



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Gen 2:9)

**First Sunday in Advent**

**March 1, 2020**

## 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

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## 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 [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.**

## Next Weekend Presider Schedule

### Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Rev. Kenneth Boller, SJ

### Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Mass: Rev. John Mulreany, SJ

11:30am Mass: Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ

5:00pm Mass: Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Jesus Andaluz, Jessica Appel, Stephen Appel, Sr. Frank Bain, Todd Bachmann, Larry Blansky, Christopher Brophy, Kathleen Fenton, Kathleen Friel, James Fox, Juan Garcia, Karl Gold, Mary Hannan, Fitsum Kassie, Mary Korba, Manny Lopez, Hector Moran, Michael Orza, Sue Rosansky, Virginia Fabro Rivera, Tom Rocha III, Jim Schwab, Raymond and Terri Sharpe, Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, Eliana Melody Thomas, Tom Uzzo, Carl Wassmann*

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

*Nadia Agaman, Mariel Brandi, John Gargan, Allison Koziol, Enrique Mariquez, Remedios Mendoza, Nancy Miller, Dr. Russell Perry, Ann Sixto Rivera, Jose Samson Jr., Maryann Sauerzopf, and Tony White*

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.**



# THE PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT STAGE STARTS TODAY

*From the desk of Luz Marina Díaz*

The Purification and Enlightenment Period is the third stage of the RCIA process. It coincides with Lent and is an intense preparation marked by prayer and study by the elect (unbaptized) and candidates (Catholic and non-Catholic Baptized) with the help of their sponsors and the RCIA team, and prayers by the parish community. This period begins with The Rite of Election and The Call to Continuing Conversion.

On March 1, at the 11:30 am Mass, the catechumens and their sponsors stand in the sanctuary to receive the community's blessing with the Rite of Sending before heading to St. Patrick's Cathedral for the celebration of the Rite of Election officiated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan. The Rite of Election celebrates God's call for men and women to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Vigil. The catechumens who, from now on, are called the Elect, write their names in the Book of The Elect.

The Call to Continuing Conversion is for non-Catholic Baptized preparing to be received into full communion in the Catholic Church or for Catholics completing their initiation through Confirmation and First Eucharist during the Easter Vigil. It will take place at 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 8th. The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion marks a time of more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation, and a more profound commitment by the candidates. The elect and the candidates will be encouraged to follow Christ with great generosity, openness, and inner freedom.

THE Xavier community supports catechumens and candidates in different ways. The RCIA team is formed by parishioners prepared to teach about spirituality, liturgy, Bible, prayer, sacraments, Church history, and doctrines using the teachings of great contemporary theologians. The sponsors are parishioners chosen by the catechumens and candidates to accompany them spiritually on the RCIA journey.

The entire Xavier community accompanies the RCIA participants through prayer and their presence at the most significant acts of the Christian initiation process such as the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome we celebrated in November 2019, the Rite of Anointing of the Catechumens that took place in February, Rite of Sending, Call to Continuing Conversion, the scrutinies that we will celebrate during Lent and the reception of the sacraments on the Easter Vigil. The catechumens and candidates can experience in a tangible way that the community accompanies them in this journey. The community becomes the visible place of faith and a point of orientation for being integrated into the body of Christ.

The community is the prime minister of the RCIA. If you are attending the 11:30 am Mass, I invite you to stop by and talk to our catechumens and candidates who sit with the sponsors and RCIA team in reserved pews in front of the sanctuary on the ambo side. A personal greeting would make the community presence in an even more tangible way.

**THIS  
WEEKEND'S  
MUSIC**



**SAVE THE DATES  
FOR CHORAL CONCERTS**

**Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm: Cecilia Chorus  
Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 8PM: Cantori  
In the main church**

*Free tickets available from John Uehlein.*



**ONLINE AUCTION IS LAUNCHED!  
ANNUAL DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER:  
SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2020**

Come to our juice joint for an evening of dinner, dancing, giggle water, and games of chance! Get all dolled up in your best flapper dress or Gatsby suit and make sure to bring plenty of mazuma for the gaming tables! Hot dawg!

Cocktails, gaming tables, dinner and dancing!

Tickets and sponsorships are now on sale!  
Bid on awesome items at the Silent Auction!  
Visit [www.xaviermission.org](http://www.xaviermission.org)

**HOOK A DAME UP!**

Do you have memberships to the opera, ballet, or theater? Maybe season tickets to the Mets, Jets or Nets? Do you have a vacation home or a connection to some awesome memorabilia?

We are looking for items for our silent auction and if you've got any of these hookups – or others that you can think of – please let us know!

All donors of auction items receive a 10% discount off the cost of their event ticket!

You can contact Cassandra at [cagredo@xaviermission.org](mailto:cagredo@xaviermission.org) or go to the event website at [www.xaviermission.org](http://www.xaviermission.org) (homepage) and submit your donation online.



**FAST. PRAY. GIVE UP YOUR ENVELOPES!**

We invite you to help us save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Xavier with consistent support and simplify your giving without the envelopes. Go Green and enroll today by visiting our parish homepage and clicking the Donate Now button or mailing in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office. If you want to stop receiving envelopes please contact Stephanie Fuentes at [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org) or (212) 627-2100 ext. 222. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Thank you for your continued support of Xavier with your time and talents as well as treasure.

**Save money! Make the SWITCH!**



SWITCH your home electricity to a renewable source! Renters can do it; co-ops can do it! Even your condo can do it. And you can save money by doing it. It's a win-win: save money and be kinder to the planet. Call it ethical energy, sun power, or God's gift!

Come find out how after the Masses on March 7 and 8. The Environment Ministry and representatives from renewable energy companies will provide information on how to switch and still have ConEd deliver your electricity. Bring your current electric bill to find out how much you can save.

The continuing **BELSHAZZAR PROJECT**  
continues with *The Cecilia Chorus* under  
the Director of *Mark Shapiro*

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm**  
**in the Main Church**

*Featuring music and poetry from Handel to rap, from  
Rossini to Johnny Cash, from Harold Rome to Lord  
Byron and Emily Dickinson. Featuring actress Kathleen  
Chalfant*

**COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
SFX DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, JOHN UEHLEIN  
OR AT THE RECEPTION AREA.**

**LEADERSHIP OF WOMEN:  
OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN  
VARIOUS FAITH TRADITIONS**

*Event sponsored by The Interfaith Committee,  
Catholic Lesbians and The Women Who Stayed*

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00pm-8:30pm Mary Chapel**

To celebrate International Women's Day designated  
by the UN Annually in March, women leaders from  
Judaism, Islam, Roman Catholic, and Presbyterian  
traditions will share their personal experiences  
leading as women.

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS**  
**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
**West Room**

"Native American Spirituality under Oppression and  
in Freedom" with Dr. M. D. Edwards. This illustrated  
talk will explore the spiritual beliefs and practices of  
the Native American peoples, such as the Ojibwa,  
Navajo, Zuni, Lakota, Kiowa, Arapaho, Paiute, and  
others. Indigenous symbols shown on clothing and  
artifacts, shamanism, myth, ritual, and gender roles  
will be examined as they occurred in traditional times  
and in the period when changes took place in response  
to the encroachment of white settlers. 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.



**Young Adults**  
CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:15 pm - 7:30 pm West Room**

In honor of Women's History month, Xavier Young  
Adults celebrates the lives of saints and holy women  
who slayed in the history of the church (we're looking  
at you, Joan of Arc). Hear stories about women of  
enormous courage who refused to back down from  
challenges and who continue to be exemplary of lives of  
great faith.

During Lent, we turn away from habits that  
diminish our spirits, and instead turn towards  
the selfless love Christ offers us. The Catholic  
tradition of not eating meat every Friday  
during Lent is a small step towards growing  
in humility and simplicity. What's more, it's a  
way of living more sustainably in our common  
home. Eating meat in itself is not a bad thing,  
but our overconsumption of meat means greater  
demands on forestland and water and rising  
greenhouse gas emissions. For instance, cattle  
ranching accounts for approximately 80% of  
deforestation in Brazil.

To protect creation and those who share it,  
consider at least one meatless day every week.  
This helps us grow in simplicity and protects our  
common home.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**AMAZON/EARTH DAY LITURGY  
WITH IGNATIAN FAMILY**

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30am Main Church**

Celebrate Earth Day and Divine Mercy Sunday with  
Cardinal Pedro Barreto, S.J. and indigenous leaders  
from the Amazon Synod. A special invitation is  
extended to all Jesuit parishes and institutions to  
celebrate in solidarity our commitment to our common  
home. Mass will be followed by coffee and a question  
and answer session with our guests.

# LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2020

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>:** *"Stations on the Margins,"* led by the Gay Catholics, Ability Xavier, Environment Ministry, Peace and Justice Committee, Prison Ministry, and the Xavier Immigration Initiative

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>:** *"Women at the Heart of Change,"* led by the Catholic Lesbians and The Women Who Stayed

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>:** *"Cries From the Border: Stations of the Cross through the Eyes of the Immigrant,"* written and led by Ann Suriano, Sponsored by the Xavier Company

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>:** *Good Friday Stations of the Cross,* organized by the R.C.I.A. Program

*All Offerings of Stations are on Friday evening at 6:30pm in the Main Church, with the exception of Good Friday, which is at 12:00 Noon in the Main Church.*

## THE DIARY OF JESUS CHRIST

### *a one god show*

The Diary of Jesus Christ has recently been discovered in a cave very near where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Bill Cain, S.J. – writer/producer of the Xavier-based Peabody Award winning TV series *Nothing Sacred* - will be presenting excerpts from his version of *The Diary of Jesus* (with notes on the translation) in two acts on Laetare Sunday – **March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Mary Chapel.**

## A LENTEN CAMINO:

### WALKING WITH TODAY'S SAINTS

*REFLECTING ON THE LIVES AND SPIRITUALITY  
OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST*

#### MARCH 1: POPE FRANCIS

PRESENTED BY FR. KEN BOLLER, SJ

#### MARCH 8: SR. THEA BOWMAN

PRESENTED BY BORETA SINGLETON

#### MARCH 15: DOROTHY DAY

PRESENTED BY DANIEL MARSHALL

#### MARCH 22: ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO

PRESENTED BY LUZ MARINA DIAZ

#### MARCH 29: REFUGEE FAMILIES IN OUR MIDST

PRESENTED BY MARIE BANNISTER & NANCY FAVA

**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 1:30 IN THE  
CHURCH. LET'S WALK TOGETHER!**

## LISTENING THROUGH LENT

*How did the Catholic Church's sex abuse crisis happen? And what, if anything, can we do to help? Hear from experts, advocates, and survivors to learn what the church can do to move forward. Because you can't fix something until you know how it's broken.*

*Join with other parishioners to listen to and discuss Deliver Us, America Media's podcast on the abuse crisis, along with host and creator Maggi Van Dorn and Sam Sawyer, SJ, who helped produce it.*

**LENTEN SESSIONS:** Sunday, 1:30 pm, West Room on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>

**GET THE PODCAST:** [americamagazine.org/deliverus](http://americamagazine.org/deliverus)

*Sponsored by parishioners and the Pastoral Council*



## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11.

### FIRST MONDAY IN ADVENT:

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Matt 25:31-46.

7:45AM JAMES NEVILLE (D)

12:05PM FRANK POPPA (D)

### FIRST TUESDAY IN ADVENT:

Isa 55:10-11; Matt 6:7-15.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05PM JOSEPH ELWOOD (D)

### FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ADVENT: Jon 3:1-10;

Luke 11:29-32.

7:45AM GEORGE DEAN (D)

12:05PM EILEEN INGLESBY (D)

### FIRST THURSDAY IN ADVENT:

Esther 13:9-14:19; Matt 7:7-12.

7:45AM HENRIETTA LOGATTO (D)

12:05PM ARICEL GARCIA (D)

### FIRST FRIDAY IN ADVENT:

Ezek 18:21-28; Matt 5:20-26.

7:45AM JOSE GALBAN (D)

12:05PM ESPERANZA BAUTISTA MACARAEG (D)

### FIRST SATURDAY IN ADVENT:

Deut 26:16-19; Matt 5:43-48.

12:05PM LIZANNE MOONEY (D)

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT:

Gen 12:1-4a; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Matt 17:1-9.

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)

#### HOLY COMMUNION MINISTRY FOR THE SICK AND

**HOMEBOUND:** Eucharistic Ministers bring Communion to  
parishioners who are sick, homebound, hospitalized, or in care  
facilities in local proximity to Xavier. *To arrange visits or to  
become a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and Homebound*, please  
contact Nick Grimaldi at [nlgny@gmail.com](mailto:nlgny@gmail.com). *To arrange for the  
Sacraments of Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, please  
call the parish office.*

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

#### LITURGICAL COMMITTEES:

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

#### 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,  
[gerrymoss@gmail.com](mailto:gerrymoss@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 6:15pm. Open to all levels. Contact  
[Ko@nyyogalife.com](mailto: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)