



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 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. Benjamin Hawley, S.J. (Senior Pastor)

Rev. Ricardo da Silva, S.J. (Associate Pastor)

Rev. CY Kao, 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 31

5:00pm Vigil: Kenneth Boller, SJ

Sunday, September 1

9:00am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30am Mass: Ben Hawley, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Ben Hawley, 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**

This week marks the 61st anniversary of the March of Washington, the lead up to which was eloquently portrayed in the movie Rustin last year. Our parish has a rich history of advocacy for racial justice and, indeed, has expanded our efforts to work for equality of opportunity regardless of race, gender, ability or orientation. We are painfully aware that the struggle for equality continues. A significant component of the current politics of discontent is based on the frustrations of people of all backgrounds to advance while the super-rich reap enormous rewards in a growing economy.

The conventions and the primaries are done. Now is the time to inform ourselves about the issues and weigh the pros and cons of each position so that we can make the best decisions in two months, on election day.

There are many ways in which we advocate for justice and equality. Our installation of the twelve holy men and women three years ago, while expanding the diversity of our iconography, opened our eyes to the breadth and inclusiveness of God's grace among us. The most recent tapestry installation recognizes heroes and heroines of the struggle for human dignity and equality. Our participation in the Laudato Si Action Plan has committed us to work for our planet. On the concrete action side, our support of the outreach of the Xavier Mission provides relief and support for the unhoused and the newly arrived migrants,

As the summer draws to a close and we focus on "back to work" time, let us pray for justice at home and abroad. Let's us work for justice in what we say and do.

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, Leonard La Croix, 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, Susan Forbes, Gustavo Frías, Jerry Hevern, Jr., Joan Hess, Eugene Hess, Adrian Keenan, Joseph Murray, Virginia Victoria Navarro, Thomas Rocha, Dolores Root, Brendan Sexton.

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.

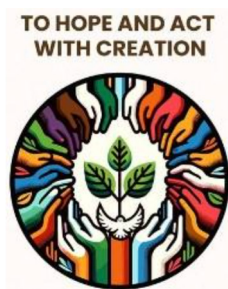


To Hope and Act with Creation

Celebrate! Pray! Hope! and Act! It's all part of the 5-week **Season of Creation** which starts next Sunday, Sept. 1 and concludes on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Oct. 4. This ecumenical Season is promoted by Pope Francis and other heads of other Christian denominations. It is a time of the year when the global Christian community comes together to celebrate and honor the sacredness of creation.

This year's theme is **"To hope and act with Creation."** The website, www.seasonofcreation.org notes that hope is given to us by God and enables us to overcome decay and protect and guard against futility. How do we find hope when all creation is groaning?

"...Mother Earth, and creatures of all kinds, including humans, cry out because of the consequences of our destructive actions that are causing climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, and human suffering, as well as Creation's suffering. In hope we expect a better future, not by standing still and quiet, but by crying out and actively striving for new life amidst the struggle. When we work together with Creation, the first fruits of hope can be born.



Our SFX Season of Creation will create opportunities for hope and action with prayer, park clean-ups, related webinars, and pledges to do more to protect God's creation and lower our carbon footprint. In doing so, we respond to Pope Francis' call to us as Catholics to join the Christian community this Season of Creation with great hope and determined action.

Eugene (Gene) Sullivan Funeral Mass

Monday, August 26 | 10:00 AM

Main Church & Facebook Livestream

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

The Mass will be livestreamed on the SFX Facebook page.

Required Announcement on the Protection of Children

To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Lay Spirits Q&A

Thursday, September 5 | 6:30 PM | Zoom

Do you want to understand God's will in your life?

- Are you curious about how Xavier's Lay Spirits Program can help in this search?
- Are you questioning whether Lay Spirits is right for you now?
- Have you already committed and want to know more before our first meeting

We will hold a Zoom Q&A on Thursday, September 5, 6:30-7:30 pm

The Zoom link for the call is: <https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/89325355749?pwd=pbULagqIraazox-2LUVjR6580exPKUa.1>

Email LayspiritsX@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Gay Catholics

Friday, September 6 | 7:00 PM | Mary Chapel

Please, join us for a new season. Our first meeting in-person will be on Friday, September 6 to reflect on: **“Welcome Home: the journey to here. Pause, Reflect and Refresh.”** For more information, contact gaycatholics@sfxavier.org. All are welcome.

Looking For More Pray-ers for the Healing Prayer Ministry Team

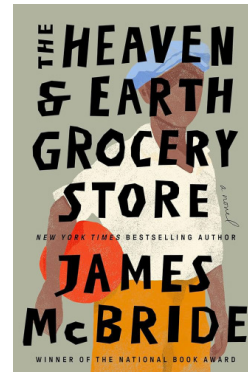
Consider if you are called to become a Pray-er. We currently serve after the 11:30 AM and 5 PM Masses on selected Sundays, September-June. Trained Pray-ers serve no more than twice a month, for about 30 minutes after Mass. Training involves some reading and Zoom discussions, then in-person observation and practice. **Please reach out to HPM@sfxavier.org or to Philip Waldrop (Coordinator) by text to 973-214-6589.**

Organizing Meeting for the Caregivers Ministry

Sunday, September 8 | 1:00 PM | West Room

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.

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 | 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.

Blessing of the Animals at SFX

Saturday October, 5 | 10:00 AM

Our annual Blessing of Animals in celebration of Saint Francis of Assisi will be held Saturday, October 5 at 10 AM. Mark the date on your best furry friend's calendar now. If you would like to help with the blessing, please contact Sr. Nadine at 212-673-2078.

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.



XAVIER MISSION

WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

SEEING HUMANITY: THE HEART OF VOLUNTEERING WITH XAVIER MISSION



In the heart of New York City, it's easy to become desensitized to the sight of our unhoused neighbors. With the hustle and bustle, the trains to catch, and the fast pace of our commutes, we see them blend into the landscape, becoming another part of the urban environment. But we must slow down, take a step back, look again, and see with fresh eyes. These are people—people with inherent dignity, worth, and stories that matter.

At Xavier Mission, we don't just offer food or supplies—we affirm humanity and offer an environment of companionship and connection. We create a space of respect, safety, and care for all.

Volunteering with us is more than an act of service; it's an expression of gratitude for all we have. It's a small rent we pay for our time on this earth, a way to give back to the city we call home. In extending compassion, we recognize our shared humanity. In listening, we offer dignity. By showing up, we transform the lives of others and, in turn, transform ourselves.

This is why we do what we do at Xavier Mission—to be a part of the solution, to offer hope, and to show that every life, no matter the circumstance, is worthy of care and respect. It's a simple yet profound way to make the world just a little bit brighter. **Come volunteer with us, we can't wait to see you!**

Questions? Please email us at info@xaviermission.org

XAVIERMISSION.ORG/VOLUNTEER



Scriptures & Announced Masses

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.

MONDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM LUIS CONDE (D)

TUESDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT MONICA:
2 Thes 2:1-3A, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM YACHIYO TERAMARA (D)

WEDNESDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM BIRCH CLOTHIER (D)

THURSDAY - MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mk 6:17-29.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

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

7:45AM MARSHA CRAWFORD (D)
12:05PM JOHN WEST (D)

SATURDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30.

12:05PM AVAILABLE

SUNDAY OF THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

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, 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