



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025

**Parish Office Closed**  
**Monday, January 20**  
**One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM**  
**Please use 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](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 25**  
5:00pm Vigil: Kenneth Boller, SJ

**Sunday, January 26**  
9:00am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ  
11:30am Mass: C-Y Kao, SJ  
5:00pm 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](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**

When I look on the devastation caused by the wildfires in the Los Angeles area, I am moved with compassion but also humbled and intimidated by the power of the wind-driven fires.

As a *Laudato Si* parish, working to bring healing to the planet in the face of human caused climate change, we recognize the “perfect storm” at work in Los Angeles: climate change induced draught conditions, seasonal Santa Ana winds and overdevelopment leading to the vulnerability of different neighborhoods to these wildfires.

As compassionate Christians, we empathize with the devastating losses of lives, homes and treasured memories which the victims have suffered, and we will reach out to help them in their hour of need. We encourage you to donate to Catholic Charities LA. You may choose “Disaster Relief Fund-Wildfires 2025” in the designation box at: <https://catholiccharitiesla.org/donate/> or you may contribute to a special donation box in the rear of the church.

Our contributions will provide immediate and short-term relief for the victims. For the longer term and bigger picture, we must continue to raise awareness of the causes of climate change and take practical steps to mitigate climate change in our area and work for better policies to address the long-term issues of climate destruction.

Our reading from the letter to the Corinthians today reminds us that there are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit. So too, there are a variety of steps to be taken but the same goal: to bring healing to Mother Earth.

## **Prayer Requests**

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

Lala Royo Buan, 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:***

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**

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

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

**Migrant Ministry Informational Meeting** | Wednesday, January 22 | 7:00 PM | Zoom

## **COMING SOON**

**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

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

**Organist Stephen Hamilton & The Xavier Dancers** | Tuesday, January 28 | 6:00 PM | Main Church

**Spend a Morning with Fr. Kevin O'Brien, SJ** | Saturday, February 1 | 10:00 AM | Main Church

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

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

**Visit [sfxavier.org/events](https://sfxavier.org/events) to learn more about all upcoming events and activities!**

### **Employment Support Group**

**Tuesday, January 21 | 6:30 PM | Parlor**

The Employment Support Group 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.



### **Organist Stephen Hamilton & The Xavier Dancers**

**The Union of  
Organ and Dance  
Tuesday, January 28**

**6:00 PM**

Join us for a captivating evening as organist Stephen Hamilton collaborates with the Xavier Dancers in an inspiring blend of music and movement on Tuesday, January 28 at 6PM in the Main Church.

### **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 Zoom link, please RSVP  
[migrantministry@sfxavier.org](mailto:migrantministry@sfxavier.org)**



**A CONVERSATION  
ON THE SYNOD WITH  
FR. JAMES MARTIN, S.J.**

**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.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Stewardship News

*“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)*

In today’s second reading St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan? How are you as a **Steward** helping to build God’s kingdom here on earth? Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). In **Stewardship**, God has given each of us different gifts. Let’s be thankful for the gifts God has given us and generously share them with others. Perhaps at the start of this New Year you might resolve to find more ways to share your unique skills and talents so that your special strengths will make a difference in this world.

We want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support Xavier throughout last year. We are also grateful for your support during the Christmas season. Whether you gave your time to serve during the liturgies or share your musical talents or volunteer to decorate the church or share your financial blessings with the parish...or a little bit of everything, we want you to know it is greatly appreciated! Thank you. Our Christmas collection of \$83,610 exceeded our budget of \$75,000 and last year’s total of \$73,866. We received \$3,564 for Christmas flowers compared to \$4,312 last year. Also, we received \$88,850 in end of year gifts compared to \$94,414 last year. It is only through your gifts can we make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

We are pleased to report that we finished the first quarter with an operating surplus of \$236,298 versus a budgeted surplus of \$95,317 and compared to a surplus of \$216,047 last year. During the quarter we also had \$36,223 in capital expenditures not included in our operating results. The favorable results are due primarily to higher interest income combined with lower repairs & maintenance, administrative, and music ministry program, and other program expenses.

### First Three Months Revenues and Expenses Ending November 30th

	This Year			Last Year
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual
Support	\$ 781,025	\$ 724,041	\$ 56,984	\$ 729,044
Expenses	\$ 544,727	\$ 628,724	\$ (83,998)	\$ 512,997
<b>Net Support Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 236,298</b>	<b>\$ 95,317</b>		<b>\$ 216,047</b>

**Does Not Include \$36,223 in capital expenditures**

Sunday Collection Fiscal Year 2025 (Sep 2024 - December 2025)			
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Current YTD	\$ 327,377	\$ 299,332	\$ 28,045
Previous Year YTD	\$ 311,536	\$ 275,000	\$ 36,536
<b>Var vs Prev Year</b>	<b>\$ 15,841</b>		
Sunday Collection By Source			
	Actual	% of Collection	
Faith Direct	\$ 170,293	52.0%	
Collection Basket	\$ 134,593	41.1%	
Venmo	\$ 22,491	6.9%	

As stated in our Annual Report we are budgeting a \$299,481 operating surplus this year. We are hopeful that a portion of the surplus can be used to replenish the reserves that were used to fund the capital expenditures in the last three fiscal years as well as funding additional capital expenditures necessary to maintain the church and school and to enrich the life of the parish. Our goal is to continue to ensure that our parish is in a sound financial position so that it may continue to flourish. We remain dependent on your generous support in the Sunday offertory, maintenance second collection and Christmas and Easter gifts to help ensure we cover our operating and capital expenditures so that we can replenish our reserves.



## Our House is on Fire

How are we to react to the devastation in L.A.? Scientists have been warning us for over a decade that climate-induced disasters would increase as the planet's warming increases. On the one hand, we can be shocked by the devastation, and on the other, not surprised that it happened given the combination of climate-induced drought and the strong Santa Ana winds in an area covered with brush.

Economists have indicated that prevention and mitigation are less costly than disaster relief and rebuilding. And it would save lives and provide jobs if we address the causes of climate warming instead of its disastrous consequences. We need to dramatically step up our pressure on our legislators to address the cause of climate warming and make the transition off of fossil fuels happen with urgency. Short of dramatic action, we will be seeing many more climate-induced disasters. These are not "natural" disasters, but unnatural disasters.

The L.A. disaster follows smaller, similar disasters where entire towns were turned to ashes: Lahaina, Oahu, Hawaii in 2023; the Native American village of Lytton, B.C. in 2021 (one of the oldest continuously inhabited villages in North America); the small towns of Phoenix and Talent in Oregon in 2020; and the town of Paradise in northern California in 2018. This in addition to millions of acres of forests that have burned from wildfires. For the last ten years, the average area burned was the size of New Jersey and Delaware combined - EACH YEAR! Our house is burning.

Want to do something? First, donate to the LA Catholic Charities Fire Relief Fund, (see box in bulletin), and second, this is a moment to call your Congresspersons to say that we need legislation to stop climate warming....a bill that transitions us off of fossil fuels. Call now. D.C. Switchboard: 202-224-3121. Do it now while the thought is burning!

## Action on Plastic

Join us! As we continue our efforts on plastic pollution by going up to Albany with Beyond Plastics on Tuesday, Jan. 28. As last year, we'll support two bills known as the Packaging Bill and the Bottle Bill. The bus is free, we learn a lot, and get a big dose of energy from being with other advocates. Please email [sfxenvironmentministry@gmail.com](mailto:sfxenvironmentministry@gmail.com) for details.

## Catholics Charities LA: Donate to Wildfire Victims

We're a Laudato Si' parish. We're called to act with compassion for those impacted by the climate-induced fires which have impacted so many in the Los Angeles area. We encourage you to make a donation to Catholic Charities LA. You may choose "Disaster Relief Fund-Wildfires 2025" in the designation box at: <https://catholic-charitiesla.org/donate/>. You may contribute directly to the basket in the rear of the church this weekend.



## 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.

**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 26**. Come to the Mary altar space to the left of the main altar after Mass. Our trained Prayers look forward to praying with you for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing!

## Looking For More Prayers 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 Prayers 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](mailto:HPM@sfxavier.org) or to Philip Waldrop (Coordinator) by text to 973-214-6589.**

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
ISAIAH 62:1-5; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11;  
John 2:1-11.

**MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** HEBREWS 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22.

**OFFICE CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**  
**9:00 AM TOM RAINONE (D)**

**TUESDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGNES:**  
HEBREWS 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** RENATE "RENEE" NARDELLI (D)

**WEDNESDAY - DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN:**  
Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** MICHAEL CAVANAUGH (D)

**THURSDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** HEBREWS 7:25—8:6;  
MARK 3:7-12.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** NADIR ELRAHEB (D)

**FRIDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES:** Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** JENNIFER COVN CARTER (D)

**SATURDAY - FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL:** Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18.

**12:05PM** MARINO JOSEPH SANTO (D)

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
NEHEMIAH 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10;  
1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

**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](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 10am to 11am Zoom Link:  
<https://bit.ly/3UsoMJC>

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS:** Ministry since 1995, 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 contact [SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com)

**FAMILY FAITH:** Religious Education Program for children prekindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Sessions for parents/guardians are provided. Contact Luz Marina Diaz, [lmdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:lmdiaz@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 in local proximity to Xavier. Contact John Regis Hollick at [Homeboundcommunion@sfxavier.org](mailto:Homeboundcommunion@sfxavier.org). To arrange for 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](mailto:ISEL@sfxavier.org)

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

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

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