



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit 2024 AIDS Walk

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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](http://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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Artist: Jerome Nadal (1507-1580)

## **Next Weekend's Presider Schedule**

**Saturday, April 27**

5:00pm Vigil: Thomas Feely, SJ

**Sunday, April 28**

9:00am Mass: James Miracky, SJ

11:30am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Kenneth Boller, 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](mailto: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](http://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**

This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. While the farming imagery might be very remote from our own experience, the intimacy conveyed in the gospel speaks to the care and concern we have each experienced in our relationship with the risen Jesus- "calling each by name."

The Good Shepherd guides and protects the flock leading them to safe pastures. Part of that shepherding process is to make sure that the flock moves about to different parts of the pasture so that the grazing is sustainable-that the pasture has a chance to grow back for another day. This week we also celebrate Earth Day, and our Environment Ministry has invited us to join the plastic bottle ban, participate in a webinar and continue to educate ourselves on ways, great and small, in which we can care for the earth.

Through our baptism, we are not merely the sheep of the flock but also called, in different ways, to assume the role of shepherd. Our shepherding asks us to attend to the needs of the people in our lives and the environment we all depend on to sustain us. Let us all be good shepherds.

### **2024 AIDS Walk**

Since 2005, SFX has dedicated one weekend during the AIDS Walk Campaign to raise funds for those in special need. Our Mission has always been...to meet God where he is and see him in all things.

We continue to be the only Catholic church in NY to participate in this campaign. We stand together with our sisters and brothers facing inadequate health care in a time of "anti-science denialism and extremism," leadership by communities like Xavier remains imperative.

As GMHC continues to serve people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS, its work has broadened. In 2024, there are four "cascading epidemics" affecting the marginalized community. Like HIV, these debilitating epidemics, pandemics, and outbreaks have concentrated among lower income Black and Latinx communities lacking the health care they need.

Xavier has always worked hard to manifest human solidarity, raised awareness to achieving poverty eradication, and promoted human and social development among the most vulnerable populations.

### **Prayer Requests**

#### ***Let us especially, remember those who have asked for our prayers***

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

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

Bob Morrow, Jason Vermonty, Jessie Russell, Greg Lubert, Barbara Ann Haynes, Blair Dean, Don Brophy, Anthony Antunes, Rolando Zapata, Rosalie Stillo, Cathy Geronimo, 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.**



## Earth Day - April 22

Twenty million people participated in the first Earth Day in 1970, which was organized by Wisconsin senator Gaylord Nelson as a response to smog-filled cities and rivers on fire from being used as garbage dumps.

Tomorrow, April 22, we celebrate the 55th EARTH DAY! And though we have cleaned up our rivers and have much less smog, we still have the urgent problem of fossil fuel pollution and plastic pollution.

Our parish is participating in Earth Day with the Union Square booth last Sunday in which we collected 372 signatures to support the two NYS plastic bills; with the Brunch Ministry this Sunday, which will highlight environmentalism; and with participation in the Earth Week Interfaith Prayer Vigils being held each day from noon to 1 PM in support of The Earth Bill, a bill that calls for what is needed to stop the warming of our planet. We invite you to participate in the brunch and prayer vigil(s).



You can also participate by looking at the EarthDay.org website for action ideas. The theme this year is PLASTIC, so take a look at their article Planet vs. Plastic, a plastic quiz, a plastic footprint calculator, a way to support the Global Plastic Treaty, and a social media kit for sharing the information. Plan now to participate with us on Tuesday, May 14, for our last lobby day of this legislative session for the two NY State plastic bills on bottles and packaging.

Last, but definitely not least, go outside and enjoy an aspect of nature on Earth Day, and take a moment to offer gratitude to our Creator.

## 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. Please email Luz Marina Díaz at [lmdi-az@sfxavier.org](mailto:lmdi-az@sfxavier.org) for more information.



## 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!



## AIDS Walk New York 2024 Donation Weekend 4/20-21

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.

All funds from the first collection will be for SFX's AWNY Campaign. Checks donations must be made payable to: AIDS Walk New York  
Contribute online by scanning the QR code.

Team members will also be manning a table at the back of the church after each Mass.



## Linda Ippolito and Adi Braun “A Few of our Favorite Things”

Saturday, April 27 | 7:30 PM

Main Church & Online

Join pianist Linda Ippolito and vocalist Adi Braun, with her trio, as they pay tribute to some of their favourite music in this program of classical and American Songbook delights. Linda and Adi invite you to an evening of Latin, romantic, swing tunes and ballads featuring music by Lacuona, Ginestera, and the songs of Cole Porter as Adi celebrates the launch of her 6th CD, “Night and Day.” An evening not to be missed!

## Upcoming Young Adult Events Happy Hour & Cinco De Mayo Party

Join the Xavier Young Adults for their upcoming events! This Sunday, April 28 after the 5PM Mass, meet the Young Adults at Lost Spirits at 11 W 17th Street for Happy Hour. The next event will be a Cinco De Mayo Party next weekend, Sunday, May 5. For more information on Young Adults happenings, you can follow them on Instagram at xavieryoungadults.



## Moving into the Holy: Dance, Movement, and Posture in Worship with Luz Marina Díaz, PhD

Sunday, May 5 | 1:00 PM

Main Church & Online

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Church of St. Francis Xavier will host lectures on the Eucharist. We continue with Luz Marina Díaz's lecture on *Moving into the Holy: Dance, Movement, and Posture in Worship*. This lecture will explore a brief history of dance in worship, a rationale for incorporating dance in worship, and guidance for understanding various movement types and prayer postures in our liturgies.

## 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 **this 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.

## Explore Becoming a Spiritual Director

Do you feel that nudge from God to do more?  
Is there a greater desire to serve God and God's people in a different way?  
Are you a good listener?

You may want to explore what it means to be a spiritual director. Join the class of September 2024 and explore the gift of spiritual direction. All applications are due on May 31. Contact Gerry Moss at 212-627-2100 or scan the QR code for more information.



## 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.**

## 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](mailto:sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org).**



**XAVIER MISSION**

WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE'RE GROWING TO MEET RISING NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

MEET OUR SMALL BUT MIGHTY TEAM



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## Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, May 10 | 6:00 PM | West Room**

Natasha Avenis leads a discussion on "From the River to the Sea: a look at the history and current events of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and how it affects not just the 'Middle East' but also the entire international community." BYOCUPS (Cups, Utensils, Plates, Serviettes/Snacks) to share with friends, old and new. For more information, contact [CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org](mailto:CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org).

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**  
Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2;  
Jn 10:11-18.

**MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER:**  
Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** ALBERT NATHAN (D)

**TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER:**  
Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** LEONA LEPISKO (D)

**WEDNESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER:**  
Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

**THURSDAY- FEAST OF SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST:**  
1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20.

**7:45AM** JAMES HAWKES (D)  
**12:05PM** JOHN D'EMIC III (D)

**FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER:**  
Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** MARY TODD (L)

**SATURDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER:**  
Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14.

**12:05PM** KEVIN MORRIS (D)

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**  
Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24;  
Jn 15:1-8.

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](mailto: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](mailto:CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org) or (929) 333-5011.

**EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Provides support to parishioners seeking employment. Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com).

**LAUDATO SI ACTION PLAN (LSAP):** Implements the message of Laudato Si. [SFXLSAP@gmail.com](mailto:SFXLSAP@gmail.com).

**FAMILY FAITH:** Religious Education Program for children pre-kindergarten -12<sup>th</sup> grade. Sessions for parents/guardians are provided. Contact DRE Luz Marina Diaz, [imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:imdiaz@sfxavier.org).

**GAY CATHOLICS:** Men meet in a caring and affirming environment monthly. [GayCatholics@sfxavier.org](mailto:GayCatholics@sfxavier.org).

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** We pray for spiritual, emotional, and/or physical healing. [HPM@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ISEL@sfxavier.org).

**RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY:** Provides book clubs, supportive activities and actions related to racial justice. To learn more, [sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@sfxavier.org).

**XAVIER ADULT GROUP:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. [xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:xavierinterfaith@gmail.com).

**XAVIER YOGA:** Meets on Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Open to all levels. **Will not meet May 21st, June 4th.**

**XAVIER OUTINGS:** Periodic gatherings with parishioners. [Xoutings@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:youthministry@sfxavier.org).

**ZEN MEDITATION GROUP:** Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact Peggy & Paul [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com)