



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit St. Joseph's Seminary

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 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. Benjamin Hawley, S.J. (Senior Priest)

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, September 28**

5:00pm Vigil: Kenneth Boller, SJ

**Sunday, September 29**

9:00am Mass: CY Kao, SJ

11:30am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

## **Office Hours**

Monday-Friday: 10:00am to 4:00pm

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*.**

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

Many thanks to all who made our blessing of the tapestry installation, Into Light and Truth: Holy Men and Women of the Americas, an uplifting celebration of the lives of so many who have worked for the promotion of justice. The people on the tapestries, in the words of John Nava, the artist, "also model an act of faith. They fought the good fight. They pushed away despair. Instead, they persisted in hope. They gave of themselves. They provided comfort, they righted wrongs and they always worked toward a positive future.

"That example is an inspiring gift. It especially inspires, I hope, the lives of the anonymous young people who also appear in the tapestries. They are the ones who must next sacrifice and carry on- "in spite of history," and "in the teeth of the wind."

I think is appropriate that last Sunday was also Catechist Sunday. We offered a blessing for the catechists as they begin a new academic year in Family Faith. We also welcomed the new candidates in the R.C.I.A. program.

We witness Gospel values in the tapestries. We teach Gospel values in Family Faith and R.C.I.A. Let us dedicate our lives to the Gospel we preach.

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Please pray for the members of the Pastoral Council on their annual retreat this weekend.

### ATTENTION SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE FAMILIES:

Many Catholic High Schools are holding Open House in late September and October.

October 19 Xavier High School is hosting Open House from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

October 27, Notre Dame School is hosting Open House 2-5 p.m.

## Prayer Requests

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

Jesse Albino, Maggie Araullo, Anne and Alice Babst, Jackie Biaggi, Saleema Bibi, Pat Brown, Lulu Byrne, Ruth Clark, Rafael Colon, Maria Celia Coscolluela, CSJ, Chris Curatoo, Janet Cutrufelli, Betty Davis, George DeAngelis, Peggy Dolan, Eve Duke, Carmela Farace, Thomas Farace, Jingsing Fitzgerald, Jim Fox, Rafael Antonio Gayoso, 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, 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, Joan Williamson.

***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, Olga Cruz, Matthew Todd Edwards, Susan Forbes, Gustavo Frías, John Githens, Jerry Hevern, Jr., Joan Hess, Eugene Hess, Flo Infantino, Theresa Kane, RSM, Adrian Keenan, Raul Naparan, Joseph Murray, Virginia Victoria Navarro, Thomas Rocha, Dolores Root, Brendan Sexton, Stephen Waldrop.

***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.**





## Protecting Forests and Trees Makes a Difference

Have you noticed the photos on the reredos behind the altar? They represent what analysts say are the best ways we can act with creation to reduce our carbon emissions. A clear first place is to switch our electricity to wind or solar. If you haven't done so, see last week's bulletin for details.

The second most impactful action, represented by two photos, is to protect and regenerate forests... tropical forests, as well as our temperate and boreal forests in the north. Three ways:

A. Protect them from illegal logging to raise cattle or grow crops to feed cattle. Cattle raising, palm oil plantations and tar sands mining are huge sources of deforestation and destruction of ecosystems and illegal land seizures. Moving towards a plant-based diet, or not buying products with palm oil are actions we can take to protect forests.

B. Make sure the wood we buy is sustainably sourced with a Forest Stewardship Council, FSC, logo. Support legislation that requires imported wood to be sustainably sourced.

C. Plant more trees. Support organizations, such as Arbor Day Foundation, that plant trees. Take care of the trees we have. Adopt a tree in your neighborhood. Support the Laudato Tree Project in Africa that is planting the Great Green Wall to halt desertification.

These are actions that give us hope. Trees cool an area, soak up the climate-warming CO<sub>2</sub> and give us oxygen. Neighborhoods barren of trees are urban heat islands. Wildfires not only destroy forests, but the resulting smoke is hazardous to human and animal health. With each tree burned or cut, its stored CO<sub>2</sub> is released into our atmosphere. Trees are a life-giving blessing; let's each find a way that we can act with creation to protect this gift and plant hope.

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Join us at 7 pm on Oct. 4 for a prayer service to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

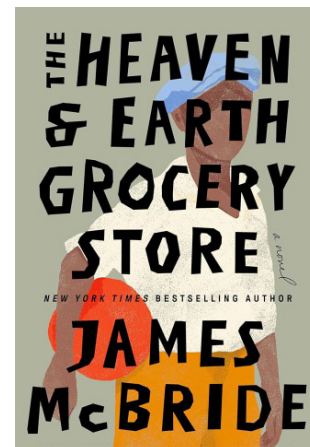


## Healing Prayer Ministry Upcoming Dates after two Masses

Following the summer break, the Healing Prayer Ministry returns to serve after the **11:30 AM AND 5 PM Sunday Masses on September 22, October 6 and 20**. Come to the Mary altar space to the left of the main altar after Mass. Our trained Pray-ers look forward to praying with you for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing!

## 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*.



**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](mailto:sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org)**

## Name Tag Weekend

**September 28-29**

We're each called by name and that's often how we first get to know someone. At all the Masses over the September 28-29 weekend, we will have SFX name tags for all parishioners at Mass and for our welcomed guests. On your way into church for Mass on Saturday, September 28th or Sunday, September 29th, we invite you to stop at the tables at the entrance of the church, write your name on a name tag, and wear it throughout the service and after, too. We encourage you to greet each other by name, and in turn, to be named by members of your faith family. Another way to build community here at Xavier; another way to spread God's abundant love out into the world.



## Blessing of the Animals Calling All Dogs, Cats, Rabbits, Birds, Hamsters, Hermit Crabs And All Other Feathered, Furry Or Finned Creatures

**Saturday October, 5 | 10:00 AM**

Come to SFX's annual Blessing of Animals in celebration of Saint Francis of Assisi. The ceremony starts on the front steps of the church on Saturday, October 5 at 10 AM. In case of inclement weather, we will move indoors.

All animals and their human companions are invited. If your BFF can't come, bring a picture or a stuffed animal as a stand-in. We are celebrating all of creation. Animals do not have to be Catholic in order to be blessed.

## Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, October 11 | 6:00 PM | West Room**

On the 36th anniversary of National Coming Out Day, join M. E. Hurson in "Praying" by Mary Oliver. "It doesn't have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones; just pay attention, then patch a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak." BYOCUPS (Cups, Utensils, Plates, Serviettes/Snacks) to share with friends, old and new. For more information, contact [CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org](mailto:CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org).

## SFX LGBTQ 30th Annual Retreat



Registration is open for the annual SFX Xavier LGBTQ Ministry retreat planned for November 22-24 at Thomas Berry Place located in Jamaica, Queens. The Center is easily accessible by public transportation which will reduce both travel time and travel expenses. **Total cost \$315.00 per person due by 9/27. You can register using Faith Direct or a check adding "LGBTQ Retreat as the memo. Please scan the QR code to register using Faith Direct.**



Retreats have been an integral part of this ministry. We look forward to your taking part in this very special experience. Questions: please contact either email address with any questions: [CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org](mailto:CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org) [GayCatholics@sfxavier.org](mailto:GayCatholics@sfxavier.org). All LGBTQ members of the parish are welcome to register.



*Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement, together with The Archdiocese of New York, & the Church of St. Paul the Apostle*

Cordially invite you to join us in celebrating

## A Mass for Creation

**Wednesday, September 25 | 6:30 PM**

Hosted by Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church  
Columbus Avenue between 59th and 60th Streets

### Special guests:

Fr. Brian E. McWeeney, Archdiocese of NY &  
Fr. Benedict Ayodi, OFM Cap, Laudato Si'  
Movement

An RSVP will be appreciated:

[mnyccm@gmail.com](mailto:mnyccm@gmail.com)

All are welcome!

## **PAX Music Performances Return! A Bulgarian Odyssey with Gail Archer Sunday, October 6 | 2:00 PM | Main Church**

Organist Gail Archer and Yasna Voices, the New York Bulgarian women's choir join together for a special presentation of organ and choral works from Bulgaria. Join us to kick off the 2024-2025 Performing Arts at Xavier series!

## **“God is waiting. Our hearts are wanting. What must we do?” “God wants an intimate relationship with each one of us—and that the deepest desire of our own hearts is to have an intimate relationship with God.” William Barry, SJ**

Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life (ISEL) invites you to prayerfully consider spiritual direction. In monthly meetings, a director and directee together try to discern the loving voice of God in the life of the directee.

For more information, check out this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9AcLSRUSQU>

For those who have been in direction for some time, the 19th Annotation is a form of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, adapted for everyday life. Over the course of 9 months, a director and directee meet regularly to review the directee's prayer in the Exercises. For more information on the Spiritual Exercises, check out this website: <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/what-is-ignatian-spirituality/the-ignatian-way/spiritual-exercises/>

If you are interested and want more information or want to request an application from ISEL for Direction or the 19th Annotation, contact [ISEL@sfxavier.org](mailto:ISEL@sfxavier.org).

An Ignatian Spirituality info session and coffee hour will immediately follow 11:30 mass on Sunday, September 29. All interested in learning more about Spiritual Direction, the 19th Annotation and our retreats are invited! Please come and meet us in the Mary Chapel for coffee and friendly conversation! A Zoom information session will be held on Thursday, October 3rd 7 pm-8:15 pm.

Scan the QR Code to sign up for the Zoom!



## **SFX Caregiver Collective Ministry Sunday, October 27 | 1:00 PM West Room**

Are you coping with the care of a family member, friend, neighbor, or other loved one? Do you sometimes feel isolated as you juggle the medical care, cooking, cleaning, emotional stress and fatigue?

A new ministry at the Church of St. Francis Xavier has been launched to offer support. We are SFX parishioners who have been caregivers ourselves, including some who are active caregivers right now.

We offer a patient ear as we share personal experiences and tips for navigating doctors and hospitals, finding home aides, figuring out requirements for health care proxies and power-of-attorney forms, answering questions about hospice care and more.

Want to know more?

We plan a first-time get-together on Sunday, October 27 after the 1:00 PM Mass in the West Room. Come join us to share conversation and compassion – plus coffee and donuts.

  
XAVIER MISSION

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### **Free Webinar: Optimizing Life Insurance**

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*Learn more about why, and about  
how you can turn it into a charitable gift!*



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- Avoid policy lapse
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presented by  
David Kottler J.D., C.A.P.  
[lifeinsurancedr.com](http://lifeinsurancedr.com)

Tues, October 8  
5 - 6 pm  
RSVP for Zoom link:  
[mcorrea@xaviermission.org](mailto:mcorrea@xaviermission.org)

This webinar is an opportunity to learn how you can turn a simple policy into a lasting legacy. By designating a charity as a beneficiary, you can make a powerful impact, ensuring that your values and commitment to helping others live on.

Please also share this flyer with someone! Help us spread awareness and build a stronger, more compassionate community.

[XAVIERMISSION.ORG](http://XAVIERMISSION.ORG)



## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**SUNDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37.

**MONDAY - MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA:** Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18.

**7:45AM** DENISE LEPRINE (D)  
**12:05 PM** MERCEDES MAURICIA CONSUELO (D)

**TUESDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05 PM** SISTER CLAIRE PFUNDSTEIN, OP (D)

**WEDNESDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6.

**7:45AM** PATRICK O'GRADY (D)  
**12:05 PM** LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

**THURSDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** HELEN GORRA (D)

**FRIDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL:** Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** ANTHONY VETRANO (D)

**SATURDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43B-45.

**12:05PM** RALPH RUFINO (D)

**SUNDAY OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.

**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:** Contact 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, [lm Diaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:lm Diaz@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 6:30-7:30pm on the altar, Sept. 3, 2024 through June 24, 2025. (No classes held 12/24/24, 12/31/24, 1/28/25, 2/18/25, 4/15/25 and 4/29/25.) 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 Alex Zambito at [youthministry@sfxavier.org](mailto:youthministry@sfxavier.org).

**ZEN MEDITATION GROUP:** Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact Peggy & Paul at [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com).