



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 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.

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Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, August 10

5:00pm Vigil: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

Sunday, August 11

9:00am Mass: James Miracky, SJ

11:30am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

Office Summer Hours

Monday-Thursday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Friday: 10:00am-1:00pm

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](https://www.instagram.com/sfxaviernyc).**

From the Pastor's Desk **Kenneth Boller, SJ**

As you know, Fr. Jim Miracky, S.J. has accepted a position at Saint Peter's University as Vice President for Mission and Identity. Jim starts there on September 1 and his last scheduled mass is on Sunday, August 18 at 11:30. Our prayerful best wishes go with Jim who has been connected to Xavier for several years before becoming associate pastor. I am confident he will make a fine contribution to Saint Peter's as he has here. Since vacation schedules are in full swing in August, we will invite Jim back for a proper farewell in the Fall.

While there was no one available to be a full-time associate, I am happy to welcome Fr. Benjamin Hawley, S.J. to the staff as a Senior Priest. Ben comes with extensive pastoral experience, most recently at Trinity Church in Washington, DC. I know that he is eager to become part of the Xavier community and I am sure you will welcome him with open arms as you already have welcomed Fr. C.Y. Kao, S.J., who has started his part-time ministry with us. We expect Ben to move in during the third week of August.

The tapestries were received warmly last weekend. The accompanying brochure has arrived and is available from the back of the church. We still must work on lighting for the narthex to fully appreciate the work. As we continue the work, contributions are still most welcome.

Prayer Requests

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

Jesse Albino, Maggie Araullo, Jackie Biaggi, Saleema Bibi, Pat Brown, Lulu Byrne, Ruth Clark, Rafael Colon, Maria Celia Coscolluela, CSJ, Chris Curatoo, Janet Cutrufelli, Jess Dabu, Eve Duke, Carmela Farace, Thomas Farace, Jingsing Fitzgerald, Jim Fox, Judith Giannetto, Julius Harrison, Jim Held, James Hurley, Hortencia Ingles, Jane Jacobus, Nelida Kilayko, Gus Lobo, Francesca Macaranes, Neepa Magarelli, Cynthia Magsanoc, Raul Naparan, Sr. Cecilia Palange, Tom N. Pantages, Michael Patterson, Giancarlo Antonio Petosa, Dutch Pinkston, Michael Sennett, Donald W. Shanabrook, Michael Silver, Louis De Thomas, Christine Torres, Josephine Vales.

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

Sr Mary Ann Ambrose CSJ, Russell William Bartels, Sr. Angela Bayo, Marvin Blitz, Danny Cooper, Jerry Hevern, Jr., Joan Hess, Eugene Hess, Adrian Keenan, Joseph Murray, Thomas Rocha, Dolores Root, Brendan Sexton, Mary McGill Uehlein.

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.



Voting Our Values

Voting is an “opportunity to contribute to our nation and promote the common good by bringing the values and teaching of our faith to bear on the issues facing our society.”

Our Sunday Visitor’s “Guide to Catholic Voting”, 2016.

Among the great issues facing us today is how we care for our common earthly home and one another amidst the climate crisis. So, voting is essential, and voting informed by our faith-based values is vital.

We note that no candidate or platform fully comports with Catholic social teaching, so discernment about who to vote for is essential.

Key questions to ask include:

- Do the plans and platforms of the candidates and / or their political party, if implemented, lead to improved care for our common home and to life-sustaining measures for our communities?
- Would existing policies that currently have a negative or positive effect be changed?
- Would fossil fuels continue to be subsidized?
- Would the current transition to renewable energy and to regenerative agricultural practices be helped or hindered?

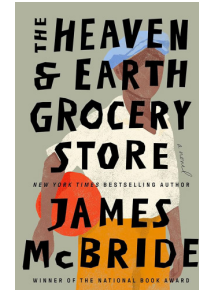
Following are two non-partisan organizations that focus on these questions:

The League of Conservation Voters

(www.lcv.org) advocates for sound environmental laws and policies, holds elected officials accountable, and seeks to elect pro-environment candidates. The LCV has chapters in 30 states, including New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania.

The Environmental Voter Project (www.environmentalvoter.org) helps mobilize millions of environmentalists who generally do not vote in great numbers. EVP uses data analytics and behavioral science to launch targeted postcard campaigns and phone banking from any state. Both organizations can use volunteers. Check their websites, or contact us at SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com

Join our Parish for our Second Annual Summer Read!



The Church of St. Francis Xavier’s Racial Justice Ministry welcomes all to discuss National Book Award-winning author **James McBride’s *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store***, a New York Times bestseller and 2023 Notable Book and a 2023 Best Book for *NPR*, *The Washington Post*, *The New Yorker & Time*.

For more about the book:

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/691602/the-heaven-and-earth-grocery-store-by-james-mcbride/>

Sunday, September 22, 2024

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**In-Person, The Church of St. Francis Xavier
55 West 15th Street, New York, NY 10011**

Tuesday, September 24 OR

Thursday, September 26

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Via Zoom for those unavailable to attend
the In-Person Event**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

Email sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org

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.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, August 9 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
LGBTQ Memorial Site in Hudson River Park
(between West 12th & Bethune streets)

Dorothy Bogen says, "I was thinking about all the summer reading programs I did with my local library. So I thought we could have a book swap and a discussion of some of our favorite summer reads over the years. So bring a book to trade or share the title of a book you love. If you're not a reader, no problem! Share a summer blockbuster or song or any other piece of media that you love."

Lay Spirits at the SFX

Are you looking to develop a deeper relationship with the Divine? Are you curious about spiritual practices that foster a relationship with the Divine? Do you have a longing to discern God's will in your life and to bring those fruits into the world?

Would you be interested in traveling this path with other lay members of Xavier who have been on the same path?

The Lay Spirits Program at The Church of St. Francis Xavier has been conducting programs for parishioners seeking this deeper relationship with the Divine for nearly 40 years.

Our next nine-month program—the 29th—starts in October 2024. We look forward to once again bringing together individuals who form relationships with each other as they seek relationships with the Divine.

For more information, email us at LayspiritsX@gmail.com.

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.**

Art Project Phase 2: Modern Day Holy People and Saints of the Americas



In 2020, in the wake of George Floyd's murder, the Church of St. Francis Xavier joined faith communities across the country in reflecting on myriad aspects of racial justice that the Gospel calls us to address. The reflection continued the parish's modern-day commitment to racial justice and inclusion which dates to at least 1960 when the parish had an annual civil rights Mass in the name of St. Martin de Porres.

The second phase of the project is underway—the design and fabrication of two tapestries for the narthex, one on each side of the steps leading into the church. The subtitle of the banner is a quote based on Psalm 43:4, "I will go to the altar of God...To God who gives joy to my youth."

The highly regarded artist, John Nava, who created the tapestries for the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, accepted a commission to create the tapestries. We hope to install the tapestries in late July and will celebrate them on Sunday, September 15.

Thank you to all who have already donated to the tapestry. We invite donations to be made in the form of Venmo, Faith Direct, cash, or checks made out to St. Francis Xavier Church and in the memo line please put "Art Project."

Visit sfxavier.org/narthexartproject for more information.



Center for Migration Studies 2024 Immigration Integration Convening Thursday, September 12

On Thursday, September 12, 2024, the Center for Migration Studies of New York (CMS) will host a 2024 Immigrant Integration Convening, A Church at the Borders: Best Practices, Promises and Aspirations for the Integration of Migrants in New York, to be held at St. John’s University in New York City.

The arrival of over 190,000 asylum-seekers to the New York area over the past two years has brought into focus what it means to be a welcoming city, and especially, “What does welcome and integration mean for the Church today?” Certain parishes and universities, legal and social services have made great strides, but emerging “best practices” have neither been identified nor shared widely. The convening will shed light on the integration of migrants within all the organizations and institutions of the Church in the area, and show, in many places, how migrants are leading the way.

The conference fee is \$85, which includes meals during the conference program. Discounted rates are available for parishes and parish ministries. Students, St. John’s staff and faculty, as well as conference moderators and speakers, may attend the conference free of charge. Discounts and fee waivers are available for those indicating financial need.

To request a discount or fee waiver, please contact Julie Velazquez at jvelazquez@cmsny.org.

Scan the QR code to Register.



Coal and Ice Exhibit at the Asia Society until August 11

You might not catch the connection in the title “Coal and Ice”, an exhibit highly recommended by those of us who have seen it. It’s at the Asia Society, corner of 70th St. and Park Ave. until August 11.

The museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 am – 5 pm. Closed Mondays. 725 Park Ave @ 70th St. in Manhattan. The museum’s café is open from 11:30 - 5:30 pm. Cost: Fridays are free. Adults \$15; Students and Seniors \$10; Age 16 and under free. Visitors may show their SNAP/EBT card to receive free Museum admission for up to 4 guests. Wheelchair accessible. Call 212-288-6400 for more information.



XAVIER MISSION
WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

FAQS: HOW TO HELP NEIGHBORS FACING HUNGER, HOMELESSNESS, AND POVERTY.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF...

I want to help an unhoused person I see every day, or who is sleeping in front of my home?

If you feel the situation is safe, ask the person if they need assistance and if you can help in finding information for them. Xavier Mission provides street sheets and Get Help cards that you can give out to anyone in need.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF...

I see a unhoused person being told to leave a subway, park, or other public space by police or others?

Without becoming intrusive, note the officer's badge number and record the situation, if safe. Then report the incident to the Legal Aid Society at legalaidnyc.org.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF...

Someone on the subway or on the street asks me for money or food?

We suggest keeping granola bars and/or info sheets in your bag to give in those situations. Make sure to ask if the person would like what you have before you hand it to them, so that they have the option to say no. However, always assess the situation for safety and only do what you are comfortable with.



XAVIERMISSION.ORG/VOLUNTEER

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY OF THE EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35.

MONDAY OF THE EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM HUI LING (D)

TUESDAY - FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Mk 9:2-10.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM CHAYOUNG "MARIA" CHO (D)

WEDNESDAY OF THE EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM ALFRED TESTAGROSSA (D)

THURSDAY - MEMORIAL OF SAINT DOMINIC: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM JUANITA TAVERAS - TEJADA (D)

FRIDAY - FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM BILL HALPIN (D)

SATURDAY OF THE EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Jn 6:41-51.

12:05PM JOSEPH LOVIGLIO (D)

SUNDAY OF THE NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51.

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, imdiaz@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. xaversharingandlearninggroup@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 Tuesdays in June 6:15-7:15pm. Summer classes are Wednesdays, July 17-August 28, 1:00-2:00pm. (No classes July 1-16.). Open to all levels and abilities.

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