



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

*A JESUIT APOSTOLATE*

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**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit the Xavier Mission

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2019

## ***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***

Rev. Kenneth Boller, S.J. (Pastor) - 204

Rev. John Mulreany, SJ (Associate Pastor) - 206

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

Robert Choiniere (Dir. of Adult Faith Formation)-225

Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207

Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to the Pastor) — 222

Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

James Martinez (Assistant for Financial Planning)

Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201

Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221

Receptionist — 201

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

## ***Pastoral Council***

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Chair);

Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Belinda Conway

Karen DeMasi; Patrick Egan; Andrea Foley-Murphy

Michelle Jung; John Karle; Ron Oberdick;

[PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto:PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org)

## **Mission Statement**

The Church of St. Francis Xavier, a Roman Catholic parish in the Jesuit tradition, strives to be a prophetic, welcoming community, and an inclusive witness to the presence of Christ Jesus in our midst. Mindful of our utter reliance on God, and need for God's grace, we rejoice together in our celebration of the sacraments and proclamation of the Gospel.

As a people of hope, we commit ourselves through prayerful and creative discernment to respond to God in our time by: Being a respectful community Where seekers and their questions are welcomed, Where injustice is challenged, Where the poor, the alienated and the marginalized find a home, And where people are refreshed, reconciled and renewed.



## ***OFFICE HOURS***

**Weekdays:** 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

**Saturday:** 11:30 am to 6:00 pm

**Sunday:** 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

**NOTE:** for Bulletin Notices and Space Requests send e-mails to [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@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.**

## ***Next Weekend Presider Schedule***

### **Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. John Mulreany, SJ*

### **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Kenneth Boller, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Patrick Gilger, SJ*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Jesus Andaluz, Jessica Appel, Stephen Appel, Robert L. Beauchemin, Diane Blount, Mary Lou Brewis, Bertha Mercedes Cabrera, Mark Camacho, Geneva Colin, Jesús Dabu, Fr. Don Doherty, MM, Annemarie Esposito, Kathleen Friel, James Fox, Stephanie Rivera-Gamma, Ron Gamma, Juan Garcia, Karl Gold, Kenneth Harmon Sr., Dennis Hartnett, Marilyn Hendrick, Susan Hines, Luz Helena Nauzán, Jim Pypelink, Frank Lavin Sr., James Levaggi, Mathew Levy, Ron Miller, Clyde Renolds, Tom Rocha III, Carlos Eduardo Rojas, Jim Schwab, Raymond and Terri Sharpe, Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, Carl Wassmann*

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

*Mary Alice Boller, Luis Poblete, Christopher B. Mills M.D, Toni Spinelli, John Vasquez, Albert Waszok,*

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.**

## *From the desk of Cassandra Agredo*

Hi! I'm Cassandra Agredo, the Executive Director of Xavier Mission. For those who are new to our community, Xavier Mission is the for-impact organization here at St. Francis Xavier. We say "for-impact" instead of "non-profit" because we prefer to be defined by what we DO rather than what we DON'T do. Xavier Mission has been impacting our city for the past 36 years. What began as a small group of parishioners handing out lunch bags quickly grew into a soup kitchen, food pantry, clothing room, and men's shelter. We also have programs that provide opportunities for self-sufficiency: the Life-Skills Empowerment Programs offer life-skills workshops, mentoring, and supportive services to homeless individuals and veterans; and the Financial Assistance Program assists families to pay back rent in order to prevent eviction, avoid homelessness, and maintain stability. Last year we served more than 120,000 meals at our Welcome Table and Food Pantry. We provided clothing to more than 1,200 individuals and beds to 3,500 men. Twenty-four people graduated from our LSEP Programs and we prevented the evictions of 72 families.

Every day we encounter people at the worst times of their lives. They come to us full of fear, worry, stress, and hopelessness. It can be overwhelming. It can be discouraging. But our guests don't give up, so neither do we. We answer the phone and we open the door. We listen, and we learn, and we love, no matter how hard it is, because that is what we are called to do every day. And we could not do this work without you – our supporters, volunteers, and champions!

Our Holiday Hope & Healing Campaign will begin soon. I invite all of you to join us in providing hope to the thousands of people who visit Xavier Mission. As you prepare for your holiday celebrations, we invite you to pull up a chair for one of our families too, and give the gift of a hot meal, a winter coat, a warm bed, a new path in life, or the stability of home.

Archbishop Romero said "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well." We at Xavier Mission know we can't do everything, but together – with your help – we can do something, and we can do it well.

Thank you so much, from the bottom of my heart, for your support of Xavier Mission.

# CELEBRATE WITH US THIS WEEKEND!

We're celebrating the work of Xavier Mission all weekend and we invite you to join us at one of the following events!

- **Saturday, October 5: After the 5:00pm Mass**
  - o Wine & Cheese Reception at the entrance of the church
  - o Open House in Coughlin Men's Shelter, down the block at 24 West 16th
- **Sunday, October 6: After the 9:00am Mass**
  - o Coffee & Pastries Reception at the entrance of the church
  - o Open House in Coughlin Men's Shelter, down the block at 24 West 16th
  - o Open House at Welcome Table, downstairs in Hurtado Hall
- **Sunday, October 6: After the 11:30am Mass**
  - o Coffee & Pastries Reception at the entrance of the church
  - o Open House in Coughlin Men's Shelter, down the block at 24 West 16th
  - o Open House at Welcome Table, downstairs in Hurtado Hall
- **Sunday, October 6: After the 5:00pm Mass**
  - o Wine & Cheese Reception at the entrance of the church
  - o Open House in Coughlin Men's Shelter, down the block at 24 West 16th

**We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Xavier Mission family!**

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## SAVE THE DATES!

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019:** Join us at the Gorjana jewelry boutique for a private styling event and reception! 20% of all merchandise sales that evening will be donated to Xavier Mission. It's the perfect time to pick up some beautiful holiday gifts. Champagne and refreshments will be served. You do not need to buy anything to attend! Join us for the company and lovely atmosphere. Please RSVP to Cassandra at [\*\*cagredo@xaviermission.org\*\*](mailto:cagredo@xaviermission.org).

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020:** Our annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser will be held from 7:00-11:00pm In Hurtado Hall. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of January. Stay tuned for more information, including this year's theme! (WHAT WILL IT BE?!?!)



## SEASON OF CREATION

Pope Francis has asked us to pray for the success of the “Synod on the Amazon” which will be held in Rome Oct. 6 - 27, 2019. Its theme is “Amazonia: New Pathways for the Church and for an Integral Ecology” and will focus on these topics:

**ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY:** The Amazon basin encompasses more than 35% of the South American continent within nine countries, 30–50% of the world’s flora and fauna, 20% of the world’s fresh water and 1/3 of our planet’s primary forests. But according to the UN, “an estimated one million species are under threat of extinction. Climate change and increased human intervention are driving the Amazon to a ‘point of no return’ with high rates of deforestation, forced displacement of the population, and pollution.” The rainforest is considered a huge carbon sink for the world. Many defenders of the environment and rainforest have been killed.

**INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS:** Within the Pan-Amazonian region, there are about three million indigenous people, representing about 390 different peoples and nationalities...Currently, between 70% and 80% of the Pan-Amazonian population resides in urban areas. Indigenous populations are exploited as they become victims of the changing values of the global economy, for which profit has higher value than human dignity. Pope Francis: Indigenous peoples have much to teach us...In their love for their land and their relationship with the ecosystem, they know the Creator God, the source of life.

**AGRIBUSINESS/MINING/DEFORESTATION:** The wealth of the Amazonian rainforest and rivers is being threatened by expansive economic interests i.e. indiscriminate logging in the rainforest for wood, export crops, and mining. Agro-toxins and oil spills also contaminate rivers, lakes, and tributaries.

**SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY:** There must be deep listening at this Synod, especially between the faithful and the Church authorities. One of the main points to be heard is “the cry of thousands of communities deprived of the Sunday Eucharist for long periods of time.

**THE ROLE OF WOMEN:** The exploitation of Amazonian peoples is evident in the dramatic increase in trafficking, especially of women, for the purpose of sexual and commercial exploitation. They thus lose their leadership roles in their communities’ transformation. One aim of the Synod will be to identify local pastoral experiences that can enlighten discernment for new guidelines.

Let us pray that those gathered in the Synod have the wisdom and courage to address these critical issues by taking a true ecological approach so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

### CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m West Room

*“What shall I do with you? You are a woman.”* Marina the Monk, Pelagia the Harlot, and other holy women who lived like holy men. Cato Ybarra leads the discussion on the thirty-first anniversary of National Coming Out Day. But, first, Ken Boller, SJ, the new pastor, will pay us a visit from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please bring a snack and/or beverage to share, and BYOCups (cups, utensils, plates, serviettes).

[SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com); (929) 333-5011

### JESUIT FRIENDS AND ALUMNI SUNDAY

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm Mass

Join Jesuit educated grads and friends of the Jesuits for the fifth annual Jesuit Friends and Alumni Sunday! The event will be an opportunity for alumni and friends of Jesuit schools to share our common bonds through the celebration of liturgy, followed by a reception highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community.

Liturgies are followed by receptions where participants can learn about the Ignatian programming in their area and meet program representatives.

REGISTER:

<https://www.jesuitseast.org/alumnisunday>

**Fr. John Mulreany** will lead our RACIAL JUSTICE GROUP this fall. Join us to discuss Ibram Kendi's "*How To Be An Antiracist.*" Starting **October 6<sup>th</sup>** we'll meet alternating Sundays at 3:30 in the Mary Chapel and we're planning to be active and make a difference in the racism of our country. For general information and pre-reading for the first session contact [jeprendergast@gmail.com](mailto:jeprendergast@gmail.com)

*Please join Xavier Society for the Blind for*

## **A CONVERSATION WITH FATHER JAMES MARTIN, SJ**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 P.M.**

The event will be held at Xavier High School's Keenan Commons (15th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues). A reception will follow the conversation with Fr. Martin and a Q&A session.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS**

If you're interested in being a part of the Music Ministry at St. Francis Xavier in 2019-20, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Director of Music Ministries: John Uehlein ([juehlein@sfxavier.org](mailto:juehlein@sfxavier.org) or 646-573-0099)

**THE SUNDAY 5PM SCHOLA CHOIR**

**THE XAVIER PLAYERS AT THE SUNDAY 5PM**

**INSTRUMENTAL  
MINISTRY**

**THE SFX ADULT  
CHOIR**

**THE FAMILY FAITH  
CHOIR**

**THE BELL CHOIR**



Visit

<https://sfxavier.org/news/music-ministry-seeking-new-members-1>

for more information about each opportunity.

## **SERVING TIME TOO: A MEMOIR OF MY SON'S PRISON YEARS**

(Rowman and Littlefield, 2019)

*by parishioner Patricia Dunlavy Valenti  
with Rosalind Boone Williams*

**Sunday October 20 at 1:00 in the Mary Chapel**

Rosalind's son was convicted of murder and spent sixteen years behind bars, but her love for him never faltered. She tells her story to encourage others with a loved one in prison and to enlighten those who have not experienced this sadness. This personal story, with tremendous national significance, exposes the damage that crime and punishment inflict upon those good people who stand by loved ones during and after their incarceration. Pat will talk about the evolution of this book and what can be done to support families of the incarcerated.

## **COMUNIDADES HISPANAS IGNACIANAS**

***Oración + Conversación + Acción***

***EN TODO AMAR Y SERVIR***

Las Comunidades Hispanas Ignacianas son grupos estables de adultos que se reúnen por lo menos una vez al mes para:

1. Profundizar su fe
2. Acompañarse en su camino espiritual ignaciano
3. Poner su fe en acción

Nos reunimos el tercer sábado de cada mes a partir de **Octubre 19** reunión a las 5:30 pm - misa a las 6:30 pm seguido de un convite.

Si estas interesada, comunícate con  
[Xavierlatinoministry@gmail.com](mailto:Xavierlatinoministry@gmail.com)

## **INTERESTED IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?**

Free spiritual direction is currently being offered as part of our Spiritual Director Formation Program. Interested individuals are invited to meet one to one with student-directors on a monthly basis beginning this October. For more information contact *Robert Choiniere* at [rchoiniere@sfxavier.org](mailto:rchoiniere@sfxavier.org)

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31.

### **MONDAY~FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY:** Jon 1:1-2:2; Luke 10:25-37.

7:45AM: HELEN VANBERGEN (D)

12:05PM: THERESA MARIE JOYCE (D)

### **TWENTY-SIXTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Jon 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42.

7:45AM: MAGGIE EARLY (D)

12:05PM: THE STEPHENSON FAMILY (L)

### **TWENTY-SIXTH WEDNESDAY IN**

**ORDINARY TIME:** Jon 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4.

7:45AM: JESSE GONZALES (D)

12:05PM: RICHARD MALONEY (D)

### **TWENTY-SIXTH THURSDAY IN**

**ORDINARY TIME:** Mal 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05AM: MIRIAM DENU (D)

### **TWENTY-SIXTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26.

7:45AM: ZENAIDA R. NARAG (D)

12:05AM: MAUREEN PAYNE (D)

### **TWENTY-SIXTH SATURDAY IN**

**ORDINARY TIME:** Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28.

12:05PM: DUILIO GESUALE (D)

### **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN**

**ORDINARY TIME:** 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19.

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

#### **XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**CLOTHING ROOM:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, contact  
Ann Mary: [xmClothingRoom@gmail.com](mailto:xmClothingRoom@gmail.com)

**FOOD PROGRAMS:** Every Sunday soup kitchen and  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday food pantry, contact  
Christine: [xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com](mailto:xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com)

**L-STEP:** Spring and Fall semesters,  
contact J: [xmLSTEP@gmail.com](mailto:xmLSTEP@gmail.com)

**SHELTER:** Every night, contact Jim: [xmShelter@gmail.com](mailto:xmShelter@gmail.com)

## Ongoing Parish Happenings

**ABILITY XAVIER:** Celebrating persons with  
disabilities. Contact [abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com](mailto:abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS:** Ministry since 1993, meets 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room (offsite July & August),  
[SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) (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)

**FAMILY FAITH:** Catechetical ministry for parents/guardians  
and children pre-K through 12th grade. Meets Sundays 10:00am,  
Mary Chapel. Contact Luz, [LMDiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:LMDiaz@sfxavier.org)

**GAY CATHOLICS:** Men meet in a caring and affirming  
environment on the first and third Fridays, 7pm Mary Chapel.  
Contact [sfxgcgroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgcgroup@gmail.com)

**INTERFAITH COMMITTEE:** works toward ending  
religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer,  
education and other activities. Contact Jose Ramon,  
[joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com](mailto:joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com)

**LITURGICAL COMMITTEES:** See website or  
Contact Luz, [LMDiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:LMDiaz@sfxavier.org)

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** To  
become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact James Fox,  
[sumiko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto:sumiko120@nyc.rr.com), (212) 427-5070

**PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE:**  
Examines root causes of injustice and works towards a  
more just and sustainable world. Contact Tracey Tynan at  
[xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

**SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES:** Offers spiritual programs,  
including spiritual direction. Contact Marie Bannister,  
[mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com) or Gerry Moss,  
[gerryymoss@gmail.com](mailto:gerryymoss@gmail.com)

**THE WOMEN WHO STAYED:** nurtures, empowers, calls  
forth and celebrates the emotional, intellectual and spiritual  
growth of women and men at SFX. For more information:  
[TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com](mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com)

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

**THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE:** Advocacy,  
support, and education to empower immigrants. For more  
information contact [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

**XAVIER YOGA:** Tuesdays at 6pm. Open to all levels. Contact  
[Ko\\_ko@nyyogalife.com](mailto:Ko_ko@nyyogalife.com)

**XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** Spiritual, service, and  
social activities for parishioners 20s-30s, and the young in spirit.  
We meet every 3rd Sunday of the month in the West Room after  
the 5pm mass. Contact [sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

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