



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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 11

5:00pm Vigil: James Miracky, SJ

Sunday, May 12

9:00am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Thomas Feely, 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

In our Gospel today, Jesus tells the disciples and us, as well, that the commandment to love one another is given to us so that Jesus' joy may be in us and our joy may be complete.

Joy is not a concept we deal with very much. We may strive for happiness or, at least, contentedness in the activities we pursue in our lives, but joy is something different. One of the definitions of joy is "the emotion evoked by the prospect of possessing what one desires."

For St. Ignatius Loyola, the goal of discernment was the "id quod volo," "that which I truly desire." In other words, looking deeply into our hearts and finding our deepest desires. Ignatius knew that is where we would find God, in our deepest, truest desires. The joy which Jesus speaks of in the Gospel comes from an undivided heart, totally united to God.

Having this inner joy doesn't make us immune from life's trials and even tragedies. Rather, it anchors us to deal with whatever life deals us and gives us the serenity to face adversity head on.

These days we hear so much about rage as a motivating factor especially in violent confrontations. Rage is exactly the opposite of joy. It feeds on our unmet expectations and our sense of lost entitlements.

Joy gives life and hope. Rage consumes us and others.

Jesus wants us to share His joy so that our joy may be complete.

The Maryknoll Mission office expressed their sincere thanks to all who contributed to the mission appeal. They promise to remember our parish in their prayers.



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.
Please note the time change from 9:15 AM to 9:00 AM.

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:

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, Adrian Keenan, Jerry Hevern.

***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.***

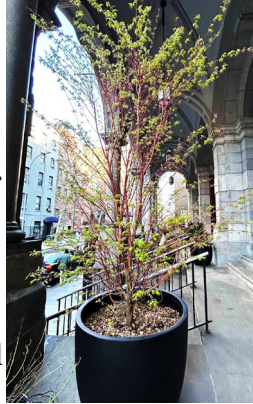
**All prayer requests are listed for at least three consecutive weeks.
Please contact the parish office for an extension.**



The Seeds of Hope Are Sprouting

May 19 is Pentecost and also the beginning of Laudato Si' Week, from May 19 -26, celebrating the ninth anniversary of the Laudato Si' encyclical.

A year ago at Pentecost, we adopted our parish's Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP) plan. So we can celebrate the sprouting of that plan, symbolized by new leaves on the trees planted a year ago in the front of the church, and the way that different ministries have incorporated care of creation into their work. The recent Brunch Ministry meal was a great example.



"Seeds of Hope" is the theme for Laudato Si' Week, which is sponsored by the Vatican's Dicastery for Human Development and facilitated by the Laudato Si' Movement. There is a reflection program for each day of the week, which we can pray together as a parish. www.laudatosiweek.org

During that week, on Monday, May 20, at 7 pm, the SFX LSAP team will offer an event on sustainable investing to suggest ways to ensure that our hard-earned savings are not invested in destructive fossil fuel industries, but rather in a sustainable future for the next generations. Also, on Wednesday, May 22, at 7 pm, the Environment Ministry will offer a prayer service on zoom.

May 8 is the deadline to sign up with Beyond Plastics www.BeyondPlastics.org for a free bus to Albany on May 14, for a final push for the two bills on plastic and the HEAT bill. Let us know: SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com

Speaking of hope, a few of us had the opportunity to meet Sr. Laura Vicuna, a Brazilian Franciscan religious who is indigenous and works with indigenous communities in Brazil. She inspired us! She was a key leader in the Synod on the Amazon.



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 Event Cinco de Mayo Party

This Sunday, May 5, join the Young Adults for a Cinco de Mayo Party 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](https://www.instagram.com/xavieryoungadults).



Ascension Thursday Masses Thursday, May 9

7:45 AM
12:05 PM
6:30 PM

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.

AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2024 Xavier Team

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



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 **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.**



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.

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

Catholic Lesbians

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

Natasha Avenis looks 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

WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE'VE HELPED THOUSANDS OF OUR NEIGHBORS IN 2023. CHECK OUT OUR IMPACT BELOW.

Basic Human Needs

The **CLOTHING ROOM** provides clean casual and professional clothing and toiletries. Recently we have been serving new populations, including women, children, and refugees.



The **CUSTOMER-CHOICE FOOD PANTRY** provides groceries to guests in a shopping-style environment. We deliver groceries to seniors and homebound individuals who are unable to visit.

The **WELCOME TABLE COMMUNITY KITCHEN** provides hot meals each Sunday. Additional services include health screenings, benefit referrals, assistance in obtaining documents, and flu shots.



Empowerment & Self-Sufficiency



The **LIFE-SKILLS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS (LSEP)** provide life-skills training, mentoring, a trauma-informed support group and storytelling, and supportive services to people who have experienced complex trauma.

The **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP)** provides payment of rent arrears to New Yorkers facing eviction, as well as assistance with other critical expenses, including utilities, medical bills, and transportation, to help families achieve stability.



Access the entire 2023 Impact Report
XAVIERMISSION.ORG



Scriptures & Announced Masses

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

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

MONDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF

EASTER: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO
(D)

12:05PM LUZ & RAMON (D)

TUESDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF

EASTER: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05 PM MARY RILEY GILMAN (D)

WEDNESDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF

EASTER: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1;
Jn 16:12-15.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM SANTOS J., FLOIDAINA & ROSADO
SR. (D)

THURSDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF

EASTER: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20.

7:45AM ASCENSION

12:05PM NO INTENTIONS

6:30 PM

FRIDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER:

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23.

7:45AM GIANCARLO ANTONIO PETOSA (L)

12:05PM MARIA (COOKIE) MELENDEZ (D)

SATURDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF

EASTER: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28.

12:05PM MARY DEAN (D)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16;
Jn 17:11b-19.

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. LSAP@sfxavier.org.

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 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