



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 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, August 24

5:00pm Vigil: CY Kao, SJ

Sunday, August 25

9:00am Mass: Innocent Kamanzi, SJ

11:30am Mass: Innocent Kamanzi, 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](#).

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

The weeks of the Olympic games were a pleasant respite from the stories of war, violence and starvation competing for airtime in the media. With the Democrats Convention next week, the election cycle will be in full swing as we are inundated with conflicting messaging from partisans on the left and the right.

Our Gospel this Sunday proclaims, once again, that Jesus is the true bread come down from heaven to offer life to our world. Let us rely of the true bread for our journey as we seek enlightenment to find the truth in the blizzard of misinformation. May we be strengthened in Gospel values to choose leaders for these perilous times.

Next weekend, we welcome Fr. Innocent Kamanzi, SJ from Rwanda. Father visited us last August and will update us on the progress they have made on a new school they are building in Rwanda. I encourage you to listen to his message with generous hearts.

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, 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 parishoners 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.**



Reconciliation and Gratitude – An Eco Examen

The Jesuit Ecological Examen can help us reconcile our relationship with God, creation, and one another. The following is the Examen itself:

Begin the Examen by placing yourself or your group in a posture that allows you to be open to the ways the Spirit is working in you. There are six steps:

GRATITUDE: I give thanks to God for creation and for being wonderfully made. (Where did I feel God's presence in creation today?)

AWARENESS: I ask for the grace to see creation as God does – in all its splendor and suffering. (Do I see the beauty of creation and hear the cries of the earth and the poor?)

UNDERSTANDING: I ask for the grace to look closely to see how my life choices impact creation and the poor and vulnerable. (What challenges or joys do I experience as I recall my care for creation? How can I turn away from a throwaway culture and instead stand in solidarity with creation and the poor?)

CONVERSION: I ask for the grace of conversion towards ecological justice and reconciliation. (Where have I fallen short in caring for creation and my brothers and sisters? How do I ask for a conversion of heart?)

RECONCILIATION: I ask for the grace to reconcile my relationship with God, creation, and humanity, and to stand in solidarity through my actions. (How can I repair my relationship with creation and make choices consistent with my desire for reconciliation with creation?)

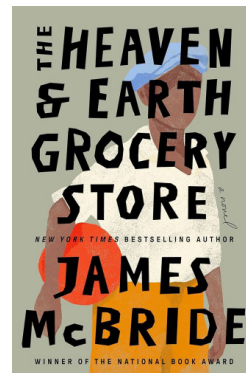
PRAYER: I offer a closing prayer for the earth and the vulnerable in our society.

This examen was created by Ignatian Solidarity Network and Jesuits, and is available at ecoexamen.org.

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**

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.

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.

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.



Organizing Meeting for the Caregivers Ministry

The initial meeting for those who would like to work together to develop a Xavier Caregivers Ministry will be held on Sunday, September 8, after the 11:30 AM Mass in the West Room. This Ministry aims to serve those who are caring for relatives and friends in their lives. All ages and genders are welcome.

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.**



XAVIER MISSION
WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

FROM HUNGER TO HOPE: ENSURING EVERY CHILD IS FED

The inhumanity of child hunger is a heartbreaking and urgent crisis that calls for our compassion and action. In a city where approximately 1 in 4 children experiences food insecurity, Xavier Mission offers hope and support, providing vital resources to families in desperate need.

The impact of child hunger extends far beyond just missing a meal. It affects children's physical and cognitive development, their ability to concentrate in school, and their long-term health. During the school year, many children rely on school meal programs for their daily breakfasts and lunches. However, during these summer months, some of these resources are unavailable, leaving children with less support than usual.

We work tirelessly to bridge this gap, ensuring that no child goes to bed hungry. Your support can help sustain and expand our programs, providing not just meals but hope, stability, and a place of refuge to families struggling to make ends meet.



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

Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

MONDAY OF THE TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Ez 24:15-23; Mt 19:16-22.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM MONICA HOMER (D)

TUESDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT BERNARD:
Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM GEORGE SCHUTTE (D)

WEDNESDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS X:
Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16.

7:45AM FR. KEN BOLLER (L)
12:05 PM MARSHA CRAWFORD (D)

THURSDAY - MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14.

7:45AM PEGGY DOLAN (D)
12:05PM VIRGINIA BUSTARD (D)

FRIDAY OF THE TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM SISTER ASSUNTA SENG, Msc (D)

SATURDAY- FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW:
Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51.

12:05PM CHAYOUNG "MARIA" CHO (D)

SUNDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69.

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: 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, 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.

IGNATIUS 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