



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit Xavier Misison

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 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](http://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 18**

5:00pm Vigil: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

**Sunday, January 19**

9:00am Mass: C-Y Kao, SJ

11:30am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00pm Mass: Steve Pugliese, 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](mailto: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](http://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**

This week, our country celebrated the life of Jimmy Carter. Eulogies and testimonies, including two from deceased leaders Gerald Ford and Walter Mondale, might be summed up in two characteristics: Jimmy Carter was a man of faith and a thoroughly decent human being. His one hundred years of life were largely dedicated to serving others in the military, in government office, as a humanitarian and a Sunday School teacher. As a man of great perception and rooted in Gospel values, he spoke out especially where matters of justice were concerned. That did not make him popular with his successors, but made him, at times, “the voice in the wilderness.”

With the feast day of the Baptism of Jesus, we conclude the Christmas season and begin ordinary time. In 2025 we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. Let us use the example of Jimmy Carter and so many other people of faith to inform our actions and decisions in the light of the Gospel this year. As pilgrims of hope we can make a difference for our world.

### **Prayer Requests**

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

Lala Royo Buan, Darcy Crum, Dave Finson, Bill Gibson, Michael Jalbert, Sr. Virginia O'Brien,  
Mike Orza, Larry Ruth, Daniel Tynan.

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

Ligia Enciso, Dave Finson, Marilyn Hoffman, Marjorie Ihrig, Paul Malone, Patti Tycenski Mastro,  
John McVean OFM, Amor Panlasigui, Carlito Rapada, Mimi Noi Royo, Arturo Salinas, Nawal Shalabi,  
Belen Veles, 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**

**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: When Manhattan Was Dutch** | Thursday, January 16 | 1:00 PM | Mary Chapel

## **COMING SOON**

**Parish Office Closed** | Monday, January 20

**Employment Support Group** | Tuesday, January 21 | 6:30 PM

**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](https://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](http://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](mailto:LayspiritsX@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:msr1@nyu.edu).

### **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](mailto:sfxracialjusticegroup@sfxavier.org)**



## Resolve to Make a Difference in 2025

*"I have one life and one chance to make it count for something. My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference."*

- Former US President Jimmy Carter

As we continue into the new year 2025, may the words of Jimmy Carter, and our faith, inspire us to resolve to make a difference for our common home and for each other.

We can make a difference in many ways -- with our behavior, by our advocacy, by education, and our spiritual practices. We invite you to resolve to make a difference for the earth and the poor in 2025 in each of these areas.

We mentioned last week that 2025 is the Jubilee Year of Hope. It is also the **tenth anniversary of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, *On Care for Our Common Home*** as well as the creation of the *Laudato Si'* Movement of which we have been a part.

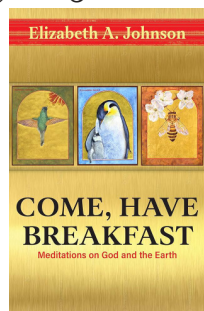
As we go through the year seeking to make a difference, we will offer ideas for bringing *Laudato Si'* to life in our daily routines. For now, let's try to be mindful of the earth and the poor with our New Years' resolutions... and with them, make a difference!

### Three-session Online Conversation on Come Have Breakfast: Meditations on God and Earth By Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ

Mondays, 6:30 – 7:45 pm on the following dates:  
Jan 27, 2025, Feb. 10 and Feb. 24, 2025.

Event Planners:  
Sr. Catherine Darcy, Sr. Carol De Angelo, SC,  
Sr. Alice Marie Giordano

To register, email Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement:  
MNYCCM@gmail.com



### 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.

**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)

### 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 January 12 and January 26**. 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.**

**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.

**Employment Support Group**  
**Tuesday, January 21 | 6:30 PM**

The Employment Support Group is starting 2025 with a meeting on Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 PM. We will be welcoming new members and leaders to bring ESG into the new year and beyond. Please join us . . . as we meet you where you stand to share and care for your goals. We give advice, skills assessment, and networking opportunities through discussions for those who could use some help with gaining employment, improving their work situation, and seeking opportunities to explore new career paths. Please contact Katherine at [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto:krcoff5th@netzero.com) with any questions.

**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.***

***For the link, please RSVP***  
***migrantministry@sfxavier.org***

**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.

**Spend a Morning with**  
**Fr. Kevin O’Brien, SJ**

**Saturday, February 1 | 10:00 AM**

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](mailto:ISEL@sfxavier.org) or scan the QR code.



**XAVIER MISSION**  
WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

**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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

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

### MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY

TIME: HEBREWS 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05 PM AVAILABLE

### TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY

TIME: HEBREWS 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28.

7:45AM LEO + ANTOINETTE BUORNGIORNO  
(D)

12:05PM PETER C. CASTELLOTTI SR. (D)

### WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY

TIME: Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM PHILIP SMITH (D)

### THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY

TIME: HEBREWS 3:7-14; MARK 1:40-45.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM AVAILABLE

### FRIDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY:

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM JOHN JOE KEARNS (L)

### SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY

TIME: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17.

12:05PM WALTER PIASECZNY (D)

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

ISAIAH 62:1-5; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11;  
John 2:1-11.

**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](mailto: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/3Us0MJC>

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS:** Ministry since 1993, meets monthly [CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org](mailto:CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org) or (929) 333-5011.

**EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com).

**LAUDATO SI ACTION PLAN (LSAP):** Implements the message of Laudato Si. [LSAP@sfxavier.org](mailto:LSAP@sfxavier.org).

**FAMILY FAITH:** Religious Education Program for children pre-kindergarten -12<sup>th</sup> grade. Sessions for parents/guardians are provided. Contact DRE Luz Marina Diaz, [imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:imdiaz@sfxavier.org).

**GAY CATHOLICS:** Men meet in a caring and affirming environment monthly. [GayCatholics@sfxavier.org](mailto:GayCatholics@sfxavier.org).

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** We pray for spiritual, emotional, and/or physical healing. [HPM@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](mailto:Homeboundcommunion@sfxavier.org). To arrange for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.

**IGNATIUS SPIRITUALITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE:** We offer spiritual direction, conversations, and retreats. [ISEL@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@sfxavier.org).

**XAVIER ADULT GROUP:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. [xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:theresaherronzamora108@gmail.com)

**XAVIER OUTINGS:** Periodic gatherings with parishioners. [Xoutings@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:youthministry@sfxavier.org).

**ZEN MEDITATION GROUP:** Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact Peggy & Paul at [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com).