



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. (Eph 5:8-14)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 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

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);

Patrick Egan (Vice Chair); John Karle (Secretary)

Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Belinda Conway;

Karen DeMasi; Andrea Foley-Murphy Michelle Jung;

Ron Oberdick;

PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

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**

**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.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jesus Andaluz, Jessica Appel, Stephen Appel, Sr.,
Jeanne-Ann Bacoté, Todd Bachmann,
Larry Blansky, Frances Cousins, Kathleen Fenton,
Kathleen Friel, James Fox, Juan Garcia,
Mary Hannan, Fitsum Kassie, Mary Korba, Manny Lopez,
Hector Moran, Joshua Pizarro, Michael Orza, Virginia Fabro
Rivera, Tom Rocha III, Jim Schwab,
Raymond and Terri Sharpe, Anne Sheridan,
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, Tony 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.**



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.

From the Pastor's Desk

IN DAYS OF UNCERTAINTY (CORONAVIRUS)

Loving God, we come to you full of anxiety about what may happen in the coming days and weeks. Shower us with the peace Jesus promised to his disciples, and make us into steady pillars for those around us. In this time of uncertainty and epidemic, wake us up to the reminder that we are not alone.

Even as we are asked to keep our distance from others, help us to find ways to reach out to those who need our support. We pray especially for those whose incomes and livelihoods are threatened. For the children who will miss meals due to school closures. For those already isolated, lonely and scared. Loving God, give them your peace, and through our hands ensure they have what they need.

Sustain, strengthen and protect all caregivers. Bless them as they offer compassionate care and show selfless courage in the face of risk.

Remind us, each time we wash our hands, that in our baptism you call us to let go of our fears and live in joy, peace, and hope. Amen.

Seeing is one of our five senses which we often take for granted. Our readings for this Sunday focus on seeing from a couple of different perspectives: The prophet Samuel looks on the seven sons of Jesse to find God's choice for a new king and is reminded not to look on and judge people from a merely human point of view but too see into the heart as God does. The Gospel of John recounts the cure of the man born blind. Jesus' act of compassion dispels the notion that the blind one or the parents are guilty of sin, as many believed. When given the gift of sight the formerly blind person can see the hand of God at work while the official religious authorities only see a violation of the Sabbath.

We're all "seeing" more than we ever imagined in terms of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The immediate health risk to each of us is real. We need to take all prudent precautions and follow the directives of public health officials. Stay safe. We are beginning to see the economic impact on small businesses and hourly and "gig" workers.

As we see the changes taking place on an hourly basis, we necessarily reevaluate the essentials of our daily lives. As a people of faith, we know that we are not alone in this crisis. Our loving and gracious Creator accompanies us each moment of the day. Likewise, we are united to one another in our parish community. A number of parishioners have signed up to the Pastoral Council's initiative to connect through a phone community.

Beginning this week we are offering a variety of opportunities to meet and connect through various media platforms. As of March 18, we will be celebrating a 12:05 private mass and posting it live on the Parish Facebook page. Members of the community will be offering faith sharing options and the rosary through ZOOM. Many of our ministries will conduct their meetings through ZOOM as well. **PLEASE FOLLOW THE LIST OF OPPORTUNITIES ON THE PARISH WEBSITE.**

Let us continue to pray for and support one another today and always.



MUH MUH MUH, MY CORONA!

Ok, that might be a terrible joke but you gotta' laugh at life or else what's the point, right?? ☺

Please check our website at xaviermission.org for Xavier Mission's preparedness plan to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus on our programs.

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus situation, Xavier Mission has decided to postpone our Roaring 20s Dinner Dance Fundraiser. We will be looking to late May or June to reschedule and will let you know as soon as possible!

For anyone who has already purchased a ticket, you can either hold onto it for the postponed date, or request a refund by emailing cagredo@xaviermission.org.

Despite the postponement of the event, THE AUCTION IS STILL ON! See below for more information and put on your gear for those bidding wars!

GOT THE CORONOVIRUS BLUES? STUCK INSIDE AND NEED A DISTRACTION FROM THE NEWS?

THE XAVIER MISSION ONLINE SILENT AUCTION IS STILL LIVE!

That's right, even though we're postponing the main event, you can keep on bidding from your home or phone or wherever!

AND we're extending the bidding for a week so you've got even more time to win that bidding war you're locked in over your dream vacation!

Check out some of these awesome items:

Tickets to the Mets!
NY Philharmonic Tickets!
Fancy-schmancy home goods!
Cruises to the Bahamas! (Valid for a year, can be used for a post-corona madness vacation!)
Helicopter Tour of Manhattan!
Chess Lesson by a Chess Master!
Gift Cards to Summer Camp!
Tickets to Bon Jovi and Ringo Starr!

And more! Visit our auction page today!

ONLINE AUCTION IS LIVE!
Visit www.xaviermission.org



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You can now donate to St. Francis Xavier Church using VENMO!

Find us at: Username: StFrancisXavier-Church
Phone number: 646-596-5696

Remember to add us as a friend to facilitate future donations!

NEW USERS:

1. Download the Venmo mobile app from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Select the 'Sign Up Now' button to create an account. You will be asked to enter your name, email, cell phone number and password. **Note: a verification code is sent to your cellphone as part of the sign-up process.*
3. Add and verify your bank account information.
4. All set! Start donating using Venmo. Find us by scanning the QR code above or by searching for our username or phone number.

If you need assistance with set-up, please contact
Stephanie Fuentes, sfuentes@sfxavier.org, or Damely Tineo, dtineo@sfxavier.org

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis writes that "The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume"(204) This is why the Pope exhorts us to "to take an honest look at ourselves, to acknowledge our deep dissatisfaction, and to embark on new paths to authentic freedom" (#206).

One way to do this is to consider your shopping habits. Become a conscious consumer, asking yourself, "Do I really need this?" For instance, try alternatives like re-using old clothing, choosing locally handmade garments, buying vintage, or participating in clothing swaps with family and friends.

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15

Catholic Lesbians Friday, April 17, 6:00 p.m.--9:00 p.m. West Room

Will we meet or won't we? As COVID-19 dictates our gathering, we will keep Psalm 62:1-2 in our hearts and minds: "My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from the Creator. God alone is my rock and my salvation; God is my fortress, I will never be shaken." If we end up keeping this date, BYOCups (cup, utensils, plate, serviette) and a snack or beverage to share. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (929) 333-5011.

**THIS
WEEKEND'S
MUSIC**



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2nd Quarter Stewardship News

In these difficult and trying times we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support Xavier throughout the year. Please know that even though public masses have been cancelled for the foreseeable future and we are not gathering together here on 16th Street in the church building, we are still the church, the people of God and can practice our faith by reading the scriptures for the day, praying, watching televised or streaming masses, and caring for our elderly neighbors. We still rely on your generous support in the Sunday collection to pay staff salaries, utilities, maintenance, office expenses, and the unbudgeted expense of live streaming masses. Our three e-giving options described below provide an environmentally friendly, convenient, no cost and secure way to support the parish even if you absent from Mass for any reason. It helps us bring consistency to our cash flow and reduces the time it takes our staff to count and report cash. We hope you will set aside a few minutes today to enroll in one of these options. If you don't use one of those options, we ask that you support the parish by mailing a check to the parish office.

FAITH DIRECT



Faith Direct allows you to support our Sunday Offertory, Easter, Christmas and any other collection on a recurring basis via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card. You can enroll online by clicking the Donate Now button on the upper-right hand corner of our parish homepage or mail in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office. With online enrollment you will be able to access your account any time to view and make changes to your account information and gifts. Last month 459 families used Faith Direct to support Xavier. 54% of our Sunday offertory comes from Faith Direct.

VENMO

Our newest option to support Xavier. Find us at **Username:** StFrancisXavier-Church or **Phone number:** 646-596-5696. For new users download the Venmo mobile app from the App Store or Google Play and select the "Sign Up Now" button to create an account. You will be asked to enter your name, email, cell phone number and password. A verification code is sent to your cellphone as part of the sign-up process. Then add and verify your bank account information and you're ready to donate.



TEXT-TO-GIVE



You can now link your mobile phone number to your credit/debit card for easier giving. Text any dollar amount to (646)-681-7010 and complete the one-time registration page to enroll in the ability to text gifts to Xavier.

We finished the second quarter with a surplus of \$256,261 versus a budgeted surplus of \$280,309. The unfavorable results from budget are due to higher expenses offset partially by higher income. Higher income included weddings (\$29,000 above budget), the Sunday Offertory (\$27,000 above budget), and Donations and Bequests (\$14,000 above budget).

First Six Months Revenues and Expenses Ending February 29, 2020

	Actual	Budget	Var vs Bgt
Support	\$ 1,446,980	\$ 1,336,750	\$ 110,230
Expenses	\$ 1,190,719	\$ 1,056,441	\$ 134,278
Net Support Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 256,261	\$ 280,309	

Sunday Offertory Results-YTD February

	Actual	Budget	Variance
February	\$ 70,496	\$ 67,083	\$ 3,413
Current YTD	\$ 429,704	\$ 402,500	\$ 27,204
Previous Year YTD	\$ 402,431	\$ 422,500	\$ (20,069)
Var vs Previous Year	\$ 27,273		

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

FOURTH MONDAY OF LENT:

Isa 65:17-21; John 4:43-54.

FOURTH TUESDAY OF LENT:

Ezek 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16.

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD:

Isa 7:10-14;8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38.

FOURTH THURSDAY OF LENT:

Exod 32:7-14; John 5:31-47.

FOURTH FRIDAY OF LENT:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30.

FOURTH SATURDAY OF LENT:

Jer 11:18-20; John 7:40-53.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:

Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; John 11:1-45.

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

XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLOTHING ROOM: 2nd & 4th Sundays, contact Ann Mary: xmClothingRoom@gmail.com

FOOD PROGRAMS: Every Sunday soup kitchen and 2nd Saturday food pantry, contact Christine: xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com

L-STEP: Spring and Fall semesters, contact J: xmLSTEP@gmail.com

SHELTER: Every night, contact Jim: xmShelter@gmail.com

Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room (offsite July & August), SFXWomen@aol.com (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. For more information refer to the link on the parish website under Outreach Programs or contact: 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

GAY CATHOLICS: Men meet in a caring and affirming environment on the first and third Fridays, 7pm Mary Chapel. Contact 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 nlgnycc@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

LITURGICAL COMMITTEES: See website or Contact Luz, 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.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Marie Bannister, mariebannister1@gmail.com or Gerry Moss, 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

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

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact sanxnyc@gmail.com

XAVIER YOGA: Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Open to all levels. Contact 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

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