



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Pastoral Solidarity Fund

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 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;

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Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, August 17

5:00pm Vigil: CY Kao, SJ

Sunday, August 18

9:00am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

11:30am Mass: James Miracky, 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

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 be-
fore 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](#).

Introduction: Fr Ben Hawley, SJ

Dear Friends at St Francis Xavier Parish,

“We are sorry to see you go. But what a wonderful parish you are going to!”

I hear this frequently from Holy Trinity parishioners these days. Quite a compliment to both our parishes! And a source of great joy - “consolation” is the Ignatian word - for me as I look forward to being with you all.

My spiritual journey began in mainstream Protestantism in Bogota, NJ, next to Hackensack and Teaneck, where going to church and working at church were de rigueur. Sunday afternoon drives took us into Manhattan to see among other things the great ocean liners - the United States, the Queen Elizabeth, even the Stockholm after it rammed into the Andrea Doria - docked on the lower west side.

We were also birdwatchers at the Green Brook Sanctuary just north of the GW Bridge on the Jersey side. And I now realize that the then-fledgling environmental movement that banned our backyard cookout fires in Bogota, combined with the genius of Mother Nature, has transformed the Hudson into a revitalized habitat for fish and birds and a recreational area for us humans.

I was religiously uncommitted during my 20s and 30s, while serving in the Peace Corps in West Africa and in the US Agency for International Development (Indonesia, DC, and Yemen). Then a mid-life crisis led to a conversion experience, confirmation as a Catholic at age 41 and entry into the Society of Jesus at 44.

Life-long family friends in Teaneck, NJ, who were Jewish, opened my eyes to Judaism, and theology studies in London, taught by a Jesuit and Orthodox rabbi, helped me know Judaism as integral to my faith life as the necessary foundation for knowing Jesus the rabbi and Jesus the Messiah.

Years living in the Muslim world in Jakarta and Sanaa accustomed me to awaking each morning to the call of the muezzin to prayer, being present as Ramadan was celebrated, the experience introducing me to Islam as the third of the Abrahamic religions.

My years at Trinity come on the heels of eight years as pastor of St Mary Student Parish in Ann Arbor, MI, where we served the students, faculty and staff of the University of Michigan - and where I said mass for members of the University football team and the coaching staff. I began my ordained life as President of Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis, IN.

The spiritual progress of my life has fulfilled in my life me Jesus’ promise of fuller and more abundant life and a share in his complete joy (John 10, 15), a promise of which you are about to be a part. I look forward to sharing the Good News with you all as we all continue to build His kingdom.

Prayer Requests

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

Jesse Albnio, Maggie Araullo, Jackie Biaggi, Saleema Bibi, Pat Brown, Lulu Byrne, Ruth Clark, Rafael Colon, Maria Celia Coscolluela, CSJ, Chris Curatoo, Janet Cutrufelli, Jess Dabu, Peggy Dolan, Eve Duke, Carmela Farace, Thomas Farace, Jingsing Fitzgerald, Jim Fox, Judith Giannetto, Julius Harrison, Jim Held, Tonia Hubert, James Hurley, Hortencia Ingles, Jane Jacobus, Nelida Kilayko, Gus Lobo, Francesca Macaranes, Neepa Magarelli, Cynthia Magsanoc, Raul Naparan, George Odvody, 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 parishioners and friends, especially:
Sr Mary Ann Ambrose CSJ, Russell William Bartels, Sr. Angela Bayo, Marvin Blitz, Danny Cooper, Matthew Todd Edwards, Gustavo Frías, Jerry Hevern, Jr., Joan Hess, Eugene Hess, Adrian Keenan, Joseph Murray, Virginia Victoria Navarro, 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.**



Before It's Gone....

Sunday, August 11, will be the last opportunity to see the exhibit “**Coal and Ice**”, a dramatic exhibit on climate change that features stunning photography to draw us in and reflect on the impacts that producing energy for our industrial economy has had on human beings and on the environment. The exhibit is multimedia and very visual. At Asia Society, 725 Park Ave., 70th St., open from 11 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Sunday. Closed Monday.



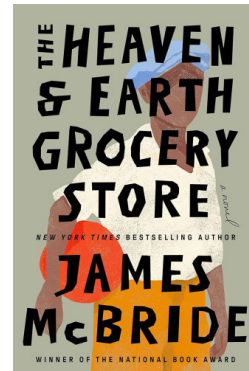
Feast of the Assumption Masses Thursday, August 15 7:45 AM and 12:05 PM

Thursday, August 15 is The Feast of the Assumption.
Masses will be held at 7:45 AM and 12:05 PM

Eugene (Gene) Sullivan Funeral Mass

Monday, August 26 | 10:00 AM | Main Church
Parishioner Gene Sullivan's Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, August 26 at 10:00 AM in the Main Church.

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
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**

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.

Employment Support Group

The Employment Support Group has been an outreach ministry at The Church of St. Francis Xavier since 2003. ESG offers advice, skills assessment, and networking opportunities through sharing and caring discussions for those who could use some help with gaining employment, improving their work situation, and seeking opportunities to explore new career paths. Now the Employment Support Group ministry is looking for a new leader to continue this ministry's work. Are you looking for a way to share your gifts with our community? If you are, please contact Katherine Cleary at Krcoff5th@netzero.com.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, September 13 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
West Room

Just because Labor Day is behind us does not mean there is nothing ahead but work! As the year turns from summer, let us play a game and have a laugh or two on Friday the 13th with the Catholic Lesbians Reverse Charades competition. BYOCUPS (Cups, Utensils, Plates, Serviettes/Snacks) to share with friends, old and new. For more information, contact CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org.

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, 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.



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 AM and 5 PM Masses on selected Sundays, September-June. 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.**

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.



XAVIER MISSION
WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

WE'RE SHORTHANDED & NEED YOUR HELP! MAKE THE END OF SUMMER MEANINGFUL



Many of us have been enjoying the sunny days, vacations, and outdoor activities that come with this season. However, for some of our neighbors, summer is a difficult and challenging time. The heat can be unbearable for those without shelter, and the struggle to find food, water, and basic necessities becomes even more pressing.

We need your help to power our Welcome Table, Food Pantry, and Clothing Room, ensuring every individual receives the care and resources they need as the season draws to a close.

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

Together, we can make sure everyone in our community is supported and cared for throughout the rest of the summer.

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



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Scriptures & Announced Masses

Ongoing Parish Happenings

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

MONDAY OF THE NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27.

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

TUESDAY OF THE NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM JOAN & PETER CAMPBELL BROWN (D)

WEDNESDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20.

7:45AM ASSUMPTION
12:05 PM NO INTENTIONS

THURSDAY - SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Rv 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB; Lk 1:39-56.

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

FRIDAY OF THE NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12.

7:45AM PAUL GORRA (D)
12:05PM ANTHONY EMILIO COSTELLANO (D)

SATURDAY OF THE NINETEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15.

12:05PM FRANCIS T. SCHULTZ SR. (D)

SUNDAY OF THE TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Ptv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58.

YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.

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: Contact 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 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