



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 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) - 225

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, December 7

5:00pm Vigil: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

Sunday, December 8

9:00am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30am Mass: Sam Sawyer, 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

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

**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 begin the season of Advent today. This year we are emphasizing Advent as a season of hope in anticipation of the Holy Year of Hope which begins after Christmas.

In the readings of the season, we revisit the hopes and expectations of God's people as they deepen and personalize their relationship with God and prepare to receive a Messiah who will liberate them. It is a time for us to reflect on our expectations of the season and, in particular, the kind of Messiah we are looking for.

Our consumer society blew past Thanksgiving this year and went from Halloween decorations to "Black Friday" sales. Suddenly, a one-day sales event has become three weeks of enticements to buy something because it is on sale. While gift giving is a lovely custom associated with the gifts of the Magi, we need to remember the adage: "Jesus is the reason for the season."

Despite Luke's story about the choir of angels appearing to the shepherds, the birth of the Messiah was largely unnoticed. As with migrants and refugees throughout history, the birth of a child in a makeshift shelter with only the parents to witness and welcome him is a commonplace beginning for many lives. The ordinariness of the birth of the Word Made Flesh and Dwelling Among Us is at the heart of the profound mystery of the Incarnation.

Let us spend our Advent looking for the presence of Christ in the middle of our ordinariness.

Prayer Requests

Let us especially, remember those who have asked for our prayers

Jesse Albino, Patti Adroft, Maggie Araullo, Anne and Alice Babst, Jackie Biaggi, Saleema Bibi, Lulu Byrne, Donna Chesebro, Ruth Clark, Richard Collins, 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, Tonia Hubert, Julianne Hunter, James Hurley, Hortencia Ingles, Jane Jacobus, Nelida Kilayko, Leonard La Croix, Steve Lee, 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, Arthur Samoy, 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, Sarah Anne and Joseph Gallagher, Judith Giannetto, John Githens, Jim Held, 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, Rick Sotomayer, Sarah Anne and John Vega, Jason Vermonty.

***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

First Sunday of Advent | Sunday, December 1

Healing Prayer Ministry | Sunday, December 1 | After the 11:30 AM & 5 PM Masses

Young Adults Contemplative Mass | Sunday, December 1 | 5:30 PM | Xavier High School Chapel

World AIDS Day Mass of Remembrance | Monday, December 2 | 6:30 PM

Gay Catholics Meeting | Friday, December 6 | 6:30 PM | Mary Chapel

COMING SOON

Caregiver's Collective Ministry | Sunday, December 8 | After the 11:30 AM Mass | West Room

Healing Prayer Ministry | Sunday, December 8 | After the 11:30 AM & 5 PM Masses

Young Adults Wine & Cheese Social | Sunday, December 8 | 6:00 PM | Narthex

Signs of Our Time: What's The Story? What's The Hope? | Monday, December 9 | 7:00 PM | Zoom

Catholic Lesbians Christmas Wrapping Party | Friday, December 13 | 6:00 PM | Hurtado Hall

Healing Prayer Ministry | Sunday, December 15 | After the 11:30 AM & 5 PM Masses

Young Adults Outreach with Xavier Mission | Sunday, December 15 | 12:00 - 4:00 PM | Hurtado Hall

Lessons & Carols: Breath of Heaven | Sunday, December 15 | 7:00 PM | Main Church & Online

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

Breath of Heaven: A Feast of Contemporary Lessons and Carols Sunday December 15 | 7:00 PM Main Church & Online

Followed by our legendary Cookie Reception

Featuring the Xavier Choir, the Xavier Campanologists (Bells), the Xavier Players including string quartet, the Xavier Dancers and Lectors from the congregation. Presenting music by Haydn, Josquin, Holst, with a special rendition of the Holiday Favorite "Breath of Heaven" and the much looked forward to Christmas Carols: Angels We Have Heard on High, What Child is This, Good King Wenceslaus, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, I Saw Three Ships and more! Ring in the season with the unique SFX Lessons and Carols. For more information or to donate cookies for the reception call John Uehlein at 646-573-0099. Admission is Free!

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 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.**

Call for Christmas Cookie Bakers!

Calling all bakers! We need 30 volunteers to bake 2 dozen cookies or treats for our Lessons and Carols: Breath of Heaven program on Dec. 15 at 7 PM. Enjoy your goodies alongside beautiful carols like "Angels We Have Heard on High." To help, email John Uehlein at juehlein@sfxavier.org or call 646-573-0099. Start softening up the butter!!!!

Young Adults Contemplative Mass Sunday, December 1 | 5:30 PM XHS Chapel

Join us on the First Sunday of Advent for our Contemplative Mass! December 1 at 5:30pm in the Xavier High School Chapel. You can find us on Instagram at [xavieryoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/xavieryoungadults) for more information.



Presentation and Dialogue
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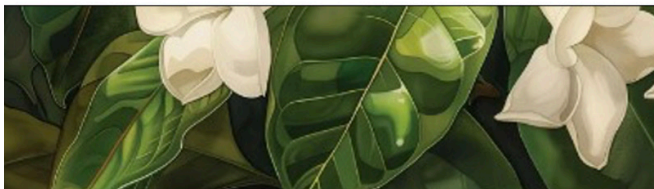
**Pedro Walpole S.J., Founder and Director of
EcoJesuit**

*Fr. Walpole is an Irish Jesuit who has worked for years with
indigenous communities in the Philippines.*

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

6:30 socialize; 7:00 program starts
St. Francis Xavier Church, Mary Chapel

- ❖ The Catholic call to respond to the biodiversity and climate crisis.
- ❖ Integral Ecology: the vision of the Jesuit ecology network, EcoJesuit.
- ❖ A collaborative approach to working with marginalized indigenous populations that honors local culture and develops local leadership.
- ❖ How does Fr. Walpole's work with the rural indigenous communities relate to our work on integral ecology.



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**World AIDS Day Mass
of Remembrance**

Monday, December 2 | 6:30 PM

On December 2nd, St. Francis Xavier will join the world in commemorating World AIDS Day, renewing our commitment to prevent HIV, support those living with it, and honor the lives lost. This year's theme, "Collective Action: Sustain and Accelerate HIV Progress," emphasizes the need for continued dedication to HIV prevention and care.

**"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**



**Annual Census & Registration Drive
Weekend of December 7/8**

We will hold our Annual Census & Registration drive at all Masses the weekend of December 7th & 8th. Come and be counted among our beloved community!

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.

Caregiver's Collective Ministry
Sunday, December 8 | After 11:30 AM
Mass | West Room

The next meeting of the Caregiver's Collective Ministry is on Dec. 8 after the 11:30 Mass to 1:45 pm. in the West Room. Please join us for sharing and support, coffee and donuts. We look forward to seeing you. For more information, please contact us at msr1@nyu.edu.

Signs Of Our Time:

What's The Story? What's The Hope?

Monday, December 9 | 7:00 PM | Zoom

The Racial Justice Group and Ability Xavier will welcome Creighton University biblical scholar Susan Calef, PhD, for an interactive program exploring "Signs of Our Time: What's the Story? What's the Hope?" Reflect on trends, hope, and the good news we can bring. Space is limited for this free event. **Register by Wed, Dec. 4 at sfxracialjusticegroup@sfxavier.org**. Handouts and the Zoom link will be sent on Fri, Dec 6.

**"The Women Who Wrote
The Bible"**

**An 8-week Hybrid Course with
Lizzie Berne DeGear, PhD**

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM,

January 8 to February 26, 2025

**In person at Church of St. Francis Xavier
Lectures and materials online through
People's Catholic Seminary**

Enroll at

<https://pcseminary.teachable.com/p/pcs-311x>

\$160. To receive or sponsor a scholarship, contact TheWomenWhoStayed@sfxavier.org

ABOUT THE COURSE: Yes! In fact women did write parts of the Bible. In this course, we will peel back the invisibility cloak that has hidden women's authorship from us. Focused mostly on the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, we will discover and delight in women's voices in Scripture. Along the way, we will become more savvy about the centuries-old patriarchal techniques that have worked hard to silence their—and our—power and truth.

ABOUT THE TEACHER: Lizzie Berne DeGear is a chaplain and Bible scholar, who is excited to share these surprising discoveries with you. View her six-minute animated short film on Adam and Eve: (m)adam: Adam's Rib Reframed

**Catholic Lesbians & Friends—
All Are Welcome!**
**22nd Annual Christmas
Wrapping Party**
Friday, December 13 | 6:00 PM
Hurtado Hall

Make a child smile on Christmas Day! E-mail SFXWrap@gmail.com for the name and age of one (or more) from STEPS to End Family Violence, Project Hospitality, Life Experience & Faith Sharing, or Community Voices Heard. Bring your brand-new gift (up to \$25), wrap it with friends, and partake of pizza, homebaked cookies, and beverages. Ho! Ho! Ho!



**Extending the Table: Carrying
the Spirit of Generosity Through
December**

As we reflect on the gratitude and abundance of Thanksgiving and move into the holiday season, let us consider how the joy and compassion of this special day can inspire us throughout December. While many of us gather with loved ones around tables filled with food, there are countless neighbors who face empty plates and uncertain tomorrows—not just on Thanksgiving but every day of the year.

Behind these struggles are stories of resilience: families striving to overcome hardships, veterans searching for stability, and children daring to hope for brighter days. The holiday season offers us an opportunity to act on the spirit of giving, extending kindness and connection to those who need it most.

By supporting Xavier Mission's holiday campaign, you can help ensure that no neighbor feels forgotten during this season of joy. Your generosity doesn't just fill plates; it fills hearts with a sense of community and belonging. As December unfolds, let us carry forward the gratitude of the season sharing its abundance and hope, ensuring that everyone feels uplifted and cared for.

This year, let's extend the table of compassion, not just for a day, but for the entire holiday season. Let's transform lives, one act of kindness at a time.



Scriptures & Announced Masses

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

JER 33:14-16; 1 THES 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36.

MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT:

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11.

7:45AM ROBERTA HUNT BERRY (D)

12:05 PM OWEN MAHONY (D)

TUESDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS

XAVIER: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05 PM STEPHEN WALDROP (D)

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT:

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37.

7:45AM ROBERT SLOAN (D)

12:05 PM JOHN GRAMAS (D)

THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT:

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM GLORIA LANDORNO (D)

FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT:

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM TERRY O'LEARY (D)

SATURDAY - MEMORIAL OF SAINT AMBROSE:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.

12:05PM CLAIRE LAVALLE (D)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

BAR 5:1-9; PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6.

**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, Imdiaz@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. For more info please contact: teresaherronzamora108@gmail.com

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.