



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 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

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PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

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Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, November 2

5:00pm Vigil: Steve Pugliese, SJ

Sunday, November 3

9:00am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

11:30am Mass: Sam Sawyer, 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

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

High School Open Houses

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

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

**To stay up-to-date on parish news, follow us on
Instagram and Facebook at [sfxaviernyc](#).**

From the Pastor's Desk Kenneth Boller, SJ

We live in a very broken world. Each of us is certainly called to do what we can to ease suffering, and work for justice. We should work for reconciliation and bring healing where there is brokenness. It is our gospel calling.

In our earnest efforts to “fix” things in our world, we need to also be accepting of persons as they are. Our gospel this Sunday tells a heartwarming story on one level and exposes our ableist bias on another. The story is about Jesus’ encounter with Bartimaeus, a man born blind who is begging on the side of the road. After shouting after Jesus and over the objections of the disciples, Jesus encounters Bartimaeus and asks him what he wants. “I want to see,” is the response. Jesus gives him the gift of sight.

In the context, we know that those with disabilities were treated as outcasts and sinners. They were most often shunned and had to make a subsistence living by begging. By giving Bartimaeus the gift of sight, Jesus made him acceptable to the community and allowed him to find a place for himself there. A happy ending, right? Perhaps not entirely. Bartimaeus changed but the community did not.

This week Ricardo Da Silva, SJ interviewed our parishioner, Moira Eagan on the America Media podcast Preach. The episode is called “Blindness is not a curse to be broken.” I strongly recommend it to you. She points out that the premise of the gospel story is that Bartimaeus is somehow less than a full person because he cannot see and regarded as such by all including Jesus. In the historic context of the story such an outlook is understandable but not acceptable. Moira created an alternate version of the story where Jesus takes the time to engage Bartimaeus so that they come to appreciate each other as individuals and ultimately Bartimaeus becomes a follower without asking for his sight. Moira tells it better so listen to her version.

The challenge to each of us is to consider how we define wholeness and integrity as a human being. In our community we have come to understand that sexual orientation does not define a whole person, and one person’s orientation is neither better nor worse than another’s. We welcome people of all races and nationalities because we acknowledge each as a child of God. Educators have long recognized that we do not all learn in the same way but with appropriate instruction we can all reach our full potential.

So, do we recognize the integrity and wholeness of the person whose abilities are different than ours? Does a person have to have full access to the five senses and total mobility to deserve our respect and acceptance?

In a perfect world there would be universal design which is to say that all accommodations and access would automatically be present when people gather to pray, worship, sing and share their faith. Those with alternate abilities would not have to be beggars on the side of the road asking for acceptance and accommodation.

We don’t live in a perfect world, but we can strive to improve it. The first and surest way to move forward is to live out our aspirational sign; “All are welcome!” We embrace one another as a child of God, created in God’s image with the wholeness and integrity which only God’s grace can bestow.

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, Thomas Rocha, Dolores Root, Brendan Sexton, Robert Sloan.

**All prayer requests are listed for at least three consecutive weeks.
Please contact the parish office for an extension.**

THIS WEEK AT XAVIER

Xavier Mission Weekend	October 26-27	All Masses
Caregiving Ministry	Sunday, October 27	After the 11:30 AM Mass in the West Room
YA Happy Hour	Sunday, October 27	6:00 PM at Another Country on E 16th St
Young Adults Faith Sharing	Wednesday, October 30	6:30 PM in the Mary Chapel

COMING SOON

All Saints Day Masses	Friday, November 1	7:45 AM, 12:05 PM, 7:00 PM
Gay Catholics Meeting	Friday, November 1	6:30 PM in the Mary Chapel
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
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 Ministry Read	Monday, November 11	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 Eve Mass	Wednesday, November 27	7:00 PM & Reception After
Thanksgiving Mass	Thursday, November 28	10:00 AM

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

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.

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!

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.**



Are you taking Creation Care into the ballot box?

In last week's column, we indicated Creation Care is part of our calling for living out our faith as Christians, and that it is a part of the multifaceted Catholic Social Teaching developed over the last 135 years. This week, In light of the pending federal and state elections, we invite you to do a kind of Examen – this time to consider and rank the issues that inform your voting decisions.

It has long been noted that no candidate or platform fully meets the callings of Catholic Social Teaching. Yet as responsible citizens we are called to use our faith-based perspectives to discern the candidate, or platform, or party that has the “best mix” for the future, for our society, and for our planet – and then to vote based on that discernment. Pope Francis in a recent statement basically invited us all to consider multiple issues for our voting decisions.

So, what are YOUR priority issues? You might consider:

Experience and Character: track record and competence and integrity of the candidates for each position.

Social justice issues and the degree of attention to social discrimination, economic opportunity for all, educational opportunities, health, women's and minority rights, and life issues.

Care for Creation, which includes addressing the global warming and climate change crisis; caring for the poor and environmental justice for them; national and international impacts of our policies

Global matters: peace and “Great Powers” relations and rivalry; defense stances and readiness

Fiscal and economic issues: Who looks out for the common good

Crime and Law Enforcement: rule of law, justice, track record

Leadership style: creating division or creating unity; approach to the common good

The complexity – and interrelatedness – of these issues typically means that we voters focus on our “top issues”.

So, what are your top issues? We invite you to put Creation Care and care for our common home among your top issues as you discern your vote.



Xavier Young Adults Upcoming Events

Join the Young Adults for all of their upcoming events. This Sunday after the 5PM Mass, join them at Another Country on East 16th Street for Happy Hour and Trivia Night. Also, don't miss the first faith-sharing meeting on Wednesday, Oct 30, at 6:30 PM in Mary Chapel for prayer, reflection, and community. Lastly, mark your calendars for our first Contemplative Mass of the Fall on Sunday, Nov 3, at 5:30 PM in the Xavier High School Chapel. Follow them at [xavieryoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/xavieryoungadults) on Instagram for more information.

Join us for the Ministry Fair! Sunday, November 3 After the 11:30 AM Mass

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 on 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.

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.

**The India Group’s Annual
Cocktail Party**
Saturday, November 9 | 6:00 PM
500 W. 43 St., Apt. 30E.

Please Join Us 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 9th, 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) or e-mail us at theindiagroupnyc@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! Featuring... Joel Allegretti, Maria Brinkmann, John Divney, Tom Flood, Maggie Green-Freeman, Dianne Lisanti, Ralph Martin, Sam Scheidt, John Uehlein, and Miguel Zapico.

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.



Holiday Season Of Hope:
Your Chance To Make A Difference

Right now, in our city, countless neighbors are struggling to stay warm, fed, and supported. At Xavier Mission, we are witnessing a surge in need—families facing unimaginable hardships and individuals going without basic necessities. With your help, we can provide warmth to someone in the cold, food to someone who hasn’t had a hot meal in days, and hope to those who feel forgotten.

Three Ways to Spread Hope This Holiday Season:

- **Donate Men’s Clothing:** Our supply of men’s clothing is critically low.
- **Support Our “Light Up a Life” Campaign:** Every dollar you give helps us provide meals, groceries, financial assistance, and mentoring and support to those in need.
- **Volunteer Your Time:** Join us at our Welcome Table or Food Pantry.

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:MaryLennox@mhalfacre@sfxavier.org).

Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

MONDAY - FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE:
EPH 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM MICHAEL DEMPSEY (D)

TUESDAY OF THE THIRTIETH WEEK IN
ORDINARY TIME: EPH 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM GLORIA LANDORNO (D)

WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRTIETH WEEK IN
ORDINARY TIME: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30.

7:45AM MARTY PASSANTE (D)
12:05 PM WILLIAM BENSON (D)

THURSDAY OF THE THIRTIETH WEEK IN
ORDINARY TIME: EPH 6:10-20; LK 13:31-35.

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

FRIDAY - SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS:
RV 7:2-4, 9-14; Mt 5:1-12a.

7:45AM ALL SAINTS DAY
12:05PM NO INTENTIONS
7:00 PM

SATURDAY - THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Wis 3:1-9; Jn 6:37-40.

12:05PM ALL SOULS DAY - NO INTENTIONS

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

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.

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.