



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

Kitty O'Meara

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;



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

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 Bacote, 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 parishoners 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

We are all continuing to adjust to our ever-evolving situation. For example, this is the first on-line only bulletin. During the first week I found myself exhausted without having much productivity to show for it. I attribute it to the fact that I was constantly adjusting my plans and responding to unfolding events on a daily, sometime hourly basis. While I can't control the events around me, I decided to try to establish a discipline, a routine to my day making sure that there was quiet time for me, whether for prayer, reading or just relaxing in an easy chair. Part of it is to limit my time on social media, email and redundant news feeds to specific times of the day. I can't say that I have been totally successful, but it is a step in the right direction for me.

How is your prayer going these days? Martha and Mary from our Gospel today don't pull any punches when they speak with their friend, Jesus. "If you had been here..." They each challenge Jesus for his tardiness yet they still have faith in him and in the resurrection of the dead. It's okay to pour out our frustrations and fears before God as it leads to a sense of surrender, acknowledging that God is in charge of our lives and never abandons us

Let us continue to pray for and support one another.



GIVE ELECTRONICALLY NOW WITH VENMO!

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

THIS
WEEKEND'S
MUSIC



PRAYING OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE

MASS

Daily Mass will be broadcast through the Parish Facebook site at 12:05, Monday through Saturday. The video will be available after the livestream on our Youtube channel.

Sunday Mass will be live-streamed through the Parish website, Facebook and Youtube at 11:30 a.m.

NOTE: These are Private Masses. All are welcome to follow the masses and pray with us through social media. No one aside from those involved in the liturgy and production should be here in person.

TAIZE CHANT LIVE STREAM

**Monday-Saturday 6:30pm
& Sunday 5:00pm**

20 minutes of centering prayer live streamed on our St. Francis Xavier Facebook Page.

SIMPLY ZEN

Monday nights at 7:00 PM

JOIN ZOOM MEETING:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/491863863>

MEETING ID: 403 911 296

This Monday night sitting simply offers the opportunity to sit Zazen with others. Starting at 7:00 PM there will be a 25 minute silent sitting period (3 bells to begin, 2 bells to end) followed by a physical break where you are free to stand, stretch, or do kin-hin (walking meditation). The evening ends with a very short talk. Your entry into this Zoom meeting will be muted in order to reduce background noise from everyone's computer. But we will unmute at the end to share names and experience.

ROSARY

**Wednesdays & Fridays
12:45pm**

ZOOM LINK: <https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/241306093?pwd=RTNkSndzd-3dVWEE5b0FXZEI0R1RNdz09>

OR CALL: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Online sessions to pray and reflect on the Sunday Gospel together with fellow parishioners.

An opportunity to hear the Gospel together, reflect in small groups and pray with and for each other and the world.

SATURDAY MORNINGS 10:00AM – 11:00AM

**Reoccurring Zoom Address
for Breaking Open the Word:**

<https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/351042730>

GUIDED MEDITATION

Friday nights at 7:00 PM

JOIN ZOOM MEETING:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/371213435>

Meeting ID: 371 213 435

This Friday night group will begin with a guided meditation of 20 minutes, followed by a short talk, then silent meditation for 15 minutes. Your entry into this Zoom meeting will be muted in order to reduce background noise from everyone's computer. But we will unmute at the end to share names and experience. Everyone welcome.



PROGRAM AND VOLUNTEER UPDATES CORONAVIRUS EDITION

Our deepest thanks to everyone who has reached out and offered to volunteer or assist in some way during this crisis. We have had to make changes to some of our programs and others are closed for the time being but we still are looking for volunteers for particular tasks.

Please check our website at xaviermission.org/coronavirus for Xavier Mission's preparedness plan, program updates, volunteer needs, and a compilation of (hopefully) helpful resources all in one place.

SILENT AUCTION ENDS SATURDAY, 3/28 AT 10:00PM!

If you're reading this before 10pm on Saturday you've still got time to get your bids in!

We understand that some of the auction items may not seem to make much sense given our current situation - theater tickets ("But Broadway is dark!"), sporting and concert tickets ("But venues are closed!") and even cruise packages ("A cruise....are you nuts?!").

However, make sure you check the item descriptions, as many of the tickets/packages/experiences don't expire for at least a year, which gives you plenty of time to use them after things have returned to normal.

Some of the sporting and event tickets are for dates late in the summer and early fall, when venues will hopefully be open again. Again, check the descriptions, because several items come with a guarantee for replacement tickets in case the venue is not yet open by the item date.

So please, bid with freedom, and experience the joy of helping your favorite non-profit organization stay afloat during this crisis and serve the most vulnerable among us.

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 via www.xaviermission.org!

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:
Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; John 11:1-45.

FIFTH MONDAY OF LENT:
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11.

FIFTH TUESDAY OF LENT:
Nm 21:4-9; John 8:21-30.

FIFTH WEDNESDAY OF LENT:
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42.

FIFTH THURSDAY OF LENT:
Gn 17:3-9; John 8:51-59.

FIFTH FRIDAY OF LENT:
Jer 20:10-13; John 10: 31-42.

FIFTH SATURDAY OF LENT:
Ez 37:21-28 ; John 11:45-56.

PALM SUNDAY:
Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2:8-9; Mt 26: 14-27:66.

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. 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 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

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

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