



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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REJOICE!

HE IS RISEN!

Easter Sunday

April 12, 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;



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, Kathleen Fenton, Kathleen Friel,
James Fox, Rich Franz, Juan Garcia,
Mary Hannan, Fitsum Kassie, Jamie Keane,
Mary Korba, Manny Lopez, Shirley Strong Lutz,
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, David Von Ancken, Carl Wassmann

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

Frances Cousins, Dante Flagello, John Fralick,
John Gargan, James Lily, and Zach Sandstrom

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

Although it may seem premature, it is a wonderful grace to celebrate the feast of the Lord's Resurrection today. Three weeks of "sheltering in place" made the end of Lent especially poignant and gave us a new awareness of what we have and what we take for granted.

The liturgies of Holy Week drew us closer to the sacrifices Jesus made in fulfilling God's will and teaching us love, mercy and forgiveness. These were "dangerous" attitudes which challenged the established wisdom, "the way things are done." We prayed together through the mystery of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, unable to wash one another's feet and yet longing for cleansing, something more than a 20 second hand washing, something for our souls. We hungered for the food of eternal life and prayed together a spiritual communion. On Good Friday, we embraced the cross of our Savior and placed our own crosses alongside his. And we wept for the victims of the pandemic. We saw Veronica and Simon of Cyrene in the faces of health care workers, first responders and grocery and pharmacy store clerks.

In the reading from Isaiah 54 during the Easter Vigil we heard: "Though the mountains fall away and the hills be shaken, my love shall never fall away from you, nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the Lord who has mercy on you." And later: "All your children shall be taught by the Lord; great shall be the peace of your children. In justice shall you be established, far from oppression, you shall not fear." These words of hope to the people in exile, far from home, with no relief in sight, are given to us as well. With another three weeks of "sheltering in place" ahead of us, the prophet reminds us of God's faithfulness to each of us. At Easter, we celebrate that Jesus Christ conquers all things, even death, to bring us salvation.

We have been united to Christ's sufferings in an unanticipated way this Lent. Let us celebrate the Easter joy of life and hope and promise in Christ's victory over all evil, even death.

Have a Blessed and Joy-filled Easter and know that we are all united in prayer for one another.

Traditionally, the church of St. Francis Xavier prays the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at noon. This Good Friday, you are all invited to pray in your homes with a video of the stations of the cross that will be posted on the website.

Good Friday 2020 – Noon

Photos: James Martínez

Cantor: Ladd Boris

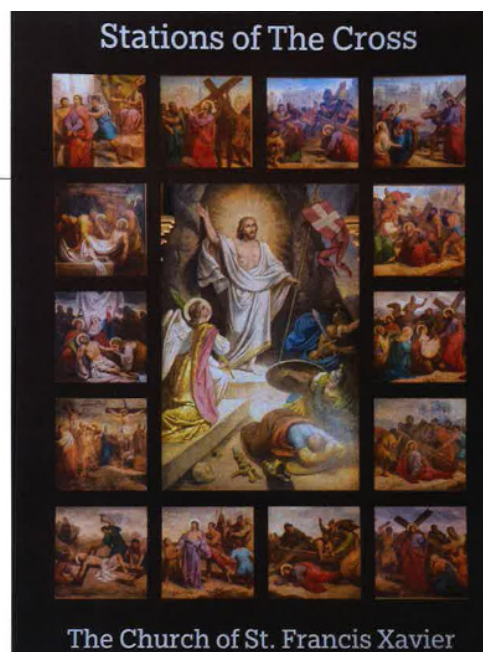
Prayer Leaders

Father John Mulreany, S.J.,

Robert Choiniere

and

Luz Marina Díaz



VOLUNTEER UPDATES



Welcome. Serve. Empower.

Our deepest thanks to everyone who has reached out and offered to volunteer or assist in some way during this crisis! If you are interested, please consider the following volunteer opportunities:

- Sunday mornings: Sandwich making /lunch bag assembly
- Sunday afternoons: Lunch bag distribution
- Friday, April 10: Food Pantry grocery-bag packing
- Saturday, April 11: Food Pantry grocery-bag packing and distribution

Please check our website at xaviermission.org/volunteer to sign up. You can also visit xaviermission.org/coronavirus to see Xavier Mission's program updates and a compilation of helpful resources all in one place!

ROARING 20s FUNDRAISER OFFICIALLY CANCELLED

Because of the uncertainty of the coronavirus situation and our desire to give everyone a final decision as soon as possible, we have decided to cancel our fundraiser, rather than re-schedule it. We appreciate all of you who purchased tickets to attend the event and we do apologize that we won't be able to throw a great party for you!

If you would like a refund for your ticket, please email Cassandra at cagredo@xaviermission.org. If you would like to consider your ticket purchase a donation to Xavier Mission, there is no need to do anything, and we thank you very much!!

THIS WEEKEND'S MUSIC



"Weddings Elsewhere" normally to be held the second Thursday of the month is canceled. Couples interested in arranging a wedding outside of this diocese should contact Bob Choiniere at rchoiniere@sfxavier.org, Fr. John Mulreany at jmulreany@sfxavier.org or visit <https://sfxavier.org/sacrament-of-marriage>.

GUIDE TO CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Because of the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus, Catholics around the world will not be able to physically gather as a community of faith in our sacred spaces to commemorate and celebrate the holiest days of the Christian year.

While we cannot be physically present to one another, you and your family are encouraged to fully participate in our video live stream liturgies that will be broadcast on YouTube Live from Holy Week liturgies.

To access the liturgies, visit the St. Francis Xavier homepage. (www.sfxavier.org) The YouTube links for each liturgy will be posted one day in advance.

The times for each liturgy are as follows:

Holy Thursday - 7:30pm

Good Friday - 3:00pm

Easter Vigil (Saturday) - 7:30pm

Easter Sunday - 11:30am

Visit our website for the full guideline document on how to celebrate Holy Week at home.

THREE E-GIVING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT XAVIER ANYTIME

Faith Direct: Support any collection or make a one-time gift from your checking account or credit card. To enroll go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/NY406>



Venmo: Find us at Username: StFrancisXavier-Church or Phone number: 646-596-5696. For new users download the Venmo mobile app to create an account.

Text to Give: Text any dollar amount to (646)-681-7010 and complete the one-time registration page to enroll.



For more information click the Donate Now button of the parish homepage.

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, May 8, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

"I hope you find your peace, falling on your knees, prayin' . . ." Join us on Zoom as Tess guides us through an exploration of the spiritual themes in the music of pop icon Kesha. No prior experience necessary! For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (929) 333-5011.

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/491863863?pwd=UDdLdlNDQ2ZYMxU1RUFPKzdQY0hvZz09>

Meeting ID: 491 863 863
Password: 792395

This Monday night sitting simply offers the opportunity to meditate with others. Starting at 7:00 PM there will be two 25 minute silent sitting periods with a short break between them. The evening ends with a short talk.

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/284137378>

GUIDED MEDITATION

Friday nights at 7:00 PM

JOIN ZOOM MEETING:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/371213435?pwd=OGVHTepVK0ZZOHpLd2dkSkZPSWF-WUT09>

Meeting ID: 371 213 435
Password: 071923

This Friday night group will begin with a guided meditation of 20 minutes, a short stretch break followed by a short talk and a silent meditation period. Beginners are welcome.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

EASTER SUNDAY:

Acts 10:34A, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9.

MONDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matt 28:8-15.

TUESDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 2:36-41; John 20: 11-18.

WEDNESDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35.

THURSDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24: 35-48.

FRIDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14.

SATURDAY IN OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

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