



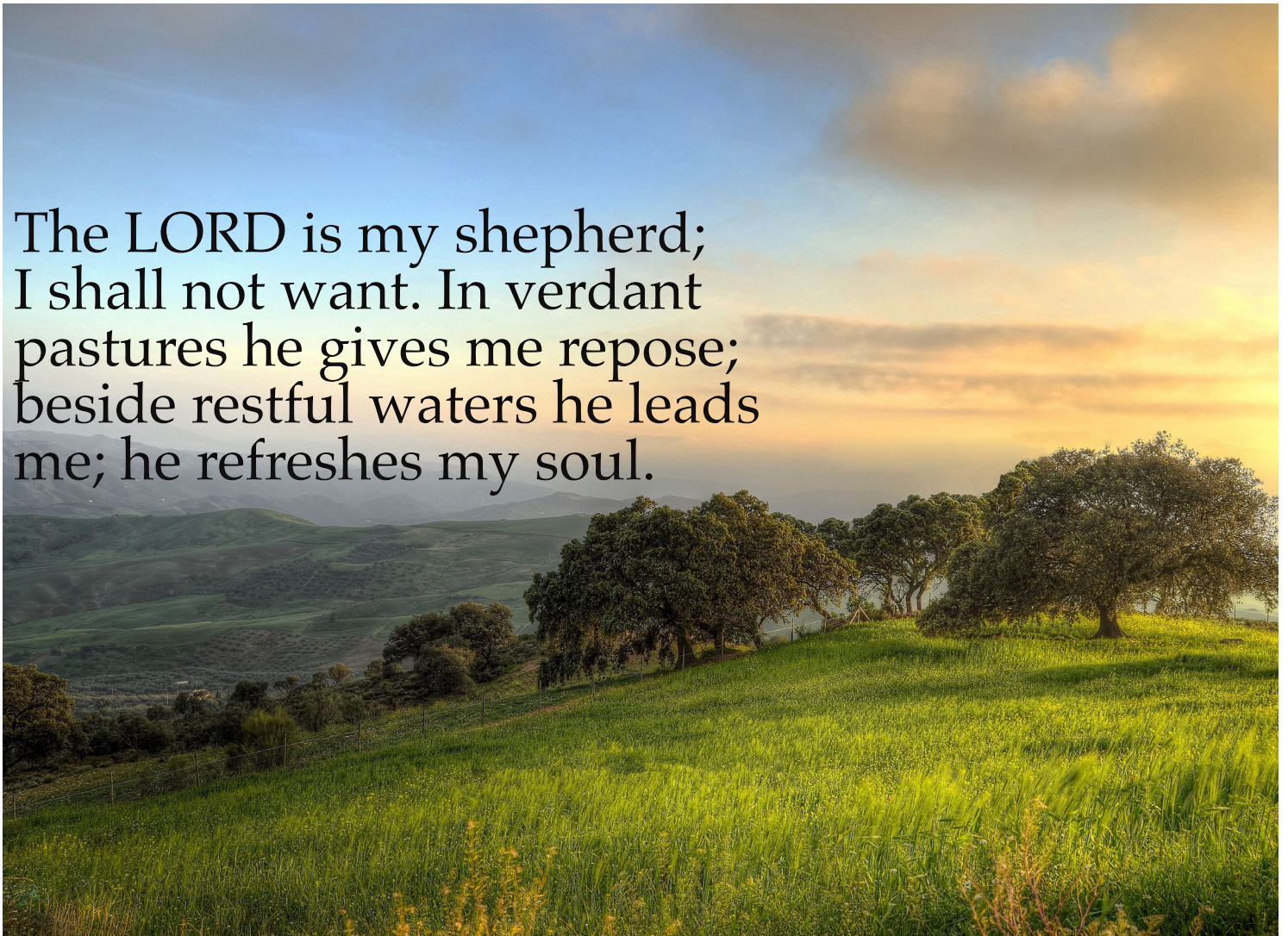
CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want. In verdant
pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads
me; he refreshes my soul.



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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

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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)

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Karen DeMasi; Andrea Foley-Murphy Michelle Jung;

Ron Oberdick;



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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

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,
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,
Joseph Garcia, John Gargan, James Lily,
Gigimarie Rosado, Zach Sandstrom, and Jay Williams

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

Despite the rains for the last couple of weeks, Spring is emerging in New York with the promise of nice weather ahead. We long for the opportunity to get out and hang out and return to some idealized vision of normal. Alas, even as our state and city leaders are convening groups to prepare for a phased lifting of the quarantine, they warn us that things may never be the same.

How are we to deal with this?

This week's readings center on the image of the Good Shepherd and we need to sit with the words of Psalm 23, our responsorial this Sunday: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me... Goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the Lord for endless days."

Through the bulk of Lent and through this Easter season, we have indeed walked through the valley of the shadow of death. Just as in the days after 9/11, most New Yorkers knew someone directly affected by the attacks on the twin towers so we have been touched by the pandemic through friends, family and co-workers. We empathize with those who mourn in quarantine, unable to bring their loved ones to rest in traditional ways. And yet, all this

suffering around us has united us and made us more sympathetic. Listen to the sound of pots and pans, shouts and cheers at seven each night. I went to the post office the other day and everyone was polite despite waiting for twenty minutes.

We fear no evil because our God is with us to guide us.

As we make our own plans for post-quarantine life, how will we create a new normal? Will we continue to be appreciative of the person delivering a package or checking out our purchases in the store? As we struggle to get back to work and restore our own finances, will we be attuned to the needs of those left behind?

It will be some time before we will assemble as a community in our beautiful church. When we do, nods and air kisses will replace hugs and handshakes. Many externals will change but goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life.

May is the month of Mary and the US Bishops' conference has re-dedicated our country to Mary's protection. With Mary whose heart was pierced, we persevere in fidelity to our loving God.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

VIRTUAL MASS COMMUNITY

Your are invited to join fellow parishioners in virtual community each Sunday for the live stream mass!

Each Sunday, a Zoom conference will be available for those who wish to join with others for the live stream mass at 11:30 am. The Zoom will open at 11:15 am for some socializing time before the mass. During the mass, the screen will be focused on the live stream. Participants will be able to see one another and share a sign of peace during the mass.

The Zoom link is:

<https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/92250692524>

VIA LUCIS
STATIONS OF LIGHT:

An Easter Retreat



*The Ignatian Way of Praying the
Post-Resurrection Life of Christ on Earth*

Fridays of May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
6:00pm to 7:00pm
Via Zoom

If you are interested please email
lm Diaz@sfxavier.org

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.

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH HAS
ITS OWN SECTION OF NICHES AT
THE OLD ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL.
ON MULBERRY ST IN MANHATTAN.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED THERE ARE
ONLY 11 NICHES LEFT.**

*Did you know that Cremation is an acceptable form of
Christian burial?*

*Did you know that Cremated remains must be cared
for reverently and properly interred in a sacred place?*

Did you know that there is only one Catholic Cemetery in Manhattan? It is "The Basilica of Saint Patrick's "Old Cathedral at 263 Mulberry St New York N.Y. Over a century ago due to lack of space the practice of interring on Basilica grounds was suspended and limited to the interment of former Catholic Pastors. The Basilica revised the tradition with the introduction of a Columbarium. Due to the overwhelming demand for the niches in the first outdoor Columbarium, more will be added to the Basilica's historical cemetery, as well as adding many more in the indoor catacombs.

Read more on our website.

Archbishop Gomez of Los Angeles will lead a brief liturgy to re-consecrate the United States to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, May 1 at 3:00 pm EST. All are invited to view the liturgy via the USCCB's social media platforms: *Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram*. More information and worship aids can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/consecration.cfm>

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to rediscover and pray the rosary during the month of May for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic. The Pope's letter and special rosary prayers can be found at: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-04/letter-on-the-month-of-may-full-text.html>



CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE FUND

Because of restrictions on gatherings, and concerns about social distancing, we have had to close some of our programs and change how others operate.

Our WELCOME TABLE has switched from a sit-down meal to a grab-and-go lunch bag model (which is twice as costly as a sit-down meal). We are making and distributing 1,500 lunch bags each Sunday!

Our FOOD PANTRY has switched from a customer-choice model to a prepackaged bag model. We are also delivering groceries to our senior guests who cannot safely leave their homes.

Our FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM is open to those facing eviction for unpaid back rent, as well as those who may have trouble paying their rent or other bills due to the current coronavirus situation.

Please consider giving to our Coronavirus Response Fund so that we can continue to serve our community throughout this crisis!

impact.xaviermission.org/coronavirus

VOLUNTEER UPDATES

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

In order to ensure that we are following social distancing protocols, we are limiting the number of volunteers for each shift. Only those who sign up online will be allowed to volunteer. Please do not show up without registering!

All volunteers must bring a face covering of some kind (mask, bandana, scarf, etc.).

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!

FOLLOW US!

Keep up to date with our programs and our amazing team members who are working hard to continue serving those most in need.



Facebook: facebook.com/XavierMission
Instagram: @XavierMission



PRAYING OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE

Weekly

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.

Taize Chant Monday through Saturday 6:30pm and Sunday 5:00pm on the St. Francis Xavier Church Facebook Page Live.

Praying the Rosary is available online Wednesday and Friday at 12:45pm via Zoom. Zoom Link: <https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/241306093?pwd=RTNkSndzd3dVWEE5b0FXZEI0R1RNdz09>

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

Breaking Open the Word is online sessions to pray and reflect on Sunday Gospel together with fellow parishioners on Saturday Mornings at 10:00am. Zoom Link: <https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/284137378>

A VIRTUAL RETREAT FOR PENTECOSTAL REFLECTION AND CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER



Join *The Church of St. Francis Xavier Young Adults, Xavier Lay Spirits, and Charis NYC* in a virtual meeting of prayer and fellowship – featuring short talks, communal prayer, and reflection.

Saturday, May 16, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 pm
on Zoom

Register on Eventbrite:
<https://xaviercharis-may16-pentacostalreflectionprayer.eventbrite.com>

A Zoom link will be forwarded

QUESTIONS:

Danielle Marie Nista: sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

Dave de La Fuente: davedelafuente@gmail.com

Rick Raymond: rickraymond@me.com

See our website
www.sfxavier.org for
more Online Praying
Opportunities.

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Scriptures & Announced Masses

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 2:14A, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20B-25; John 10:1-10.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 11: 1-8; John 10:11-18.

FOURTH TUESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30.

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 12:24-13:5A; John 12:44-50.

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20.

FOURTH FRIDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6.

FOURTH SATURDAY OF EASTER: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12.

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 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