



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 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, June 29

5:00pm Vigil: James Miracky, SJ

Sunday, June 30

9:00am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

11:30am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, 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 week we have celebrated Juneteenth with a Zoom prayer service on Wednesday, Juneteenth itself, as well as the Rosary for the Sainly Six, a joint prayer service with parishes in Baltimore and Harlem. At the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, we welcome Fr. Mario Powell, S.J. back as our celebrant and preacher. Juneteenth commemorates the promulgation of the Emancipation Proclamation in Galveston, TX in 1865 at the end of the Civil War. The delay of two years in enforcing the proclamation is also a symbol of the many delays and obstacles which still exist to the attainment of true freedom and equality in our country and our world. May our prayers reinforce our ongoing efforts to work for justice and equality for all.

Some news about our church building: The air conditioning system in the church needs serious repair and the replacement of coils. We were able to patch it together to cool us down in the face of the heat wave, but the more permanent fix will require a shutdown for a week or more. Our hope is that the "patch" will get us through the summer. The front gates of the church have received an overdue cleaning and paint job with the restoration of weather damage to the fencing and the stonework. We will be refurbishing the front doors in the coming weeks. They need to be attention to recover from the wear and tear of weather and city air.

I will be away June 24th through July 2nd. I have a wedding abroad and will take some vacation. You will be spared this column next week.

Prayer Requests

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

Jane Jacobus, Neepa Magarelli, Eve Duke, Henna Ali, Pat Brown, Michael Patterson, Sr. Cecilia Palange, Jess Dabu, Gus Lobo, Tom N. Pantages, Eve Duke, 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, Sr Mary Ann Ambrose, CSJ Michael Sennett, Jim Held, Hortencia Ingles, Christine Torres, Michael Sennett, Linda Sexton and Family, Julius Harrison.

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

Anthony Antunes, Rosalie Stillo, Press McCallum, Bill Bennett, 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, Albuero & 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, Joan Hess, Mary McGill Uehlein, Brendan Sexton, Sr. Angela Bayo.

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.**



Aligning Our Earthcare Values with Our Credit Cards and Banks

“Purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic – act.” (LS 206) Pope Benedict XVI

In a prior column, we discussed climate-friendly and fossil-free investing and banking. Today’s focus will be on credit cards, and finding ones issued by institutions that are climate-friendly.

An excellent article, “Align Your Banking and Credit Cards with Your Values” can be found at <https://GreenAmerica.org>, a monthly magazine on sustainability.

The article explains the difference between “branding”, the name on the front of the card, usually a retailer or airline offering benefits such as cash-back or miles. The “issuer” is a bank or a financial institution affiliated with a bank to whom you pay the bill. The issuer makes money from fees, interest, and about 3% of every transaction, which is why we want to have a credit card and bank that does not invest our money in fossil fuels.

Other resources can be found at Bank for Good (www.bankforgood.org) and Bank.Green (www.bank.green; scroll down to a button “Move Your Money Today” for a good list of green banks and details about credit cards.) These sites have identified banks that have signed a fossil-free pledge. Check your bank with the Laudato Si’ Movement tool at www.laudatosimovement.org/bank-boycott. Scroll down, input your country and bank, and watch the thermometer move.

Yes, it takes some research to find a credit card issuer that aligns with your values. Yet, it is worth it to avoid ones that prioritize lending to the fossil fuel industry or other polluting mega-corporations and to instead favor ones that follow social-justice missions and invest in the good of people and planet.

No 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday. June 30

Please note that there will not be a 5PM Mass next Sunday, June 30 due the church being along the NYC Pride March route.

March with Us!

LGBTQ+ parishioners, allies, friends and family, far and wide: Join us Sunday, June 30 in the annual NYC Heritage of Pride March. Xavier’s joyful presence in the March puts our “All Are Welcome” mission in view for many who may not know about us and the spiritual home they might find here-RSVP to be a part of it all.



LGBTQ+ Pride Month Testimonials

By Alan Ahles

I came to Xavier on a Sunday in June and found a vibrant parish community packing the pews, singing with full heart and voice. Father Ned gave a rousing homily preaching up and down the aisle, compelling us to be a church that “moved the fence” to include everyone. It was Pride Sunday and I found my spiritual home.



Later that fall I joined the music ministry and met many of my dearest friends, blessed companions traveling this road of faith. Over these past 21 years I’ve also been married, divorced, started over, came out as gay, and finally went through RCIA to be confirmed. Through all those transitions, our faith community here at Xavier sustained me, lifted me up, and reminded me that I was not alone. Father Dan would start our prayer together, calling us to “rest in gratitude” for all the mercy, grace and love we’ve shared in our journey with God. I am grateful to all of you, our blessed Xavier community for continually making that very real presence known, of a loving and living God here with us now.

To read all of the Pride Month Testimonials visit sfxavier.org/pridemonthtestimonials

Summer Break for the Healing Prayer Ministry begins after this Weekend

Today, Sunday, June 23, please come to the Mary Altar space after the 11:30 Mass for our Pray-ers to pray for spiritual, emotional, or physical healing. Our Pray-ers look forward to praying with you.

After today, we will take a summer break, and return in September. Keep an eye out for announcements for those dates. We will continue to offer the Healing Prayer Ministry after the 11:30 Mass as usual, but are planning to add it after the 5 PM Sunday Mass also.

Questions? Contact us at HPM@sfxavier.org or the Coordinator, Philip Waldrop at 973-214-6589.

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.**

Liturgical Ministry Volunteers Needed

If you attend our liturgies and have a desire to serve your community we invite you to 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 imdiaz@sfxavier.org for more information.

The Women Who Stayed Sunday, July 21 | 1:00 PM | Mary Chapel

We will be serving as hospitality ministers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and more, in honor of Mary Magdalene's feast day the following day. Immediately after Mass, join us in "Ella Camina," a contemplative walk with the Apostle to the Apostles.

Caregiver's Ministry in Formation

There comes a time in our lives when many of us find ourselves providing care to a family member or friend during their time of physical, cognitive, or emotional suffering. Are you interested in developing a ministry for those providing such care? If so, please email SFXBulletin@Sfxavier.org to let us know of your interest, and we'll invite you to the kick off / organizing meeting. All ages and genders welcome.

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. Contact Gerry Moss at 212-627-2100 for more information.



XAVIER MISSION

WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

VOLUNTEER THIS SUMMER!

WE'RE SHORTHANDED & NEED YOUR HELP



As we embrace the sunnier days ahead, our mission to serve our community becomes even more vital. But with the rise in guests seeking our support, we're facing a challenge: a decline in volunteer numbers.

Your dedication powers our Welcome Table, Food Pantry, and Clothing Room, ensuring every individual receives the care and resources they deserve throughout the summer.

Please sign up for a shift (or more than 1!)

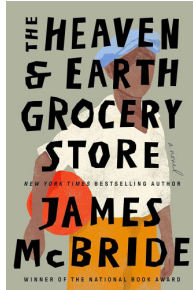
Together, we can ensure no one in our community is left behind during these warmer months.

Questions? Please email Roxanne at RDeLaTorre@xaviermission.org.



[XAVIERMISSION.ORG/VOLUNTEER](https://xaviermission.org/volunteer)

Join our Parish for our Second Annual Summer Read!



The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store, by James McBride, welcomes us to a small town in Pennsylvania, where people of different races, religions, economic statuses, and abilities strive to support one another as they build up their community. This novel, which has topped multiple bestseller lists since its 2023 publication, shares the triumphs and struggles of this intentional community during the 1920s and 1930s. At Xavier, we also endeavor to welcome, serve, and become true community. This fast-paced, award winning novel is sure to inspire us as a parish, as we continue our growth as an accepting, inclusive community.

“We all need—we all deserve—this vibrant, love-affirming novel that bounds over any difference that claims to separate us.” —Ron Charles, *The Washington Post*

This book is available through libraries and bookstores in regular print, large print, tablet, and audio formats. Since the book is quite popular, expect wait lists at libraries. If you buy the book, consider sharing it with a fellow parishioner after you’ve finished reading.

Whether you find yourself at the beach, in the mountains or on the road this summer, you can join the great parish read by emailing sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org. We’ll follow up with a date, time and place TBD when we’ll gather in the early fall to discuss the book. Stay tuned for details. For further information about the book, see the publisher’s website: <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/691602/the-heaven-and-earth-grocery-store-by-james-mcbride/>

Image description: *Cover of book, with a drawing of an African-American person wearing a blue hat, cream colored shirt, and orange pants. The book title and author’s name are superimposed over the drawing.*

Common Ground Film and Discussion

Wednesday, July 10 | 6:30 PM
Keenan Commons 31 West 15th St., NYC

Join us for a cool evening in Keenan Commons. Program starts at 7:00 pm. Come at 6:30 pm for light snacks and socializing! Discussion after the film. Freewill offering. All are welcome!



From the filmmakers of *Kiss the Ground* (Netflix), comes the follow-up documentary **Common Ground**, winner of the Tribeca Film Festival. Actor and environmentalist Woody Harrelson again teams up with filmmakers Josh and Rebecca Tickell to explore how regenerative agriculture can help heal the soil, improve our health and help stabilize the earth’s climate.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, July 12 | 6:00 PM
**LGBTQ Memorial Site in Hudson River Park
(between West 12th & Bethune streets)**

“Why is Pope Francis simultaneously so (mostly) welcoming to LGBTQ people and yet so concerned about “gender theory”? What role does choice play in our identities? Is there any space between “born this way” and “who do I feel like being today”? Come untangle these and other puzzles with Cristie Traina!

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY OF THE TWELFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY
TIME: Jb 38:1, 8-11;
2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41.

MONDAY- SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST: Is 49:1-6;
Lk 1:57-66, 80.

7:45AM JOANNA MALABANAN (D)
12:05 PM DOLORES OCAMPO CRUZ (D)

TUESDAY OF THE TWELFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY
TIME: 2 Kgs 19:9B-11, 14-21, 31-35A, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05 PM ANNA COLONNA-CANNONE (D)

WEDNESDAY OF THE TWELFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY **TIME:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3;
Mt 7:15-20.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05 PM ANNA COLONNA-CANNONE (D)

THURSDAY OF THE TWELFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY **TIME:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17;
Mt 7:21-29.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM ANN BRYNE (D)

FRIDAY - MEMORIAL OF SAINT IRENAEUS:
2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM LIZ GORRA (D)

SATURDAY - SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL: Acts 3:1-10; Jn 21:15-19.

12:05PM PAUL & THOMAS GORRA & PETER HAWKES(D)

SUNDAY OF THE THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY **TIME:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24;
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43.

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, lmddiaz@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.

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