



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 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](mailto:PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org)

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## **Next Weekend's Presider Schedule**

**Saturday, July 27**

5:00pm Vigil: James Miracky, SJ

**Sunday, July 28**

9:00am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

11:30am Mass: CY Kao, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Kenneth Boller, 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](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](https://www.instagram.com/sfxaviernyc).**

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

As you read this, I am up at Linwood Spirituality Center in Rhinebeck, NY directing a retreat. The peacefulness of the setting echoes the scene in Sunday's Gospel where Jesus takes his disciples away after their first missionary journey. Please pray for all those on retreat. We promise to pray for you.

The week's news is dominated by the assassination attempt on the former president which hangs over the Republican National Convention. We join all responsible leaders in deploring violence of any sort. We all need to take this occasion to reflect on and tone down the divisive rhetoric and extremist language which can lead a person to take matters into their own hands and try to threaten a candidate's life.

We try to witness to Gospel values in what we say and do. It's difficult in this election year but never more urgent. Let us stand for Gospel values and true biblical justice.

### **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, CSJ, Michael Sennett, Jim Held, Hortencia Ingles, Christine Torres, Michael Sennett, Linda Sexton and Family, Julius Harrison, Jim Fox, Donald W. Shanabrook, Judith Giannetto, Eugene Hess, Ruth Clark.

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

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

***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.**





## Feed Your Spirit... Connect with and Value Creation

Here in the middle of summer, in the middle of vacation season, it is time to relax, breathe deep, and enjoy life, enjoy Creation. This could be as simple as enjoying the sunset (or sunrise), and admiring the landscape – be it beach, forest, mountain or your local park or nearest tree or garden.

Such activities provide reconnection with Nature, with Creation. They begin to remind us of our interdependence with all on our planet. We know how easy it is to mess up our Earth – evidence of that is all around us. Let that inspire us to do better. This is part of an ongoing ecological conversion that our faith path calls us to live.

“The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.” (Laudato Si’ 84)

We invite you to connect with the Environment Ministry to play a role in making a difference FOR Creation via [SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com)

Let this prayer be part of your inspiration:

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,  
teach us to contemplate you  
in the beauty of the universe,  
for all things speak of you.  
Awaken our praise and thankfulness  
for every being that you have made.  
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined  
to everything that is.

-from “A Christian Prayer in Union with  
Creation,” *Laudato Si*, 24 May 2015.

## Disability Pride Month

Sr. Thea Bowman teaches us about the disability justice principle of *presumed competency*. A simple definition is this: assume everyone is competent. Near the end of Sr. Thea’s life, she was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer, a terminal diagnosis. She had the opportunity to speak to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1989. At the time, her health was in decline, and she was encouraged to skip the event. She was in a wheelchair, and the stage was not accessible to her.

However, she triumphed! Check out her speech here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOVon-QkjuoA>. She showed the bishops, and everyone, that she was perfectly capable of being a prophet, no matter how her body functioned. Since her untimely death less than a year later, there has been excitement to canonize her. She is included in The Saintly Six, an effort to canonize six African-American prophets.

During Disability Pride Month, we celebrate the fact that all people are truly equal members of society. We celebrate the ability to live fully in our bodies and minds. We beg society – and the Catholic Church – to treat people with disabilities as equals. One of people with disabilities’ most common traits is the ability to *figure things out*. We negotiate a world that is not quite built for us. We find our own accommodations when others claim it can’t be done. We speak up in whatever voice we have – typical, garbled, sign language, song, electronic – we have so much to say. We need more people to listen.

How can we at Xavier celebrate all people more wholly? First, presume competency. If a person reaches out for a bulletin, don’t withhold one under the assumption that they can’t read it. Don’t insist people with disabilities sit in one location in the church. Offer help if you wish, but if someone says no, honor their preference. Listen. Include people with disabilities in meetings – even if it’s difficult to understand them, or if they require accommodations. Don’t discourage people from participating, based on your perception of their limitations – this can sting. In a parish, when discrimination occurs, it can feel like God is not fully present. We should invite all of God to every part of parish life. We’ve had some wins, but there’s a lot yet to be done.

## 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. All are welcome.

## Lay Spirits at the Church of St. Francis Xavier

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.

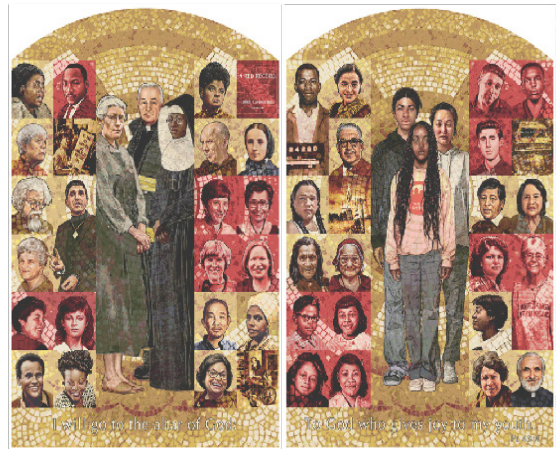
Our next nine-month program—the 29th—starts in October 2024. We look forward to once again bringing together individuals who form relationships with each other as they seek relationships with the Divine.

For more information, email us at [LayspiritsX@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:HPM@sfxavier.org) or to Philip Waldrop (Coordinator) by text to 973-214-6589.**

## Coming Soon! 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.

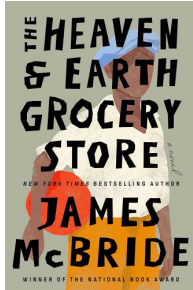
The second phase of the project is underway—the design and fabrication of two tapestries for the narthex, one on each side of the steps leading into the church. The subtitle of the banner is a quote based on Psalm 43:4, "I will go to the altar of God...To God who gives joy to my youth."

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 "Art Project."***

***Visit [sfxavier.org/narthexartproject](https://sfxavier.org/narthexartproject) for more information.***

## 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](mailto: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.*

## 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.”



**XAVIER MISSION**  
WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

### TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE AND COMMUNITY: THE FULFILLMENT OF VOLUNTEERING AT XAVIER MISSION



Volunteering can transform your life in ways you might not expect. Imagine dedicating just a few hours each week to helping others and feeling your spirits lift as a result. This is the magic of volunteering. When you give your time and energy to help those in need, you find a sense of purpose and fulfillment that is hard to match. You start to see the world differently, feeling more connected and compassionate, as your actions create a ripple effect of kindness.

At Xavier Mission, the impact of volunteering is palpable. Picture yourself serving meals to families who might otherwise go hungry or filling the grocery bags of neighbors who need a helping hand. These small acts of kindness don't just change the lives of those you help; they change your life too.

It's critical to know your efforts matter. Volunteering with us at Xavier Mission offers you a front-row seat to the incredible impact you can have. As you see lives change and hope restored, your own sense of happiness and contentment grows.

By joining Xavier Mission, you help our neighbors in need while bringing joy, fulfillment, and better health into your own life. So why not take that step and experience the incredible rewards of volunteering this summer?

Questions? Please email us at  
[info@xaviermission.org](mailto:info@xaviermission.org)



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



## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**SUNDAY OF THE SIXTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34.

**MONDAY - FEAST OF SAINT MARY**  
**MAGDALENE:** Sgs 3:1-4B; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18.

**7:45AM** CHAYOUNG "MARIA" CHO (D)  
**12:05 PM** ANN FOLEY BENNETT (D)

**TUESDAY OF THE SIXTEENTH WEEK IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20;  
Mt 12:46-50.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05 PM** MARK PETRAZZOLO (D)

**WEDNESDAY OF THE SIXTEENTH WEEK IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME:** Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05 PM** PATRICIA & GEORGE WOOD (D) &  
FAMILY

**THURSDAY - FEAST OF SAINT JAMES:**  
2 COR 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28.

**7:45AM** ENA RODRIGUEZ (D)  
**12:05PM** JOHN GORRA (D)

**FRIDAY MEMORIAL OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND**  
**ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**  
**MARY:** Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23.

**7:45AM** DENNIS CORCORAN (D)  
**12:05PM** NICOLE ROBERTS (D)

**SATURDAY OF THE SIXTEENTH WEEK IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME:** Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30.

**12:05PM** JOANNE HESS (D)

**SUNDAY OF THE SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME:** 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6;  
Jn 6:1-15.

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