



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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, May 4

5:00pm Vigil: Thomas Feely, SJ

Sunday, May 5

9:00am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

11:30am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 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

This past week we celebrated Earth Day and there have certainly been many opportunities to engage in action and education throughout the week. I hope you have availed yourself of one or more of these.

As a Laudato Si parish, we are committed to long term and sustained action for environmental justice. From the symbolic (and flourishing) planting of the two Japanese Maple trees on the portico, to energy audits, the campaign to reduce or eliminate plastic containers and many other ongoing efforts, we are following our five-year plan to become a Laudato Si parish.


While Earth Day, as a spring event, has galvanized activities on behalf of Mother Earth, we must always treat each day as Earth Day.

Many thanks to the many hands who worked together to provide us with another successful brunch last Sunday. The cross section of parishioners participating and getting to know one another was heartening.

Last week we laid William "Billy" Johnston to rest in Calvary cemetery. Billy was a regular at the Welcome Table for many years, an unhoused man suffering from PTSD from his service in Viet Nam a half a century ago. Billy was a symbol for me of the untold millions of people around the world who have been traumatized and maimed as combatants or civilian "collateral damage" of the wars and ethnic disputes which continue to rage on to this day. Student protests on university campuses related to the conflict in Gaza set up a false dichotomy: one must be pro-Palestinian and therefore anti-Israel, or worse, antisemitic, or you are defenders of Israel and complicit in the deaths of over 30,000, mostly civilians and the humanitarian crisis of the millions of displaced.

The conflict in Gaza as well as the war in Ukraine and the conflicts in Haiti, Myanmar and Sudan, to name just a few are nothing less than human tragedies, struggles for power at the expense of the powerless.

Pope Francis reminds us "Every war is a defeat!" Indeed, ever war victimizes and degrades humans, especially the poor, all of whom are made in God's image. Cease fires, negotiations for peace with justice are the responses we should pray for and work for.

	<p style="text-align: center;">Rosa Pergola Funeral Friday, May 10 9:00 AM Main Church Longtime parishioner, Rosa Pergola's funeral will be held on Friday, May 10 at 9:00 AM. <i>Please note the time change from 9:15 AM to 9:00 AM.</i></p>
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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, Janet Cutrufelli, James Hurley.

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed parishioners 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, Thomas Cutrufelli, Dennis P. Halpin, Norman C. Grosman.

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.



Ongoing Appreciation and Caring for Creation

Gratitude for life, for our planet, our home, for air, water, resources and each other is a key and ongoing call for all of us. Gratitude and caring go together -- not just on Earth Day, but every day.

Personal actions like using less plastic, recycling more, taking compostables to bins, and not wasting water or food are good and praiseworthy. Educating ourselves on the climate crisis, and its related impact on the marginalized and poor are part of the call. Further, understanding systemic causes and advocating for needed corrective responses fit into the call to care.

The SFX Environment Ministry plans to participate in a lobby day in Albany on May 14, sponsored by Beyond Plastics, for the two bills that would cut plastics, increase recycling, and reduce packaging. Contact us at SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com for info about that or about getting involved in the work of caring for the earth and for environmental justice.

Noting our global interconnectedness, some of us had the opportunity to have an encounter with Sr. Laura Vicuna Manso from Brazil who spoke on April 21, in the XHS chapel, of the ongoing synodal process in the Amazon, and the land encroachments and damage to indigenous communities. The event was sponsored by the Economia de Francesco, Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement (of which SFX is a part), Discerning Deacons, and the Jesuit Eastern Province Office of Justice and Ecology. We hope to broaden this dialogue process.

Speaking of gratitude, thank you to those who helped out at our Union Square booth two weeks ago to collect signatures to support the two state bills on plastic reduction. And kudos to the SFX Brunch Ministry for making Earth Day and the environment their theme for last Sunday's brunch!



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.

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.

The next Mass Class will be held Sunday, May 5 during the 11:30 AM Mass in the Xavier High School Chapel

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, and vestments.

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 lm Diaz@sfxavier.org for more information.

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 on Sunday, May 5 after the Contemplative Mass at 5:30 PM in the Xavier High School Chapel. For more information on Young Adults happenings, you can follow them on Instagram at *xavieryoungadults*.



AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2024 Xavier Team

Contribute online:

<https://gmhc.aidswalkny.org/team/555742>



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?

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.



Ignite: A Celebration of Justice Wednesday, May 1 | 6:30 PM

Keenan Commons - 30 West 16th Street

For twenty years, the **Ignatian Solidarity Network** has strived to **educate, network, and form advocates for social justice**, inspired by the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the witness of Jesuit martyrs of El Salvador and their companions.

Join us this **Wednesday, May 1**, as we celebrate powerful voices for justice and dignity in the Jesuit and greater Ignatian network:

- **Vince & Robyn Caponi** (parents of Xavier parishioner Cara Caponi) and **Rev. Fred Kammer, S.J.**, for their significant commitment to faith and justice;
- **CRISPAZ (Christians for Peace in El Salvador)**, for promoting peace with justice in El Salvador; and
- **Jordan Denari Duffner** and **Miriam Uribe**, two emerging leaders in social justice causes.

Join us in celebrating **a faith that does justice** and be a part of our ongoing work to build **a more just world** for years to come.

Tickets and information: igsol.net/ignite



Responsible Investment for a Sustainable Future

Monday, May 20 | 7:00 PM

Main Church & Online

In a time of unprecedented climate change, how can people invest to not only help their retirement investments, but also humanity? Responsible investment and divesting from fossil fuels is a suggested action of the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

Joe Pelusi is CEO of Green Investment Strategies, a Chartered Counselor in Sustainable, Responsible and Impact (SRI) investing, and a Catholic. Join us for his presentation 7-8pm Monday, May 20, 2024 in the Main Church and via livestream. Learn more about Joe's firm at <https://greeninvestmentstrategies.com/>

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 **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.**

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.

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.



XAVIER MISSION

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IMPACT REPORT

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Prevented 90 evictions, saving taxpayers \$9 million
- Added a third Clothing Room day for the increasing numbers of migrant families
- Accommodated 140% more households at our Food Pantry



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Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

**MONDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT
CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH:** Acts 14:5-18;
Jn 14:21-26.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM JOSEPH HESS (D)

**TUESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF
EASTER:** Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM MARC ANTONIO AGUERO (D)

**WEDNESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF
EASTER:** Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM EDWARD BISHOP (D)

**THURSDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT
ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF
THE CHURCH:** Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

**FRIDAY- FEAST OF SAINTS PHILIP AND
JAMES, APOSTLES:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn
14:6-14.

7:45AM TOM RYAN (D)
12:05PM BARRY NELSON (D)

**SATURDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF
EASTER:** Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21.

12:05PM JAMES RICHARDSON (D)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-
10; Jn 15:9-17.

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](mailto: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](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.

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 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