



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

46 West 16th Street, NYC

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Easter Sunday

March 31, 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

**To stay up-to-date on parish news, follow us on
Instagram and Facebook at [sfxaviernyc](https://www.facebook.com/sfxaviernyc).**

**Scan the QR Code to Join Our
Weekly Email Newsletter**



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 1

One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM
Please enter using the 15th Street Entrance.

Bulletin Cover Artwork: *An engraving for Easter*
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Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, April 6

5:00pm Vigil: Thomas Feely, SJ

Sunday, April 7

9:00am Mass: James Miracky, SJ

11:30am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

1:30 PM Mass: Ricardo da Silva, 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



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 Albno, Maggie Araullo, Jingsing Fitzgerald, Francesca Macaranes, Michael Silver, Chris Curatoo, Ning, Josephine Vales, Louis De Thomas, Cynthia Magsanoc, Lulu Byrne.

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, Russell Williams, Pilar Pilapil, Luz & Ramon Montes, Trinidad/Marcella Araullo, Santos Jose Rosa do, Maria Aurora A Koa, Mercedes, Consuelo, Mauricia Bautista, Sarah Golda De nenholz, Aurora Dionisio, Albuero & Elvira Legaspi, Dilia Muñoz.

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.**



Building the Kingdom

Easter is a bursting forth in the cosmos! Flowers shooting up from the ground, birds chirping, clear skies with the sun shining, and Holy Week's great finale with Resurrection!

Hope abounding.

We look with new brighter eyes at the things we love.... the things we hold close to our hearts and wouldn't want to lose.

Let's keep those things top of mind as we move forward with Resurrection hope to care for all of God's creation and strengthen our bonds with all of our kin, human and non-human, and build God's Kindom.... on earth as it is in heaven.

The Environment Ministry wishes you the many blessings and joys of Easter in the days to come.



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.

Xavier Young Adults Ministry

Join the Xavier Young Adults Ministry for all of their upcoming events by following them on Instagram at [xavieryoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/xavieryoungadults). Every first Sunday of the month, you're invited for a Contemplative Mass at 5:30 PM in the Xavier High School Chapel. Ring the bell at 30 W 16th Street.



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).

Join us on Saturday, April 13 from 11:00 AM- 4:00 PM for a parish retreat led by Fr. Bryan N. Massingale, ***Do This in Memory of Me - The Eucharist and the Call to Justice***. Join us for a Saturday afternoon of prayer and contemplation, where we consider how the Eucharist empowers us to be the Body of Christ and continue his ministry of being Good News to the despised and excluded. A light lunch will be provided. All are welcome!

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, April 14 during the
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.

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). 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.

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.

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.



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. You can scan the QR code for more information and the Zoom link.



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.



Gay Catholics Friday, April 5 | 7:00 PM Mary Chapel

Come to know more about Thea Bowman and her prophetic voice in the Church today!

The Gay Catholics Ministry extends a warm invitation to the entire parish to a presentation on Sister Thea Bowman, an African American advocate for social justice on her path to sainthood. Together we will honor and celebrate her life and work for a more inclusive and truly "catholic" Church and will reflect on how to use our prophetic voices as she did. All are welcome!

The Women Who Stayed Sunday, April 28 | 1:00 PM Mary Chapel

We are four weeks away from the Resurrection. Where are you right now in your Easter journey? Mary said *yes* to incarnating God into this world. What is the *yes* to which you are being called?



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**THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING
our
70s Disco Dinner Dance
and silent auction**

PLEASE STAY TUNED...

Final report on Dinner Dance
Including funds raised for Xavier Mission programs,
photos, and more from the event!

2023 impact report

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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.

Monday, May 13, "I lived it," Epilogue, pp.270-290.

In this final section, the author reflects on the impact of enslavement, Jim Crow, and current attitudes towards the concept of race on his own family's history.

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).

Scriptures & Announced Masses

EASTER SUNDAY:

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

MONDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15.

OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 AM AVAILABLE

TUESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05 PM AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM AVAILABLE

THURSDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48.

7:45AM RICHARD MARKS (D)

12:05PM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

FRIDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14.

7:45AM FR. SEAN TOOLE (L)

12:05PM ELLEN CLANCY (D)

SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15.

12:05PM PAUL GORRA & JAMES HAWKES (D)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6;
Jn 20:19-31.

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,
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.

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