



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 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 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

Cuesta; Andrea Foley-Murphy; John Lucas;

Janet Paist; Larry Ruth.

PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

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Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, November 9

5:00pm Vigil: Kenneth Boller, SJ

Sunday, November 10

9:00am Mass: Sam Sawyer, SJ

11:30am Mass: CY Kao, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Ricardo da Silva, 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

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**

In the Gospel this weekend, we are reminded that love of God and love of our neighbor are the two great commandments of the Law. This most Christian precept is rooted in the covenant of the Old Testament and is also shared, in different expressions, by most of the major religions of the world.

Why do we have such a difficult time with this fundamental precept in our personal lives and especially in public discourse? The natural human tendency is to limit our circle of "neighbors." We have seen and heard politically motivated people and groups demonize whole classes of people to stir up fear and hatred. Sadly, many of these would claim to follow the "Golden Rule" prescribed in our Gospel. Let us refrain from joining them either by buying into their ideology or by demonizing them and declaring them "unlovable."

We recently celebrated the feast of All Saints, recalling all the women and men of heroic virtue whose lives dedicated to Gospel values have inspired us. On All Souls Day, we prayed for all our departed brothers and sisters whose memories we hold dear.

With the help of the saints and our beloved departed, let us pray for and work for civility especially in our civic forum. This election is likely to be close and the results might not be clear for some time. If we are to learn to love one another, let us begin by being civil.

WELCOME JESUIT ALUMNI **JOINING THE YOUNG ADULTS CONTEMPLATIVE MASS!**

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 Davey, George DeAngelis, Evan Xavier Dono, Eve Duke, Carmela Farace, Thomas Farace, Lyle Ferguson, Jingsing Fitzgerald, Jim Fox, Rafael Antonio Gayoso, Edward Gordon, Julius Harrison, Jim Held, Tonia Hubert, Julianne Hunter, James Hurley, Hortencia Ingles, Jane Jacobus, Nelida Kilayko, Leonard La Croix, Gus Lobo, Francesca Macaranes, Neepa Magarelli, Cynthia Magsanoc, Linda Yannolo Murphy, 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. Angela Bayo, Marvin Blitz, Danny Cooper, Olga Cruz, Matthew Todd Edwards, Susan Forbes, Gustavo Frías, Judith Giannetto, John Githens, Jerry Hevern, Jr., Joan Hess, Eugene Hess, Flo Infantino, John A. Kiss, Glenda Landingin, Joseph Murray, Virginia Victoria Navarro, Bob Philipps, Thomas Rocha, Dolores Root, Brendan Sexton, Robert Sloan.

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.**

THIS WEEK AT XAVIER

Family Mass	Sunday, November 3	9:00 AM Mass
Ministry Fair	Sunday, November 3	After the 11:30 AM Mass
Healing Prayer Ministry	Sunday, November 3	After the 11:30 AM & 5 PM Masses
Young Adults Contemplative Mass	Sunday, November 3	5:30 PM in the XHS Chapel

COMING SOON

The Women Who Stayed	Sunday, November 10	After the 11:30 AM Mass in the West Room
The Chord Keepers	Sunday, November 10	2:00 PM in the Main Church and Online
Pastoral Council Wine & Cheese	Sunday, November 10	After the 5:00 PM Mass
Parish Office Closed	Monday, November 11	
Racial Justice Group Read	Monday, November 11	7:00 PM on Zoom
Virtual Ministry Fair	Wednesday, November 13	7:00 PM on Zoom
Healing Prayer Ministry	Sunday, November 17	After the 11:30 AM & 5 PM Masses
Celebration of Service	Sunday, November 17	6:00 PM in Keenan Commons
RCIA Rite of Welcoming	Sunday, November 24	11:30 AM Mass
Family Faith Advent Wreath Event	Sunday, November 24	10:00 AM in Keenan Commons
Thanksgiving Mass	Thursday, November 28	10:00 AM

Visit sfxavier.org/events to learn more about all upcoming events and activities!

Join us for the Ministry Fair! Sunday, November 3

Do you have gifts to share with our community? Have you been thinking about becoming more involved at St. Francis Xavier? We will be hosting a Ministry Fair weekend of 11/2 and 11/3. There will be information available about how to get connected to any of SFX's many ministries after all masses and there will be representatives of ministries after the 11:30 mass. We welcome interest, curiosity, and discernment in how the gifts and talents of all among us may enrich the whole of this vibrant community. If you're not able to join in person, a Virtual Ministry Fair will be offered on November 13 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Scan QR Code to join the Virtual Ministry Fair Zoom.



Healing Prayer Ministry Upcoming Dates after two Masses

The Healing Prayer Ministry returns to serve after the **11:30 AM AND 5 PM Sunday Masses on November 3, November 17, December 1, 8, 15.** 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!



Día de los Muertos Ofrenda

Join us in honoring our deceased loved ones during Día de los Muertos, a Mexican holiday rooted in ancient traditions. Celebrated from October 31 to November 2, this multi-day festival is about remembrance, respect, and joy, not to be confused with Halloween. This year, our altar, or "ofrenda," was created by the Sacred Space Ministry on the St. Joseph Altar. It features marigolds, calaveras, catrinas, incense, candles, and personal mementos. Please bring a photo of your loved ones (including pets) to place on the altar. The display will be available through mid-November. Join us in keeping their memories alive!



The Chord Keepers: Folk Singers and Pickers of Xavier Parish Sunday, November 10 | 2:00 PM Main Church & Online

Are you ready to pluck up some courage and tune in for an unforgettable afternoon of music making and folk guitar goodness? (as well as Ukelele and Mandolin!) Our November event is shaping up to be a real fretting good time, and we'd love to share our jam with you! Featuring... Joel Allegretti, Maria Brinkmann, John Divney, Tom Flood, Maggie Green-Freeman, Dianne Lisanti, Ralph Martin, Sam Scheidt, John Uehlein, and Miguel Zapico.



Climate and the Ballot Box

We've just had two major hurricanes, and yet have not seen an uptick in our political candidates talking about their plans for dealing with climate change. Reporters have not asked them.

Yet, by all accounts, hurricanes will continue to be stronger and more frequent, drought will continue to increase due to record-breaking warm temperatures. Even the northeast is currently experiencing a lack of rainfall and in some areas is categorized as "severe drought" which has increased the risk of forest fires.



This photo is of the Oct. 2024, New Jersey forest fire that burned over 2,000 acres.

This past week we had the 12th anniversary of Hurricane Sandy, which caused a 12-foot sea surge, \$82 billion in loss and damage, 10,000 trees, and over 150 lives. Since then, we've had 16 named hurricanes pass through here, Hurricane Ida being the worst in terms of losses.

This election could determine the climate trajectory for decades to come. It will impact the lives of our children and grandchildren. Why is this election so critical? Because we are approaching the tipping points of various outcomes of climate change, which means we can't undo the damage. We can't suddenly refreeze the ice in the polar regions that is melting more rapidly than predicted. We will not be able to lower the temperature and acidity of the ocean before all marine life is at risk of precipitous decline or extinction.

"The near-total absence of climate talk in the 2024 presidential election is divorced from the reality the next president will have to face," Zoë Schlanger of the Atlantic pointed out, saying that the next president of our country will have to be a "Climate-Disaster President" dealing with increased climate-related disaster events. In 2023 alone, the U.S. experienced 28 climate and weather-related disasters with losses exceeding \$1 billion each compared to eight per year from 1980 to 2022. (source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA).

As we go to the ballot box this week, let's take Creation Care with us.

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XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS &
YOUNG JESUIT ALUMNI

CONTEMPLATIVE MASS

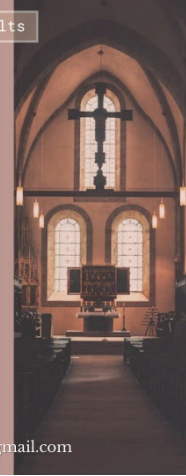
Join us for the Mass that
takes its time

Sunday, November 3rd
5:30 pm

Xavier High School Chapel
30 W 16th Street

POST-MASS SOCIAL TO FOLLOW

sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com



Xavier Young Adults Contemplative Mass Sunday, November 3 | 5:30 PM Xavier High School Chapel

Join the Young Adults for our first Contemplative Mass of the Fall on Sunday, November 3, at 5:30 PM in the Xavier High School Chapel. Follow them at xavieryoungadults on Instagram for more information.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, November 8 | 6:00 PM
West Room

Once upon a time a prince and a princess met, fell in love, and lived happily ever after...but what if they were two princesses? You are invited to "be our guest" as we analyze a "tale as old as time" and explore the themes of queerness, identity, and belonging in different versions of Beauty and the Beast. BYOCUPS (Cups, Utensils, Plates, Serviettes/Snacks) to share with friends, old and new. For more information, contact CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org.

Racial Justice Group 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.

The next Zoom discussion will be held:
November 11 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Chs. 2,3,& 4

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
Email sfxracialjusticegroup@sfxavier.org.

The Women Who Stayed

Sunday, November 10 | 1:00 PM | West Room

When we meet, it will be the penultimate Sunday in ordinary time. All Saints Day, All Souls Day will have just passed. Daylight Saving Time ended. Election Day will have come and gone. Where does all this leave you right now? Join a spiritual conversation for women who choose to stay in the Roman Catholic Church.

Help us get the message out!

Join the Communications Committee!

We are looking for individuals to join the communications committee! Graphic designers, photographers/videographers, and social media enthusiasts are encouraged to join. If you are interested, please email MaryLennox at mhalfacre@sfxavier.org.



XAVIER MISSION

WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

Hope and Healing Campaign in Full Swing!

Our Hope and Healing campaign is moving forward with incredible momentum, thanks to your support! Right now, we're making strides to help our neighbors in need with essentials like meals, clothing, eviction prevention, and life-skills training. Your contributions make a real difference for those facing challenging times.

On The 12 Days Of "Thanks" Giving, My True Love Gave To Me...

No partridges here! As October comes to a close and we enter November, Thanksgiving is on many of our minds—a time of gathering and gratitude. Yet, for too many of our neighbors, a warm, full plate or a safe space may be out of reach. Next week, we will kick off our 12 Days of Thanksgiving leading up to Thanksgiving Day. Each day will highlight one of the 12 ways Xavier Mission uplifts, supports, and stands up for our guests and how you can join in to make an impact. Stay tuned for ways to get involved and help us spread hope this season!

In the meantime, please consider making a donation that will truly impact the lives of our neighbors.



Celebration of Service

Sunday, November 17 | 6:00 PM

Keenan Commons (31 West 15th Street)

The Pastoral Council wants to thank you for what you do for the Xavier Community. Whether you serve as a Liturgical Minister, are a member of the Music Ministry, Volunteer at Xavier Mission or serve on any of the Spiritual, Social or Action Committees. Come Join us! Please RSVP to Pastoral-Council@sfxavier.org.

"God is waiting. Our hearts are wanting. What must we do?"

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 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. 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.

Advent Retreat 2024 Signup

Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life invites you to deepen your prayer this Advent in community with your fellow parishioners through an Advent retreat. Participants will spend time praying daily and then meet once per week to engage in spiritual conversation. An opening session on Zoom for all retreatants will be held on Monday November 25th 7:00-8:30pm.

Then, we have three options you can choose from:

- **In-person on Tuesdays at Xavier** 12/3, 12/10 and 12/17 at 12:45 pm.
- **In-person on Fridays at Xavier** 12/6, 12/13 and 12/20 at 12:45 pm.
- **Zoom on Monday evenings** 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 and 12/23 7pm-8:30 pm



This year we have endeavored to provide materials that are as inclusive as possible. We will be using a digital resource provided by Maryknoll's Office for Global Concern, supplemented by reflections from other Catholic groups. Expect an email with the materials by November 15. If you have questions, please reach out to ISEL@sfxavier.org.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

Ongoing Parish Happenings

SUNDAY OF THE THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34.

MONDAY - MEMORIAL OF SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM ROBERT SLOAN (D)

TUESDAY OF THE THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24.

7:45AM GLENDA & ROLANDO LANDINGIN (D)
12:05 PM ISADORE "SONNY" AGNELLO (D)

WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33.

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

THURSDAY OF THE THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Phil 3:3-8A; Lk 15:1-10.

7:45AM ROBERT "BOB" SLOAN (D)
12:05PM MARY RILEY GILMAN (D)

FRIDAY OF THE THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8.

7:45AM ROBERT "BOB" SLOAN (D)
12:05PM JOAN LAWRENCE (D)

SATURDAY - FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Jn 2:13-22.

12:05PM MICHEL SADER FILHO (D)

SUNDAY OF THE THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44.

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 GROUP: Engages in prayer, study and action in pursuit of racial justice. Welcomes collaboration to promote living the Parish Pledge for Racial Justice. sfxracialjusticegroup@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 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

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 Alex Zambito at youthministry@sfxavier.org.

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact Peggy & Paul at schubertnyc@gmail.com.