



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

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, January 11

5:00pm Vigil: C-Y Kao, SJ

Sunday, January 12

9:00am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

5:00pm Mass: C-Y 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 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

We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany or Three Kings Day. According to the tradition, the Magi followed the star to find the newborn King of the Jews and offer homage.

The religious authorities in Jerusalem were quick to tell them where to look—they knew their scriptures. The major difference was that they were unwilling to follow the star, to seek and find the Promised One. Whether out of fear of the wrath of Herod or a complacent satisfaction with the status quo, they stayed home while the Magi continued their journey and fulfilled their search.

As 2025 begins, let us be searchers for the light of Christ's presence in the darkness around us. Let us live as a people of hope in the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Prayer Requests

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

Richard Helm, Michael Jalbert, Sr. Virginia O'Brien, Mike Orza, Daniel Tynan, Arthur Samoy.

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed parishoners and friends, especially:

Alfredo & Florencia de la Rosa, Ligia Enciso, Marjorie Ihrig, Glenda & Rolando Landingin, Paul Malone, Amor Panlasigui, Carlito Rapada, Arturo Salinas, Nawal Shalabi, Jason Vermonty, Douglas Vianale.

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

Pastoral Council Coffee Hour | Sunday, January 5 | After the 9:00 AM Mass

The Women Who Stayed | Sunday, January 5 | 1:00 PM | West Room

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

Young Adults Candlelight Yoga & Prayer | Wednesday, January 8 | 6:30 PM | Mary Chapel

Catholic Lesbians | Friday, January 10 | 6:00 PM | West Room

COMING SOON

Caregiver's Collective Ministry | Sunday, January 12 | After 11:30 AM Mass | West Room

Healing Prayer Ministry | Sunday, January 12 | After the 11:30 AM & 5 PM Masses

Brunch Ministry: New Year, New Hope | Sunday, January 12 | 1:00 PM | Keenan Commons

Young Adults Wine and Cheese Social | Sunday, January 12 | 6:00 PM | Back of the Church

Racial Justice Book Read | Monday, January 13 | 7:00 PM | Zoom

Adult Group Talk | Thursday, January 16 | 1:00 PM | Mary Chapel

Healing Prayer Ministry | Sunday, January 26 | After the 11:30 AM & 5 PM Masses

A Conversation with Fr. James Martin SJ on the Synod | Sunday, January 26 | 1:00 PM

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



Xavier Brunch Ministry Returns in 2025: "New Year, New Hope" Sunday, January 12 | 1:00 PM Keenan Commons

Ignite the Hope of the Jubilee Year by breaking bread in a new way: Join the next installation of Brunch Ministry January 12th at Keenan Commons after the 11:30 am Mass.

Brunch Ministry is about connection: delightful company, delicious food, and most importantly, the opportunity to deepen our relationships with each other. There's room for everyone at these tables, where we help keep the conversation flowing so that no one feels like a stranger—and who knows, your raffle ticket just might be a winner!

All are welcome but seating is limited - please be sure to RSVP to save a seat and so we have enough food and facilitators!

Scan the QR or visit www.brunchministry.us



Are you seeking a closer connection with God, exploring new spiritual practices, or discerning God's will in your life?

Join the Lay Spirits Program at The Church of St. Francis Xavier. For nearly 40 years, we've guided individuals on their spiritual journeys. Our next nine-month program begins in early 2025, offering a chance to grow alongside others on this path. For more information, email us at LayspiritsX@gmail.com.

The Women Who Stayed Sunday, January 5 | 1:00 PM | West Room

It is the eve of the Epiphany. What does the manifestation of God mean to you? 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.

A Conversation with Fr. James Martin, S.J. on the Synod Sunday, January 26 | 1:00 PM In-Person & Online

Join us for a conversation with Fr. James Martin, S.J. on his experience as a participant and voting member at the second session of the Synod in Rome.



Our Year of Hope

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis opened the doors to the **2025 Jubilee Year of Hope**. A Jubilee year, usually every 25 years, encourages us to seek a right relationship with God, with our neighbors and with the earth, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields. In keeping with the Jubilee Year of Hope, let's start 2025 with at least one environmental resolution that inspires hope.

2025 is also the 10th Anniversary of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, and we will be celebrating the encyclical, engaging in advocacy, and encouraging daily practices that help restore a right relationship with nature.

Just as this Jubilee Year started, we had a New York moment of joy and hope when we learned that the day after Christmas and the first day of Hanukkah, Governor Hochul signed one of the most significant bills on climate change in the country. The bill, referred to as the “superfund” or “polluter pays” bill, requires the oil companies most responsible for climate-warming emissions to pay the state \$75 billion over 25 years - \$3B a year – as restitution for the effects of climate change by creating a Climate Change Adaptation Cost Recovery Program. It is a restorative bill.

The bill had been approved by both the NY Senate and Assembly, but the governor waited until December 26, just a few days before the year-end deadline, to sign it.

Why did she finally sign? Advocacy. Pressure from legislators. Pressure from environmental activists who peacefully engaged in rallies around the Christmas tree inside the NY State Capitol building. Let's make this Jubilee Year one of hope for our future generations with our actions.



Young Adults Upcoming Events

The Young Adults invite you to kick off the new year with connection and community! Follow them on Instagram @xavieryoungadults for all the latest updates.

Contemplative Mass | Sunday, January 5
5:30 PM | XHS Chapel

Candlelight Yoga & Prayer | Wednesday,
January 8 | 6:30 PM | Mary Chapel

Wine and Cheese Social | Sunday, January 12
6:00 PM | Back of the Church

Happy Hour | Sunday, January 26 | 6:00 PM
Another Country (10 E 16th Street)

Xavier Adult Group Talk Thursday, January 16 | 1:00 PM Mary Chapel

Join the Xavier Adult Group on Thursday, January 16 at 1:00pm in the Mary Chapel for an illustrated talk

WHEN MANHATTAN WAS DUTCH

Our guest speaker, the historian Joyce Gold will tell us how the Dutch of the early 17th century turned an edge of Manhattan wilderness into New Amsterdam. Although it lasted only 40 years, the colony had a profound and lasting impact on the future city of New York. From the start, people of many ethnicities filled its streets, trade and profit were paramount, and religious tolerance was the norm.

Immigrants And Refugees Welcome

St Francis Xavier is looking for volunteers to form a Migrant Ministry. We are a gifted and compassionate parish, and now more than ever our migrant neighbors need our support.

We will not be ‘reinventing the wheel’ but will tap into organizations already serving migrants and others in need. Our work will reflect our skills: advocacy, prayers, conversation, accompaniment, navigating through bureaucratic forms, trips to the border, and more.

If you are interested in learning more, members of the Parish Council will offer a Zoom briefing on January 22 at 7pm.

Email migrantministry@sfxavier.org

Catholic Lesbians
Friday, January 10 | 6:00 PM
West Room

Pope Francis declared 2025 to be a “Year of Jubilee,” which is a time of hope for the world. We are “pilgrims of hope,” and it is the perfect time to reestablish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. Together, let us sketch that out for this new year. BYOCups (cup, utensils, plate, serviette), snacks, and/or beverages. For more information, contact CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org.

Racial Justice Group Read -
The False White Gospel by Jim Wallis
Monday, January 13 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Chs. 7 & 8 & What’s Next?

Xavier’s Racial Justice Ministry welcomes all to participate in a read for this election season & beyond. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Email sfxracialjusticegroup@sfxavier.org.**

A Bible Study for
Extraordinary Times
Wednesday Evenings in
January and February

The space between the Christmas season and Lent is known as “ordinary time.” But moving into 2025, many of us refuse to accept these times we live in as ordinary. Please join The Women Who Stayed for an eight-week Bible study for extraordinary times. Lizzie Berne DeGear, PhD, Bible study teacher at Xavier from 2002 to 2019, will introduce us to her work with the ancestral women who wrote the Bible. We will peel back the invisibility cloak that has hidden them from our sight, and we will listen to their wise and powerful voices as we find our own.

We will meet in person at the Church of St. Francis Xavier for eight Wednesdays, January 8 through February 26, 2025, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This course is based on Lizzie’s online course through People’s Catholic Seminary. Participants will register for the online course—where all the materials for this study are available—and then gather in the main church once a week to process the material together and to develop our own way forward for ourselves and our beloved communities.

Register at <https://pcseminary.teachable.com/p/pcs-311x>. Contact TheWomenWhoStayed@sfxavier.org with any questions.

Caregiver’s Collective Ministry
Sunday, January 12 | After 11:30 AM Mass
West Room

The next meeting of the Caregiver’s Collective Ministry is on Jan 12 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.

It’s the New Year! Let’s dream and play, giving God the space to enter our lives and to refresh and replenish us!

Join us, here at Xavier, on Saturday morning, **February 1st at 10:00 AM with Fr. Kevin O’Brien SJ** Join Fr. Kevin O’Brien, SJ, as he shares insights from his book *Seeing with the Heart: A Guide to Navigating Life’s Adventures*. Drawing on personal stories, St. Ignatius, and wisdom from storytellers, he’ll explore living with faith and heart. For details or to register, email ISEL@sfxavier.org or scan the QR code.



Gratitude, Hope, and a Magical Night Ahead

As we look back on this winter and holiday season, our hearts are full of gratitude for the incredible support you’ve shown. At Xavier Mission, we are reminded time and again that the real magic in our neighbors’ lives is found in empathy—the kind that changes lives one moment, one connection, and one act of kindness at a time. And it is your compassion and generosity that make this magic possible every single day.

With spring on the horizon, we are delighted to share the details of this year’s much-anticipated dinner dance:

A Night of Magic
Saturday, March 29, 2025
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

We hope you will join us for this extraordinary evening as we come together to celebrate the power of community, empathy, and transformation. It will be a night filled with joy, inspiration, and the collective magic we create when we stand together for our neighbors in need.

Please save the date—we can’t wait to see you there and will share more details with you soon.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

Ongoing Parish Happenings

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:

ISAIAH 60:1-6; EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6;
Matthew 2:1-12.

MONDAY- MONDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:

1 JOHN 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25.

7:45AM ANN FERRY-RILEY (D)

12:05 PM AVAILABLE

TUESDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:

1 JOHN 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44.

4:00PM AVAILABLE

11:00 PM PETER C. CASTELLOTTI SR. (D)

WEDNESDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:

1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52.

9:00AM FLORA GENTILE (D)

11:30 PM MARTHA RUFINO (D)

THURSDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:

1 JOHN 4:19-5:4; LUKE 4:14-22.

9:00AM AVAILABLE

11:30 PM ROBERT CULTPEPPER (D)

FRIDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:

1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM SAM RAMOS (L)

SATURDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:

1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30.

12:05PM RODRIGO LEON (D)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

ISAIAH 42:1-4, 6-7; ACTS 10:34-38;
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

**YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR
YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING
THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.**

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 John Regis Hollick 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: 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.