



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 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, February 8

5:00pm Vigil: Kenneth Boller, SJ

Sunday, February 9

9:00am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

11:30am Mass: Kenneth Boller, 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](https://www.instagram.com/sfxaviernyc).**

THIS WEEK AT XAVIER

Young Adults Contemplative Mass | Sunday, February 2 | 5:30 PM | Xavier High School Chapel

Young Adults Candlelight Yoga and Prayer | Wednesday, February 5 | 6:30 pm

COMING SOON

Healing Prayer Ministry | Sunday, February 9 | After the 11:30 AM & 5 PM Masses

Caregiver's Collective | Sunday, February 9 | After 11:30 AM Mass | West Room

Catholic Lesbians | Friday, February 14 | 6:00 PM | Mary Chapel

Young Adults Xavier Mission Outreach | Sunday, February 16

Mass Class | Sunday, February 16 | 9:00 AM | Xavier High School Chapel

Racial Justice Minstry Read: *The New Jim Crow* | Monday, February 17 | 7:00 PM | Zoom

Migrant Ministry | Wednesday, February 19 | 7:00 PM | Zoom

Healing Prayer Ministry | Sunday, February 23 | After the 11:30 AM & 5 PM Masses

Young Adults Happy Hour | Sunday, February 23 | 6:00 PM | Another Country (10 E 16th Street)

Young Adults Faith Sharing | Wednesday, February 26 | 6:30 PM Mary Chapel

The Women Who Stayed | Sunday, March 2 | 1:00 PM | West Room

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

Prayer Requests

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

George Leslie Berry, Paul Cali, Darcy Crum, Dave Finson, Bill Gibson, Sr. Virginia O'Brien,
Mike Orza, Larry Ruth.

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

Jennifer Carter, Dave Finson, Joyce Foley, Roger Hamilton, Marilyn Hoffman, John McVean OFM,
Amor Panlasigui, Stephen J. Stritch, Jr., Belen Veles.

***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.

Young Adults Upcoming Events

The Young Adults invite you to join them in connection and community! Follow them on Instagram @xavieryoungadults for all the latest updates.

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5:30 PM | XHS Chapel

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Announcement on Financial Integrity Hotline

The Archdiocese of New York takes stewardship of your donations seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct, report your concerns via a toll-free hotline at 877-820-0541 or on the internet at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day.

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.

Migrant Ministry Know Your Rights

All people in the U.S., regardless of immigration status, have constitutional rights. ILRC's Red Cards provide essential information to help assert those rights in challenging situations. Scan the QR Code to learn more.

Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm. For the link, please RSVP migrantministry@sfxavier.org.



From Age to Age: Season 2 Coming Soon!

The From Age to Age podcast, created by our parish's Oral History Ministry, returns for a second season of inspiring stories from our vibrant and diverse community. This season features voices from parishioners young and old, including a teen turned teacher, a sister who led outreach during the AIDS crisis, and a parishioner involved in seven ministries.

New episodes will be released soon! Missed Season 1?

You can still listen to last year's stories of faith, resilience, and community here by scanning the QR Code.





Trees of Life

Starting this month, and continuing through Pentecost and the Season of Creation, the Environment Ministry is initiating a tree/forest campaign. We have a number of reasons for this:

- 1) Almost three years ago at Pentecost, we planted the living trees in front of the church as our parish's symbol for our 3-year Laudato Si' Action Plan, LSAP. We will celebrate our 3-year effort this Pentecost.
- 2) This year, we are also celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical: "Laudato Si': Care for our Common Home." We want to do something big!
- 3) Just those two anniversaries make us want to have a campaign that will energetically reduce our congregation's greenhouse gas emissions – as a parish and as individuals.
- 4) Why a forest and tree campaign? Trees are carbon sinks for CO₂, one of three main greenhouse gases. Global deforestation is one of the major contributors – about 10% - to the emissions that cause global warming.

In an urban context such as ours, trees form canopies that provide shade, cooling and beauty. Some urban neighborhoods – notably lower income ones – have no or few trees and are "urban heat islands" and are about 10 degrees hotter than the neighborhoods with tree canopies, which is an environmental justice issue.

We are lucky to be in a city that is paying attention to all of this, and we intend to collaborate with the city's efforts and with state legislation to help make the city greener and make our parish's contribution to lowering greenhouse gases greater! Join our efforts to help us make that happen!

Look for more information in weeks to come. Email us at SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.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 February 9 and 23, March 9, 16, 23, and 30.** 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.**

Mass Classes Return at SFX

As a part of Eucharistic Revival during 2024, Mass classes were held simultaneously with regular Masses in the Xavier High School Chapel at 30 West 16th Street. These classes were well received, so they will resume in 2025.

A Mass class is a celebration of Mass that includes an explanation of its various parts. Throughout the Mass, the priest takes the time to explain essential elements of each part of the celebration, including the Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, and Concluding Rites, as well as relevant liturgical-related information such as liturgical year, liturgical colors, vestments, etc. At certain moments of the Mass, the presider will invite the attendees to pose questions regarding the liturgy. This helps participants to understand better and appreciate our Catholic liturgy.

The Mass class schedule for 2025 is as follows:

Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 9AM
Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 11:30AM
Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 5PM
Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 5PM

Please join us for this prayerful experience. Pre-registration is not required to attend Mass class, just join us in the Xavier High School Chapel on the 2nd floor.

Caregiver's Collective

**Sunday, February 9 | After 11:30 AM Mass
West Room**

Are you coping with the care of a family member, friend, neighbor, or other loved one? Please join us for sharing and support, coffee and donuts. We look forward to seeing you. For more information, please contact mrs1@nyu.edu.

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, February 14 | 6:00 PM
Mary Chapel**

As a Valentine to our ministry and care for the environment, artist Amelia will revisit Pope Francis's *Laudato si'*, with projects and discussion for a new political era. BYO cups (cup, utensils, plate, serviette), snacks, and/or beverages. For more information, contact CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org.

Racial Justice Ministry Read - *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander

Xavier's Racial Justice Ministry welcomes all to participate in a read of one of the *New York Times'* 100 Best Books of the 21st century.

Join our monthly Zoom discussions on the following Mondays:

**February 17 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Introduction & Ch. 1**

**March 10 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Ch. 2**

**April 7 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Ch. 3**

**May 12 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Chs. 4 & 5**

**June 9 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Ch. 6**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

Email sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org

Lived and Imagined Chinatowns: Stories in the Making of America Tuesday, February 11 | 1:00 PM Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

Please join the Circle of Friends at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, in coordination with the Museum of the Chinese in America to celebrate the rich history and contributions of the Chinese in America through an exploration of Chinatown, its function and symbolism. To register, RSVP at silcircleoffriends@gmail.com.

The Women Who Stayed Sunday, March 2 | 1:00 PM West Room

"Sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of God, knowing that in the Holy One your labor is not in vain." It is the last Sunday of ordinary time before the season of Lent. Add your voice to a spiritual conversation for women who choose to stay in the Roman Catholic Church.

1st round: 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. Ask a question, or look for clarification.

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



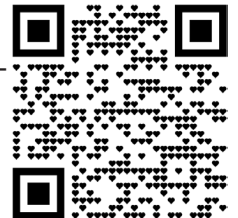
Make a Resolution That Sticks

As January comes to a close, many of us are already reflecting on those ambitious New Year's resolutions. While some may have fizzled out, it's not too late to make a new one—one that can truly make a difference.

This year, why not commit to something meaningful and lasting? Volunteering with Xavier Mission offers a chance to connect with your community, uplift those in need, and be a source of hope for those facing difficult times. Whether you can give a few hours or make it a regular part of your routine, your time and efforts will have a lasting impact on the lives of others.

From serving meals and distributing clothing to helping neighbors access critical resources, Xavier Mission offers a variety of ways to get involved. Each volunteer experience is an opportunity to bring light and compassion into the lives of others—and your own.

It's never too late to make a resolution that sticks. Join us in making 2025 a year of kindness, service, and connection!



Scriptures & Announced Masses

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:
MALACHI 3:1-4; HEBREWS 2:14-18;
LUKE 2:22-40 OR 2:22-32.

MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY
TIME: HEBREWS 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20.

7:45AM YANKELENE PORTELLO (L)
12:05PM MICHAEL LAMPROPOULOS (D)

TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY
TIME: HEBREWS 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY - MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGATHA:
Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6.

7:45AM STEVEN STRITCH JR. (D)
12:05PM MARGARET CORR (D)

THURSDAY - MEMORIAL OF SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS: HEBREWS 12:18-19, 21-24;
MARK 6:7-13.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM LUCY HAUTIER (D)

FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY
TIME: Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

SATURDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY
TIME: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21;
Mark 6:30-34.

12:05PM ROSE SCHULTZ (D)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME:
ISAIAH 6:1-2A, 3-8; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11;
LUKE 5:1-11.

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 in praying and reflecting on the Sunday readings using a Lectio Divina model. Saturdays from 10am to 11am Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3UsoMJC>

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1995, 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. SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com

FAMILY FAITH: Religious Education Program for children prekindergarten-12th grade. Sessions for parents/guardians are provided. Contact 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 those in local proximity to Xavier. Contact John Regis Hollick, Homeboundcommunion@sfxavier.org. To arrange for Sacraments of Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, call parish office.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE: We offer spiritual direction, conversations, and retreats. ISEL@sfxavier.org

LAUDATO SI ACTION PLAN (LSAP): Implements the message of Laudato Si. LSAP@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 God's Word 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. xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com

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 OUTINGS: Periodic gatherings with parishioners. Xoutings@sfxavier.org

XAVIER ROSARY PRAYER MINISTRY: Encourages praying the rosary to deepen one's devotion and relationship with Jesus through his beloved Mother. sfxrosary@sfxavier.org

XAVIER YOGA: Meets Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm. on the altar through June 24, 2025. (No classes held 1/28/25, 2/18/25, 4/15/25, 4/29/25, 5/6/25 and 6/3/25.) Open to all levels and abilities. theresaherronzamora108@gmail.com

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 youthministry@sfxavier.org

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul, schubertnyc@gmail.com