

CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION to benefit the Campaign for Charity & Justice

Parish Office Closed Friday, November 29

One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM. Please use the 15th St. Entrance.

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, November 30 5:00pm Vigil: CY Kao, SJ

Sunday, December 1

9:00am Mass: Ben Hawley, SJ 11:30am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ 5:00 PM Mass: Sam Sawyer, 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

The last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Feast of Christ the King, is celebrated this weekend. It sets us up for Thanksgiving this Thursday and the First Sunday of Advent next week. The holiday season is upon us.

The focus this week is on Thanksgiving Day, and it is time to reflect and pray over the many blessings and gifts we have and to be thankful for them. It starts with mindfulness, pausing in the midst of our hectic and even harried day to look around. On a personal level, I have been feeling a bit overwhelmed with events and workload and then, a cold. I had to pause and realize, one, it is only a cold and it will go away in two weeks, two, I'm blessed to have so many co-workers in the vineyard who assist in many ways, both apparent and hidden, lastly, I am blessed to have such a wonderful ministry and the ability to serve it when many of my contemporaries are not.

While this is a personal and, perhaps, trivial reflection on gratefulness, it is an invitation to make your own mindfulness exercise to open your eyes to the blessings and gifts which surround you.

Thanksgiving should be more than a holiday for us. It should be our attitude toward our lives.

May you and your loved ones have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving Day!

Prayer Requests

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

Jesse Albnio, Patti Adroft, Maggie Araullo, Anne and Alice Babst, Jackie Biaggi, Saleema Bibi, Lulu Byrne, Frank Cappucci, 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, Richard Helm, Tonia Hubert, Julianne Hunter, Hortencia Ingles, Jane Jacobus, Nelida Kilayko, 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

Family Faith Advent Wreath Event | Sunday, November 24 | 10:00 AM | Keenan Commons RCIA Rite of Welcoming | Sunday, November 24 | During the 11:30 AM Mass

Young Adults Happy Hour | Sunday, November 24 | 6:00 PM | Another Country on E. 16th St

Thanksgiving Mass | Thursday, November 28 | 10:00 AM

Parish Office Closed | Friday, November 29

COMING SOON

First Sunday of Advent | Sunday, December 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RCIA Rite of Welcoming

We will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens this Sunday at the 11:30 AM Mass. During this combined rite, unbaptized inquirers, baptized Catholics preparing for confirmation and Eucharist, and baptized non-Catholics preparing for full communion will be officially welcomed as disciples. The Church marks this important step in their faith journey by embracing them with the cross of Christ.

Unbaptized Inquirers:

Wilson Chan, sponsor Peter Ranello Cristina Fan, sponsor J Tuyet Nguyen Chiara Juliette-Virginia Cosentino, sponsor Kel Karpinski

Alder Ray Lewis, sponsor Kel Karpinski Hailey Elizabeth Palega, sponsor Caryl Bertolino Joshua Nathaniel Roman, sponsor José Ramón Pérez López

Michelle J. Whitaker, sponsor Luz Marina Díaz Van Thanh Vu, sponsor Luz Marina Díaz

Non-Catholic Baptized:

Crystal Fosua Appiah, sponsor Luz Marina Díaz Gianmarco Oreste Petrelli, sponsor Elijah Steven Batchelor

Jane Ann Looney Groom, sponsor José Ramón Pérez López

Edward Carter Reeves, sponsor Caryl Bertolino Patrick Marston Quinn, sponsor Peter Ranello

Catholic Baptized:

Jada Rodríguez, sponsor José Ramón Pérez López Amanda Becker, sponsor Michael Allocca Luciano Enriquez Ruíz, sponsor Michael Allocca



Xavier Young Adults Happy Hour & Trivia Night

Sunday, November 24 | 6:00 PM Another Country (E. 16th Street)

Join the Young Adults for our November Happy Hour at Another Country at 6pm! Looking forward to seeing you there. You can find them on Instagram at xavieryoungadults for more information.

Call for Christmas Cookies Bakers Unite!

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!!!!



Gratitude and Joy in and for Creation

"As we learn to give thanks for all of life and death, we find a deep joy. It is the joy of trust, the joy of faith in the faithfulness at the heart of all things. It is the joy of gratefulness in touch with the fullness of life." -David Steindl-Rast, Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer, Paulist Press, 1984.

Benedictine monk David Steindl-Rast wrote extensively about gratitude and thankfulness. As we approach the holiday of Thanksgiving, the quote above reminds us of the connection between gratitude and joy. Gratitude feeds joy, and joy feeds gratitude. Both feed faith and hope. One basis of our hope is God's deep faithfulness in sustaining Creation, as Steindl-Rast reminds.

Let us connect in gratitude for God's faithfulness – for our Earth and its peoples - even amidst the ongoing challenges to our Common Home. What part(s) of our beautiful Common Home are you grateful for?

Let the gratitude fill you. May it inspire you to participate with others in addressing challenges, such as

- climate change; sea level rise, heat, droughts, superstorms and flooding; threats to biodiversity; degradation of forests, of lands and soil; and all forms of pollution
- their effects on the poor and disenfranchised, including climate refugees.

Where does your gratitude lead you?

SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com

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.

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



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.

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.

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: **December 16** | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM **Chs. 5 & 6**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Email sfxracialjusticegroup@sfxavier.org.

"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 SFX-Wrap@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!



Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week: We Need You

Every day in our city, countless people wake up unsure where their next meal will come from or if they'll have a safe place to rest their head at night. The face of hunger and homelessness isn't always what you expect—it's a mother working two jobs to keep her family afloat, a veteran who gave everything to serve their country, or a child who dreams of stability but only knows an uncertain reality. These stories are often hidden in plain sight, masked by resilience and the hope that tomorrow will be different.

Hunger and homelessness are not just statistics—they are lived experiences of suffering and unmet potential. They are the pangs of an empty stomach, the sting of rejection at a shelter, and the isolation that comes from feeling invisible in a bustling city such as our own. Behind every struggle is a story of someone who matters, someone who deserves dignity, and someone who shouldn't have to fight this battle alone.

This week, you can transform compassion into action. By donating to Xavier Mission's holiday campaign, you can provide meals, community, and hope

to those who need it most. This holiday season, we can give our neighbors a reason to believe that they are not alone—that there is a community ready to stand beside them. Will you be part of the change?



Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY - THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: DN 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37.

Monday of the Thirty-fourth week in Ordinary Time: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4.

7:45AM AVAILABLE 12:05 PM WALTER WIEDEMANN (D)

TUESDAY OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11.

Leo & Antoinette Buongiorno (D) 12:05 PM ETHEL LABISSIERE (D)

Wednesday of the Thirty-fourth week in ORDINARY TIME: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19.

ROBERT SLOAN (D) 7:45AM **12:05 PM** James E. Gorra (D)

THURSDAY OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN Ordinary Time: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9A; LK 21:20-28.

THANKSGIVING 10:00 No intentions

FRIDAY OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN **ORDINARY TIME:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Lk 21:29-33.

Office Closed 9:00AM JOSEPH KOLLAPPALLIL (D)

SATURDAY - FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22.

12:05PM JASON VERMONTY (D)

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

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, <u>lmdiaz@</u> 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 CÓMMUNIÓN 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@

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: theresaherronzamora108@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.