



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit the Environment Ministry

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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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## **Next Weekend's Presider Schedule**

**Saturday, May 18**

5:00pm Vigil: Kenneth Boller, SJ

**Sunday, May 19**

9:00am Mass: Bishop Edmund Whalen

11:30am Mass: Thomas Feely, 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](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**

Happy Mothers' Day to all who have shared the gift of motherhood or served as a mother-figure for anyone. While there are times in all our lives when our relationship with our mothers can be strained and, even, painful, the bond between mother and child is unique and formative. Let us take a moment to thank our mothers for all they have given to us.

While we can celebrate Mothers' Day in relative tranquility, we should also pray for mothers throughout the world who are struggling to keep their families alive and safe. In Myanmar, Darfur, Gaza, Ukraine and so many places, mothers seek shelter from warfare and sustenance for their children. Migrants and asylum seekers in a long line through Central America, Mexico, the southern border of the United States and the streets of New York are trying to find a safe and stable place to raise their children.

Let us pray for them and try to help as many as we can. May Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church, guide and protect us all.

### **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, Rafael Colon, Jackie Biaggi.

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

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 Nenholtz, Aurora Dionisio, Alburo & Elvira Legaspi, Dilia Muñoz, Sister Mary Cyril Murray, Rosa Pergola, Thomas Cutrufelli, Dennis P. Halpin, Norman C. Grosman, Adrian Keenan, Jerry Hevern, Marvin Blitz, Danny Cooper.

***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.**

## Creation Care Corner



### There's Lots to Celebrate!

Get ready! Next Sunday is Pentecost when we celebrate God's wisdom and insight guiding us. Nine years ago, Pope Francis chose to release Laudato Si: *On Care for Our Common Home* on Pentecost, so we also celebrate his encyclical with Laudato Si' Week. ***This Laudato Si' Week and Pentecost, let us gather in community to contemplate and nurture seeds of hope for our "suffering planet" (LD 2).***

We also celebrate the **first anniversary** of our parish's Laudato Si' Action Platform. The Holy Spirit has inspired us and guided us as we have channeled our resources to care for God's creation.

Pope Francis calls for us to care for the environment as an essential part of our lives as Christians. Last year, we shattered records with the hottest global temperature, the highest ghg emissions, the highest sea level rise, and 23 U.S. climate & weather events costing over \$1 billion each. In the wake of the climate crisis, Pope Francis reiterated his call with more urgency in Laudate Deum. Take time to read it this week. [www.20231004-laudate-deum-pdf](http://www.20231004-laudate-deum-pdf)



Monday, May 20, at 7 pm, the SFX Laudato Si' Action Platform is sponsoring a hybrid event to help us steer our **personal investments** away from fossil fuels and towards accounts that will help renew the face of the earth. See the separate box.

Also, for Laudato Si' Week, on Wednesday, May 22, at 7 pm, the Environment Ministry will have a Laudato Si'- focused **prayer service** by zoom. To rsvp and get the link, email [SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com)

Our church banners proclaim that "We are a Laudato Si' Parish!" Let's call on the Holy Spirit to guide us to be Laudato Si' people!

### The Environment Ministry Second Collection on Sunday, May 12

On this Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, the second collection will support the efforts of our Laudato Si' parish community to care for Mother Earth through education and advocacy. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

### Advocating in Albany for Our Values

This Wednesday, May 14, as the legislative session nears the end, several parishioners from the Environment Ministry will again be going to Albany to advocate for the two bills that would reduce plastic in our environment, the Bigger, Better Bottle Bill and the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, and the HEAT Act that would reduce heating costs for low-income residents. If you have a minute, call Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie's office, 518-455-3791, to indicate your support for these bills and ask him to move them over the finish line. For more info: [SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com) Thank you for your support.

### 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](mailto:lm Diaz@sfxavier.org) for more information.

### 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.



## AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2024 Xavier Team

Contribute online:

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



## 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 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.**

## Our Legacy, Our Future, Our Pride Friday, May 31 | 6:30 PM

Xavier's LGBTQ Ministries invite you to join us in celebrating our 31st anniversary on Friday, May 31! We will celebrate mass at 6:30 pm in the main church, followed by light refreshments and fellowship in the Mary Chapel.

We are excited to welcome you to share in the joy of our anniversary and the intergenerational connections we have created over the last 31 years.

## Young Adults Contemplative Mass

Join the Young Adults every first Sunday of the Month for "the Mass that takes its time" at 5:30 PM in the Xavier High School Chapel. The next Contemplative Mass will be June 2. For all upcoming events, you can follow the Young Adults on Instagram at xavieryoungadults.



## Save the Dates for TRADITION ~ *the Cabaret!* Performances:

Saturday, June 8 | 7:30 PM | Mary Chapel  
Sunday, June 9 | 2:30 PM | Mary Chapel  
Sunday, June 9 | 7:00 PM | Mary Chapel  
Monday, June 10 | 7:30 PM | Mary Chapel



## 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/>

## 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).**

## The Women Who Stayed Sunday, June 9 | 1:00 PM West Room

Ordinary time includes the days between Easter-tide and Advent. That is thirty-five weeks; 245 days. Where has the Holy Spirit been inviting you? Join this spiritual conversation among women of faith who are pursuing their truth and rightful place in the world.



**XAVIER MISSION**

WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

**IN FY23 WE HELPED PROTECT  
90 FAMILIES FROM EVICTION.**

**THIS IS MARIKA'S STORY.**



Xavier Mission paid \$3,500 toward Marika's\* rent arrears, storage unit - which was going up for auction - and cell phone, which had been shut off.

*"I just want to thank you for the help you provided for me," she wrote. "No words can amount to how grateful I am and how you saved me from homelessness and debt."*

Our Eviction Prevention Program is funded entirely by private donations.

In the first six months of this fiscal year, we assisted 65 families. Unfortunately, our program has been closed to the public since February due to lack of funding.

**Donate today to help us reopen our application.  
Every \$3,000 helps another family remain housed.**

\*Stock photo. Name changed for privacy.

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## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**  
Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16;  
Jn 17:11b-19.

**MONDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER:** Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33.

**7:45AM** LIDA DE LUCA (D)  
**12:05PM** ANNE MARIE REGAN (L)

**TUESDAY- FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26;  
Jn 15:9-17.

**7:45AM** ANDREW WHITE (D)  
**12:05 PM** THOMAS REGAN (D)

**WEDNESDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1;  
Jn 16:12-15.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** THOMAS REGAN (D)

**THURSDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11;  
Jn 17:20-26.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** MARIA "TONY" MCENTEE (D)

**FRIDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER:** Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** EVELYN SWANSON (D)

**SATURDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31;  
Jn 21:20-25.

**12:05PM** ROBERT JOEDICKE (D)

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:**  
Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13;  
Jn 20:19-23.

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. [LSAP@sfxavier.org](mailto:LSAP@sfxavier.org).

**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, [lm Diaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:lm Diaz@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)