



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Maryknoll Mission Appeal

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 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

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Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, April 20

5:00pm Vigil: Thomas Feely, SJ

Sunday, April 21

9:00am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30am Mass: James Miracky, SJ

5:00 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

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Kenneth Boller, SJ

Fathers Peter Le Jacq, M.M. and John Martin, M.M. will be in the parish for the annual missionary cooperative appeal and second collection for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. They will speak at all the masses and describe the work of Maryknoll, the popular name for the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, founded in 1911 to follow Christ's command to preach the Gospel to all nations. They serve the poor and marginalized in more than 20 countries internationally as well as here in the United States.

Their presence with us is a reminder of the post resurrection mission to the disciples to go out to the whole world to tell the Good News.

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 Albnio, Maggie Araullo, Jingsing Fitzgerald, Francesca Macaranes, Michael Silver, Chris Curatoo, Ning, Josephine Vales, Louis De Thomas, Cynthia Magsanoc, Lulu Byrne, Maria Celia Coscolluela, Nelida Kilayko.

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

Bob Morrow, Jason Vermonty, Jessie Russell, Greg Lubert, Dr. Samuel Alcaarez, 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, Alburo & Elvira Legaspi, Dilia Muñoz, Sister Mary Cyril Murray, Rosa Pergola.

***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.**



Two Invitations: Earth Action and Contemplation

Earth Action

It's happening right at our doorstep at Union Square! This Sunday, April 14, from 1 to 6 pm, we will participate in Earth Day Initiative's 2024 Festival at Union Square www.earthdayinitiative.org

Walk over to visit the booths of dozens of environmental nonprofits, climate campaigns, and sustainable businesses, as well as live entertainment, kids' activities, and interactive displays.

The SFX Environment Ministry will have a booth which will feature a petition to support the bills in Albany that will help cut plastic in New York state. Definitely stop by to sign our petition to support the two bills in Albany that will help cut plastics in New York: the Bigger Better Bottle Bill (S4947/A06353) and the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (S4246B / A05322B). You might even consider giving us a hand at the booth!

Earth Contemplation

Not to miss! Our earth economies are transitioning off of fossil fuels. To better understand the impact of fossil fuels on our environment and the need for this transition, visit the excellent and very informative exhibit "The End of Fossil Fuels" at the Climate Museum before its last day. Sunday, April 28. Location: 105 Wooster Street in Soho NYC. Open Wednesdays through Sundays 1-6 PM (except 4/18, when it closes at 5:15 pm). Admission: free, but donations accepted. Make it a field trip!

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.



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
this 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.

St. Francis Xavier Virtual Town Hall on Journeying Together: Our Parish's Ministry and Mission Tuesday, April 16 | 7:00 PM | Zoom

Join your St. Francis Xavier community at a virtual Town Hall in response to Pope Francis's call to participate in the next phase of the Global Synod on Synodality. Join your fellow parishioners in small conversations in which we discern what our parish is doing well and what we all can do better with regard to our ministry and mission. Registration Required. Registration Deadline Monday, April 15 at 12:00 PM. Scan the QR code to register.



Aids Walk New York 2024 Xavier Team

For 40 years, our parish has cared for and stood with those living and dying from HIV/AIDS. We encourage as many individuals as possible to join our team and/or contribute whatever is comfortable.

Check out Church of Saint Francis Xavier's team fundraising page for AIDS Walk New York (aidswalkny.org)





Young Adults Easter Celebration Sunday, April 14 After the 5:00 PM Mass

The Xavier Young Adults invite all the Young Adults of the parish to join them for an EASTER CELEBRATION next Sunday, April 14th after the 5pm Mass in the Mary Chapel. Feel free to sit in the pews nearest to the tabernacle and then move into the Chapel together afterwards. All are welcome! For more information or to add yourself to the Young Adult list, please email sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com.



Brunch in Full Bloom: A Brunch Ministry Earth Day Garden Party Sunday, April 21 | 12:30 PM Keenan Commons

Join us for a Earth Day Garden Party indoors. We'll celebrate our beautiful planet with delicious food, delightful company, and most importantly, the opportunity to deepen our connections with each other. It's a perfect way to join in the joy of the Easter season, immerse yourself in Spring, and break bread in a new way with others in our Xavier community. There's room for everyone at these tables, where we help keep the conversation flowing so that no one feels like a stranger—and who knows, your raffle ticket just might be a winner! Let's bring a fresh spring to each other's step—see you at Brunch in Full Bloom!

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 **April 21, May 5 and 19**. 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.**

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.***

The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 21 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. It is required. Scan the QR code to get the Zoom link for the meeting and learn more about the Discernment Informational Sessions.



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.

Thank You For Bringing Hope To Bethlehem During This Time Of Crisis

Thank you for your generous support of Holy Family Hospital on Palm Sunday, which raised more than \$15,000. A Mass at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem will be said on April 18 for the intentions of all parishioners of the Church of St. Francis Xavier.

Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem is sustained by donations from individuals and parishes throughout the world. **Please visit birthplaceofhope.org for more information.**

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?

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, 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.

Wine Tasting Gala to benefit Magis Theatre Company

Tuesday, April 16th • 7 PM - 9 PM
Keenan Commons, Xavier High School

Let our expert Sommelier Allan Amico guide you through a selection of Wines inspired by "Angel in the Ashes", our upcoming show.

About Magis: Magis is a theatre company with a unique way of looking at the world. By creating important human to human connections they bring the focus back to what it means to be a human being. Scan the QR code to get register.



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WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.



**70s Disco Dinner Dance
and silent auction**

We're just \$7,000 from our goal!

Buy an unsold auction item (only a few left!)
Donate

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Check out event photos



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Saint Ignatius School 5K

Calling all runners! Saint Ignatius School, a Jesuit-sponsored Nativity-model school in the South Bronx, is hosting their inaugural event "Bronx Bound: 5k/walk", at Fordham University Rose Hill on Saturday, May 4th. Check-in starts at 7:45am, and the race starts at 8:30am. The 5k or walk covers 3 loops around Fordham's beautiful Rose Hill campus. Registration costs \$35, and on-campus parking is free. Come support a fellow Jesuit ministry in NYC and enjoy a morning of community, fitness and fun! Please visit www.sis-nativity.org to register.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

Ongoing Parish Happenings

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a;
Lk 24:35-48.

MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER:

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM AVAILABLE

TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER:

Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05 PM LOUIS PIRO (D)

WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER:

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM FRANK BARNES (D)

THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER:

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM ALBERTO SANCHEZ (D)

FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER:

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59.

7:45AM DONNA GRAY (D)

12:05PM CELESTE PATTON CLARKE (D)

SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER:

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69.

12:05PM ANTHONY DEVITO JR. (D) &
ANTHONY DEVITO SR. (D)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2;
Jn 10:11-18.

YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR
YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING
THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.

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, imdiaz@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