

CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION to benefit Xavier Mission

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) –

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur: 10:00am to 4:00pm Fri: 10:00am-1:00pm Saturday: 11:30am to 6:00pm Sunday: 8:30am to 6:00pm

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.

Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

NEXT SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass: Thomas Feely, SI

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: John Mulreany, SJ 11:30 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ 5:00 pm Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Judy Cole, Sr. Joan Curtin, Dorothy Danzi, Ellen Diurova, Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia, Mary Korba, Manny Lopez, Joyce Maresea, Hector Moran, Tom Rocha III, Anne Sheridan and Patricia Stella-Rivera

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

Richard Baldelli, Josephine Cavallaro, Fr. James J. Fedigan S.J., Catherine Garbowski, Elizabeth Walton Sympson, and William Vericker

We also remember all <mark>thos</mark>e 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

Happy Fourth of July!

The usual festivities surrounding our nation's birthday will all be tempered by Covid and social distancing. More significantly, our sense of "We the people..." in the declaration of Independence has been challenged and stretched in the face of the Black Lives Matter protests. We have been asked to examine many of the assumptions in our understanding of the history of this country founded on lofty ideals but not yet realizing them. A Jesuit friend sent me a link to a YouTube presentation "When Heritage=Hate: The Truth about the Confederacy in the United States" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=QOPGpE-sXh0&feature=youtu.be) It is lengthy, about 1 hour and 40 minutes, but tells a story, not usually taught in history books as I was growing up, of an economy and culture built on the enslavement of Blacks and the banishment of Native Americans. While the focus is on the history of the South and the movement to remove the Confederate flag and statues commemorating the leaders of the Confederacy, it reveals the contradiction between the rhetoric of freedom for all and the reality of the enslavement of some.

We as a parish will continue to examine our attitudes, to work for justice and equality for all persons especially the oppressed and the marginalized.

There are times when we may feel overwhelmed by all that surrounds us. Our Gospel today reminds us that following Jesus, we are not alone. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." As followers of Jesus we take up the yoke of justice, we walk with our sisters and brothers meek and humble of heart.

SUMMER HOURS

JULY 4TH-SEPTEMBER 7TH

CHURCH

Monday-Thursday: 7:40am-4pm Friday: 7:40am-1pm Saturday: 11:30am-6:00pm Sunday: 8:45am-6:00pm

PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Thursday: 10am-4pm Friday: 10am-1pm Saturday: 11:30am-6:00pm Sunday: 8:30am-6:00pm Registrations are now open for Mass this weekend, July 4th and 5th. Reserve a seat by visiting our website at:

 $\frac{https://sfxavier.org/news/weekend-mass-sign-}{\underline{up}}$

OTHER WAYS TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

By email: massreservations@sfxavier.org Send a. email with your name, the day and time of the mass, and the number of people who will be coming with you. You can reserve six seats (yourself and five family members.)

By phone: Luz Marina Diaz at 212-627-2100 ext. 207

MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL MASSES. CHILDREN ABOVE THE AGE OF 2 YEARS OLD ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS.



CHANGE TO IN-KIND DONATION PROCEDURES

Xavier Mission would like to thank everyone so much for your support over the past few months as we have faced the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. Your donations, thoughts, prayers, and offers of assistance have been hugely helpful as we continue to serve our guests during this time.

For safety and health reasons, we have made changes to our donation protocols. We ask you to please follow these new procedures, to protect our staff, volunteers, and guests. We understand that everyone wants to help and give what they have, but please know that you will be helping us more by following these new guidelines:

- 1. Used clothing is temporarily not being accepted. We will be launching a 'new clothing' drive soon please keep an eye out!
- 2. Plastic containers are no longer being accepted for donation. This will be a permanent change.
- 3. Perishable food is temporarily not being accepted for donation.
- 4. Non-perishable food items MUST be cleared with Cassandra prior to donation. Please email **cagredo@ xaviermission.org** to inquire about current needs.

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF THESE ITEMS FOR DONATION. This creates more work for us, as our staff has to properly dispose of all of these items.

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

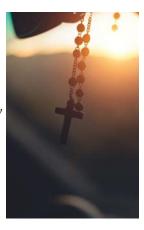
Friday, July 10th 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Picnic in the Pandemic via Zoom

Bring your picnic basket, blanket, and stories about protests and pandemics in the time of COVID-19 as we meet online via Zoom. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (929) 333-5011 for more information.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

As our church reopens for public prayer, join us in praying the rosary to ask God, through Mother Mary's intercession, to spare us from the covid-19 pandemic and other illnesses. Let us pray that the peace of Jesus may reign in our land and in our hearts.



TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN US IN OUR ROSARY PRAYER:

Every Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. via ZOOM with the link below:

 $\frac{https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/241306093?pwd=RT}{NkSndzd3dVWEE5b0FXZEl0R1RNdz09}$

Meeting ID: 241 306 093

Password: 025077

1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

2. Every Friday after the 12:05pm Mass in the Main Church.

Honduras Appeal

The situation in Honduras continues to be dire. Virus cases and reported deaths, though far smaller than totals here, continue to rise and so the government recently extended the quarantine for three more months. Some businesses have been allowed to reopen but only a limited number of employees can return to work. There is little government assistance to people who are not government supporters.

In the community of Guacamaya, the location of one of our scholarship programs, the women's group has been leading an effort to provide food for community residents, particularly the children for whom they are trying to provide daily snacks in a welcoming area. Outdoors they have begun to cultivate crops. The women's group wants to provide families with basic groceries until the crops mature. The estimate for the initial expenses is about \$1000 and a large portion has already been raised. Any contribution is appreciated. I do have a PayPal account under my email (BHTraveler@aol.com), or you can make an one-time online contribution to the Honduras Project through Faith Direct.

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC

July 3rd from 6 PM to 7 PM

This Week's Reflection: What are your feelings about the current reopening during this time of Pandemic? Are you or any family members or loved ones anxious about the reopening? If so, how do you handle that anxiety and how do you share it with God in prayer?

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© DIANE M. MILLIS, RE-CREATING A LIFE: LEARNING HOW TO TELL OUR MOST LIFE-GIVING STORY (BELLEVUE, WA: SDI PRESS, 2019), 170-171.

Telling: The focus person shares their story in response to the prompt (up to 4 minutes)

Responding: Listeners take turns contributing their responses to one or more of the following (up to 4 minutes):

How the story stirred the heart. I noticed... Lessons from the story. I appreciated... Questions the story raised for them. I wondered...

Retelling: the focus person describes how they might re-author their narrative in light of listeners' responses (up to 4 minutes)

Pausing: Honoring what has been shared (1 minute).

Join the Zoom Meeting:

https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/99044996261?pw d=dTJFQWhtQllHSmdIczBLZmZtdFVqQT09

> Meeting ID: 990 4499 6261 Password: 323855 or (646) 558-8656

Praying Opportunities Online

Weekly

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

Xavier Yoga Tuesdays at 6pm on Zoom. Zoom Link: https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/97816446368?pwd=QlpqVXYxeURzZmFCS3BB-NGhmc2tDQT09

Praying the Rosary is available online Wednesday at 12:45pm via Zoom. Zoom Link: https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/241306093?pwd=RTNkSndzd3dVWEE5b0FXZEl0R1RNdz09 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

THIS WEEKEND'S MUSIC



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

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Matt 11:25-30.

FOURTEENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE

12:05PM: ROSE GORRA (D)

FOURTEENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Matt 9:32-38.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE

12:05pm: Leo and Antoinette Buongiorno (D)

FOURTEENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE 12:05PM: WAYNE ANTHONY BAFFI (D)

Thursday~Feast of Sts. Leo Mangin, Mary Zhu, and comps: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE 12:05PM: WAYNE ANTHONY BAFFI (D)

FOURTEENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Hos 14:2-10: Matt 10:16-23.

7:45_{AM}: AVAILABLE 12:05_{PM}: TOM FEELY, S.J. (L)

Saturday~Feast of St. Benedict: Isa 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33.

12:05PM: AVAILABLE

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Isa 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Matt 13:1-9.

You may reserve an available Mass for your intentions by contacting the parish office at 212-627-2100.

XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLOTHING ROOM: 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), <u>SFXWomen@aol.com</u> (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, <u>LMDiaz@sfxavier.org</u>

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 nlgnyc@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, <u>LMDiaz@sfxavier.org</u>

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, gerrymmoss@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 xaviersharingandlearninggroup@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 <u>Ko@nyvogalife.com</u>

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