



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit St. Joseph's Seminary

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 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; Jacob Brumfield; Yago

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Janet Paist; Larry Ruth.

[PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto:PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org)

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## Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

**Saturday, October 5**

5:00pm Vigil: CY Kao, SJ

**Sunday, October 6**

9:00am Mass: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

11:30am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Sam Sawyer, 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 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](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**

World leaders have been gathering at the United Nations this week against the background of the last week of the Season of Creation and the escalation of hostilities in the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan, among other places. We hope and pray that, beyond the public speeches, active diplomacy may take place to bring peace with justice to the peoples of these lands.

These days we are particularly conscious of the increased bombing in Lebanon. As of this writing, Fr. Dan Corrou, SJ reports that Jesuit Refugee Service has had to suspend its operations in Beirut and withdrawn all personnel to safety. If you wish to support the works of JRS, Dan writes:

For the migrant center - we have many requests for help with School fees for Sudanese and South Sudanese children. You can help through this link: [americanjesuitsinternational.org/](http://americanjesuitsinternational.org/)

To support the work of Jesuit refugee Service (JRS) with Syrian and Lebanese Donate - JRS USA:  
[jrsusa.org/donate/](http://jrsusa.org/donate/)

### **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.**



## Caring for Creation with Your Transportation Choices

In this 4th week of the Season of Creation, we'll look at how we might hope and act with Creation in the area of transportation, which is the largest source, 28%, of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. How we get from one place to another matters. Let's walk when we can, bike if we can. Using public transportation and ride-sharing are positive options. Purchasing an electric vehicle is a huge positive step, especially if the electricity is from renewable sources. Hybrid cars and good-mileage cars help. Cutting back on one flying will help. All count towards caring for our common home. The less reliant on fossil fuels, the better for the climate.

It's hopeful to know that the transition away from gas-powered vehicles is happening. The infrastructure law is providing funds for more charging stations. Phasing out gas-powered engines on trucks, which represent 4% of all vehicles, but 40% of all road transportation emissions, will have a big impact. Some experts think it's possible that buses will be electric by 2030 and trucks by 2040.

What can we do? Support regulations that set emission standards, like those of the European Union and California. The Earth Act to Prevent Climate Pollution (aka the Earth Bill), introduced by New York Congressman Adriano Espaillat, includes a section on transportation that incentivizes vehicle makers to speed up this transition.

Batteries are still an issue. The mining of lithium for the batteries used in EVs produces toxic waste. The batteries also require nickel, cobalt and manganese. A new strategy is to reuse and recycle these key components. The infrastructure law supports companies recovering over 90% of these materials. Researchers are working on batteries that use alternative components.

As the Union of Concerned Scientists publication says, electric vehicles are charging ahead! And that gives us hope.

## Name Tag Weekend September 28-29

This is name tag weekend. There are name tags for all our faith family and welcomed guests. On your way into church this weekend, 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. We encourage you to greet each other by name, and to be named by your faith family. Another way to build community here at Xavier; another way to spread God's abundant love out into the world.



## Xavier Young Adults Happy Hour Social Sunday, September 29 | After 5PM Mass Another Country

Join the XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS after the 5pm Mass for a Happy Hour social at ANOTHER COUNTRY (on East 16th Street bet. 5th Ave and Union Square). Walk over with Roxanne and Kristen after Mass or meet us there! Email us at [sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com) to be added to our mailing list and stay up-to-date on all our current events.

**St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Service  
and Spiritual Conversation**  
**Friday, October 4 | 7:00 PM | Mary Chapel**  
In celebration of the Season of Creation, the SFX Environment Ministry and Gay Catholics invite you to a St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Service and Spiritual Conversation.



**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.



**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!

**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.

**A Jubilee Celebration of  
Hope for Families  
Saturday, October 19 | 3:30 PM  
West Room**

Join us for a spiritual conversation on cultivating hope amid lights and shadows on family life on Saturday, October 19 at 3:30 PM in the West Room. All parents, grandparents, and caretakers are invited. Facilitators will be Elise Mazzetti, Parent Formation Coordinator, Office of Family Life at the Archdiocese of New York and Luz Marina Diaz, Director of Religious Education at Xavier. **RSVP by emailing Luz Marina Diaz at [lmdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:lm Diaz@sfxavier.org).**

**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 October 6 and 20, November 3 and November 17**. Come to the Mary altar space to the left of the main altar after Mass. Our trained Prayers look forward to praying with you for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing!

**Racial Justice Ministry Read -  
The False White Gospel by Jim Wallis**

Xavier's Racial Justice Ministry welcomes all to participate in a read for this election season & beyond

Join our monthly Zoom discussions on the following Mondays:

**October 14 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Foreword, Introduction & Ch.1**

**November 11 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Chs. 2,3,& 4**

**December 16 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Chs. 5 & 6**

**January 13 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Chs. 7 & 8 & What's Next?**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:  
Email [sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org)

## The India Group Fundraiser

Save the Date for The India Group's (TIG) annual Cocktail Party/Fundraiser. The India Group was founded by several SFX members to provide children with education and health care. **The event will take place on Saturday, November 9, from 6-9 PM at the home of co-founders Paul Ramsey and the late Richard H. Coburn, 500 W. 43 St., Apt. 30E.** For more information see our website ([www.theindiagroup.net](http://www.theindiagroup.net)) or e-mail us at [theindiagroupnyc@gmail.com](mailto:theindiagroupnyc@gmail.com).

### “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!



## Be A Part Of Mission Weekend! October 25-26

Each year, the SFX community welcomes Xavier Mission to present our work to the community and offer opportunities for parishioners to get involved (also, there are snacks!).

We are looking for people to participate as gift bearers that weekend.

We will be presenting gifts that represent each of our five programs at all the Masses. Anyone is welcome, even if you've never been part of Xavier Mission before!

If you are interested in participating as a gift bearer, please contact Cassandra at [cagredo@xaviermission.org](mailto:cagredo@xaviermission.org) or 212-627-2100, x208.

### Men's Clothing Needed:

Warm, durable clothing can make all the difference for our neighbors.



#### REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL DONATIONS:

- New or gently-used
- CLEAN
- In-season
- Do not donate ripped, faded, frayed, or stained items



#### Men's Clothing – All sizes needed!

- Boxers (NEW ONLY)
- Sweatshirts, hoodies, sweaters
- Jeans, sweatpants
- Business/professional clothing
- Shoes of any kind

#### Additional Items Needed:

- Toiletries (preferably travel-sized), including shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream, lotion
- Backpacks
- Blankets, sleeping bags

Your donations make a significant difference in helping our neighbors face the upcoming seasons with dignity and comfort.

#### DROP-OFF INFO:

- 55 West 15th St.
- Place all donations in the large white bin on the basement level
- Secure all donations in plastic or paper bags.

Sunday: 8:00am–6:00pm  
Mon–Fri: 10:00am–6:00pm  
Saturday: 11:00am–6:00pm

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

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

**MONDAY - MEMORIAL OF SAINT JEROME:**  
Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50.

**7:45AM** RITA HRON (D)  
**12:05 PM** OLGA CRUZ (D)

**TUESDAY MEMORIAL OF SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS:** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56.

**7:45AM** KEVIN APPLEBY (D)  
**12:05 PM** GEORGE F. DEAN (D)

**WEDNESDAY - MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Mt 18:1-5, 10.

**7:45AM** LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
**12:05 PM** ALISON RAMOS (D)

**THURSDAY OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12.

**7:45AM** ROBERT MCDERMOTT (D)  
**12:05PM** ANA LUISA FALCON (D)

**FRIDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** JUDY HAVERON (D)

**SATURDAY OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24.

**12:05PM** EUGENE ALBERT HESS (D)

**SUNDAY OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12.

**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.

**IGNATIUS 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).