



**CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**  
A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit the Music Ministry

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2024

**Parish Office Closed**  
**Monday, October 14**  
**One Mass will be held at 9:00 AM.**  
**Please use the 15th St. Entrance.**

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### **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

Cuesta; Andrea Foley-Murphy; John Lucas;

Janet Paist; Larry Ruth.

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

### **Next Weekend's Presider Schedule**

**Saturday, October 19**

5:00pm Vigil: Kenneth Boller, SJ

**Sunday, October 20**

9:00am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30am Mass: James Miracky, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: CY Kao, 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**

In the past week we concluded the month-long *Season of Creation* with the backdrop of devastating hurricanes in the southeastern part of the country. We also observed the one-year anniversary of the war in Gaza which seems to be expanding rather than shrinking.

These events and so many others around the world can render us numb; make us feel powerless. Our first reading today reminds us: "I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne."

We need true prudence and wisdom to navigate these times and not lose heart. Let us pray that the leaders of the world will seek wisdom to find just and equitable solutions to the many conflicts which count civilians, especially women and children as "collateral damage."

For our part, the Gospel challenges us to go beyond the basics of the commandments to become followers of Jesus. What am I called to do? Will I follow or walk away?

### **High School Open Houses**

Xavier High School- Saturday, October 19 from 11:30 AM-3 PM

Saint Peter's Prep- Sunday, October 20 from 1-4 PM

Notre Dame- Sunday, October 27 from 1-4PM

Cristo Rey-- Saturday, November 2 from 12 PM-2 PM

### **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, 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. 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, 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.**



## Learning from Indigenous Wisdom

This weekend, we celebrate Indigenous People's Day, juxtaposed to Columbus Day. The renaming of the holiday serves to recognize Columbus' maltreatment of the indigenous people he encountered and the tragic impact that settler colonialism had on the indigenous population.

In general, the environmental movement honors the knowledge and wisdom carried through the centuries by indigenous people living close to the land, using from nature only what they need, and sharing the bounty of the earth collectively.

Some social justice movements now start their programs with a land acknowledgement to 1) recognize that the land they are on was forcibly seized from an indigenous group, and 2) express solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

New York City, original home of the Lenape, Rockaway and Canarsie peoples, has one of the largest urban populations of indigenous people in the country. The Shinnecock Nation on eastern Long Island is widely known for its annual Pow-Wow. Less known is the Shinnecock's project to grow seaweed as a food source and also a strategy to address climate change because seaweed absorbs carbon dioxide and mitigates ocean acidification.

Indigenous cultural traditions of dancing and drumming reflect an earth-care world view. Mario Cortés, a Nahuatl indigenous migrant from Mexico and a traditional dancer, says, "Our circle and its dances represent the circle of life and all that is found on Mother Earth."

Robin Wall Kimmerer, a botanist and Indigenous author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*, brings together indigenous wisdom of nature with science, and puts into writing what the Indigenous environmentalist Oren Lyons describes as "the spiritual relationship that Chief Seattle called the 'web of life... the interrelationships that bind all living things together.'"

This weekend, from noon on Sunday, Oct. 13, to noon on Monday, Oct. 14, you can celebrate Indigenous culture on Randall's Island at the 10th Annual Gathering and Celebration "We Are Here, Still." There will be music, song, dance, food, a sunrise ceremony and prayer, and a chance to hear indigenous activists. [IPDNYC \(squarespace.com\)](http://IPDNYC.squarespace.com) We are invited to honor these gifts that have survived years of struggle.



## The Role of Music in the Eucharist WHY, HOW and WHAT we sing during Communion

Sunday, October 13 | 1:00 PM

Main Church & Online

Faith sharing by our Director of Music, John Uehlein, who was on his first Diocesan Liturgical Commission at age 14 and has never stopped asking questions. Along with a robust sing-along of "Eucharistic Hymns" appropriate for communion or appropriate for other parts of the liturgy. Followed by questions and answers.



## Young Adults Wine & Cheese Social Sunday, October 13 | 6:00 PM | Narthex

Join the Young Adults for a Wine & Cheese social.  
Meet in the Narthex from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

## Fr. Jim Miracky's Farewell Sunday, October 20 | 11:30 AM Mass and Reception after in the Mary Chapel

Join us on October 20 during the 11:30 AM Mass for a farewell to Fr. Jim Miracky followed by a reception in the Mary Chapel.

## 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 20, 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!

## 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 or 5 PM Masses on selected Sundays. 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.**

## 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.**

## Help us get the message out! Are you interested in joining 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.

## 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

The next Zoom discussion will be held:  
**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)

## Lay Spirits at SFX

Are you interested in deepening your relationship with the Divine? Are you curious about spiritual practices or different forms of prayer that can help foster this connection? Do you long to understand God's will in your life and bring that understanding into the world?

Would you be interested in traveling with others who have been and are on this path now?

If so, you may be interested in joining the Lay Spirits Program at The Church of Saint Francis Xavier. For nearly 40 years, this Program has been conducting programs for individuals seeking a deeper connection with the Divine.

Our next nine-month program, starting in early 2025, will provide the opportunity to journey with others who share the same aspirations. We look forward to bringing together individuals who seek to form relationships with each other as they cultivate their relationship with the Divine.

For more information, e-mail us at [LayspiritsX@gmail.com](mailto:LayspiritsX@gmail.com).



**The Chord Keepers:  
Folk Singers and Pickers of Xavier Parish  
Sunday, November 10 | 2:00 PM**

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!

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



**XAVIER MISSION**  
WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

**An Autumn Missive from Xavier Mission**

Can you believe summer has come and gone? As the leaves begin to change and we feel the first crisp breezes of fall, our thoughts turn toward the holidays— a time for joy, warmth, and connection. In the spirit of giving, we invite you to join our 2024 Hope and Healing Campaign to help us light up the lives of our neighbors through the gifts of hope and healing.

While many gather around tables filled with delicious meals and the laughter of loved ones, let's remember our friends and neighbors facing hunger, homelessness, and poverty. Imagine facing the cold without a safe place to call home or watching others celebrate while you struggle to find your next meal. This is the reality for so many in our community.

But it doesn't have to be. At Xavier Mission, we are committed to providing not just services, but essential needs: community, compassion, and dignity. Every donation during this campaign helps us extend our reach—providing meals, safe spaces, eviction prevention, and a listening ear.

As you prepare to celebrate with friends and family, consider how you can comfort those who feel alone. Your gift can bring light to someone in darkness, just as a small act of kindness can create a ripple of hope.

From now until November 1, donors who contribute early will receive two entries to win a 5-night, airfare-included vacation to fabulous Las Vegas for every \$50 donation made via the link. A \$5,000 donation, for example, would get you 200 entries and provide 1,000 meals or help prevent eviction for up to five families.

From November 1 through December 3, you'll receive one entry for each \$50 donation. This holiday season, let's acknowledge the worth and dignity of each person in our community. Together, we can show our neighbors they are not alone and that healing is possible. Thank you for your support and compassion. We wish you a joyful and meaningful holiday season, and we look forward to lighting up lives together.



## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**SUNDAY OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27.

**MONDAY OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32.

### OFFICE CLOSED

**9:00AM** AVAILABLE

**TUESDAY - MEMORIAL OF SAINT TERESA OF JESUS:** Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41.

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

**WEDNESDAY OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46.

**7:45AM** MARIA LOPEZ (D)  
**12:05 PM** KYLE HEARD (D)

**THURSDAY - MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH:** Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** TERESA O'SULLIVAN (D) & FAMILY

**FRIDAY - FEAST OF SAINT LUKE:**  
2 Tm 4:10-17b; 40:3-5; Lk 10:1-9.

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

**SATURDAY - MEMORIAL OF SAINTS JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES:** Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12.

**12:05PM** ELAINE HAYES (D)

**SUNDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45.

**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).