



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit World Mission Sunday

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 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-

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## Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

**Saturday, October 26**

5:00pm Vigil: CY Kao, SJ

**Sunday, October 27**

9:00am Mass: Steve Pugliese, SJ

11:30am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Ben Hawley, 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**

The Gospel for this Sunday reminds us of our call to be servant leaders in Christ's Church and not to seek power and position for personal gain. It is very important for us to embrace the notion of servant leadership especially during the elections, the conflicts in the world, particularly the Middle East, and, in our Church world, the Synod.

The Synod in Rome is halfway completed although, partly by its nature and partly because of confidentiality, we have not heard much about it. It is important to remind ourselves that the essence of the synodal process is open hearted listening to the voice or voices of the Spirit in the conversations of delegates from the whole world. It is not the job of the Synod to pass resolutions or laws, but to present Pope Francis with their prayerful considerations on different topics so that he may formulate Church policy moving forward. In other words, the process is as important as the product.

Concerning the upcoming elections, as servant leaders, we need to be active citizens working for the common good and not our own personal gain. We have the national race, a senate race, congressional races and ballot initiatives here in New York State. It is important to hear all sides and candidates before we cast our individual vote. As Pope Francis has stated neither national candidate totally conforms to the ideals of Church teaching and so we must listen to our informed conscience when making our choices.

In the end, we pray for the well-being and future of our country, for peace with justice throughout the world and that the Peace of Christ will dwell in our hearts.

### **High School Open Houses**

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 Davey, 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, Glenda Landingin, Joseph Murray, Virginia Victoria Navarro, 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**

<b>Children Liturgy of the Word</b>	Sunday, October 20	9:00 AM Mass
<b>Fr. Jim Miracky Farewell</b>	Sunday, October 20	11:30 AM Mass & Reception After
<b>Healing Prayer Ministry</b>	Sunday, October 20	After the 11:30 AM & 5 PM Masses
<b>Parish Coffee Hour</b>	Sunday, October 20	After the 11:30 AM Mass

## **COMING SOON**

<b>Xavier Mission Weekend</b>	October 26-27	All Masses
<b>Caregiving Ministry</b>	Sunday, October 27	After the 11:30 AM Mass
<b>All Saints Day Masses</b>	Friday, November 1	7:45 AM, 12:05 PM, 7:00 PM
<b>Gay Catholics Meeting</b>	Friday, November 1	6:30 PM
<b>Family Mass</b>	Sunday, November 3	9:00 AM
<b>Ministry Fair</b>	Sunday, November 3	After the 11:30 AM Mass
<b>Healing Prayer Ministry</b>	Sunday, November 3	After the 11:30 AM & 5 PM Masses
<b>The Women Who Stayed</b>	Sunday, November 10	After the 11:30 AM Mass
<b>The Chord Keepers</b>	Sunday, November 10	2:00 PM
<b>Pastoral Council Wine &amp; Cheese</b>	Sunday, November 10	After the 5:00 PM Mass
<b>Parish Office Closed</b>	Monday, November 11	
<b>Racial Justice Ministry Read</b>	Monday, November 11	7:00 PM
<b>Healing Prayer Ministry</b>	Sunday, November 17	After the 11:30 AM & 5 PM Masses
<b>Celebration of Service</b>	Sunday, November 17	6:00 PM

Visit [sfxavier.org/events](http://sfxavier.org/events) to learn more about all upcoming events and activities!

### **Humanitarian Crisis in Lebanon: Live update from Beirut with Fr. Dan Corrou, SJ**

**Tuesday, October 22 | 12:00 PM | Zoom**

Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) invites you to join Fr. Dan Corrou, SJ, the Regional Director of Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in the Middle East and North Africa (JRS MENA) for a live update on the deepening humanitarian crisis in Lebanon. Scan the QR Code to register for the Zoom.



### **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](mailto:mhalfacre@sfxavier.org).

### **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 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](mailto:HPM@sfxavier.org) or to Philip Waldrop (Coordinator) by text to 973-214-6589.**



## Creation Care is Part of Social Justice

“God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8 NIV)

Micah succinctly expresses that our faith is to inform what we do and how we do it. More recently, the body of Catholic Social Teaching developed over the last 135 years addresses many areas for us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Taking these calls from God, Micah and Catholic Social Teaching seriously, the Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice ([www.networklobby.org](http://www.networklobby.org)) developed *A Justice Agenda for All of Us*. Their policy areas: “We build our country anew by prioritizing racial equity, caring for the Earth, and improving the wellbeing of all people and communities through legislative advocacy.”

The Network Lobby quotes Pope Francis: “Hope would have us recognize that there is always a way out, that we can always redirect our steps, that we can always do something to solve our problems.” *In Laudato Si'*, and more urgently in *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis exhorted us to care for our common home and for the poor. This message was reflected in the theme of the recently concluded Season of Creation: “To hope and act with Creation.”

Social justice, including Care of Creation, is furthered by our personal actions in our daily lives (e.g. recycling, avoiding food waste, volunteering), but it is more deeply pursued by advocacy for positive change.

Voting is a form of advocacy. In the upcoming election cycle, we invite you to use Network’s social justice guide, available on their website, to discern which candidates support social justice and care of creation more, and to advocate for these policies with your vote.

Beyond the election, we will continue to advocate and invite your support for creation care. Contact us at [SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com) to get involved.

## SFX Caregiver Collective Ministry Sunday, October 27 | After 11:30 AM Mass | 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 11:30 AM Mass in the West Room. Come join us to share conversation and compassion – plus coffee and donuts.

## Name Tag Weekend November 2-3

We’re each called by name and that’s often how we first get to know someone. At all the Masses over the November 2-3 weekend, we’ll have SFX name tags for all parishioners at Mass and for our welcomed guests. On your way into church for Mass, we invite you to stop at the tables at the entrance, write your name on a name tag, and wear it throughout the service and after, too. We encourage you to greet each other around you by name. Another way to build community here at Xavier; another way to spread God’s abundant love out into the world.

## 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](mailto:CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org).



### **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! Featuring... Joel Allegretti, Maria Brinkmann, John Divney, Tom Flood, Maggie Green-Freeman, Dianne Lisanti, Sam Scheidt, John Uehlein, and Miguel Zapico.

### **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.

1st round: Share and speak about the fruits of your personal reflection, without interruption. Listen and take notes, if you wish.

2nd round: Share what you heard in the 1st round that touched your heart and moved you personally. Ask a question, or look for clarification.

3rd round: Freely express what you feel. Notice and share a common idea that is emerging, a consensus, and name it. Gather the graces.

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

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

### **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).



### **Lay Spirits at SFX**

Are you looking to develop a deeper relationship with the Divine? Are you curious about spiritual practices that can help foster this connection? Are you curious about other ways of praying that express your inner spiritual longings?

Do you desire to enrich your prayer experience and connect more profoundly with the Divine? Do you long to understand God's will for your life?

For nearly 40 years, the Lay Spirits Program at The Church of Saint Francis Xavier has been conducting programs for individuals seeking a deeper connection with the Divine.

The Lay Spirits Program at The Church of Saint Francis Xavier has been conducting programs for nearly 40 years. Would you be interested in traveling this path with others who are already on it?

Our next nine-month program, starting in January 2025, will enable you 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).

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**SUNDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45.

**MONDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21.

**7:45AM** ANTHONY DEVITO (D)  
**12:05 PM** LUZ & RAMON (D)

**TUESDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05 PM** AMY RICCI (D)

**WEDNESDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05 PM** TOM GIBBONS (L)

**THURSDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53.

**7:45AM** JACK CURRAN (D)  
**12:05PM** GIOVANNI CANNONE (D)

**FRIDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59.

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

**SATURDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9.

**12:05PM** WILLIAM REILLY (D)

**SUNDAY OF THE THIRTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52.

**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 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](mailto: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](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).