



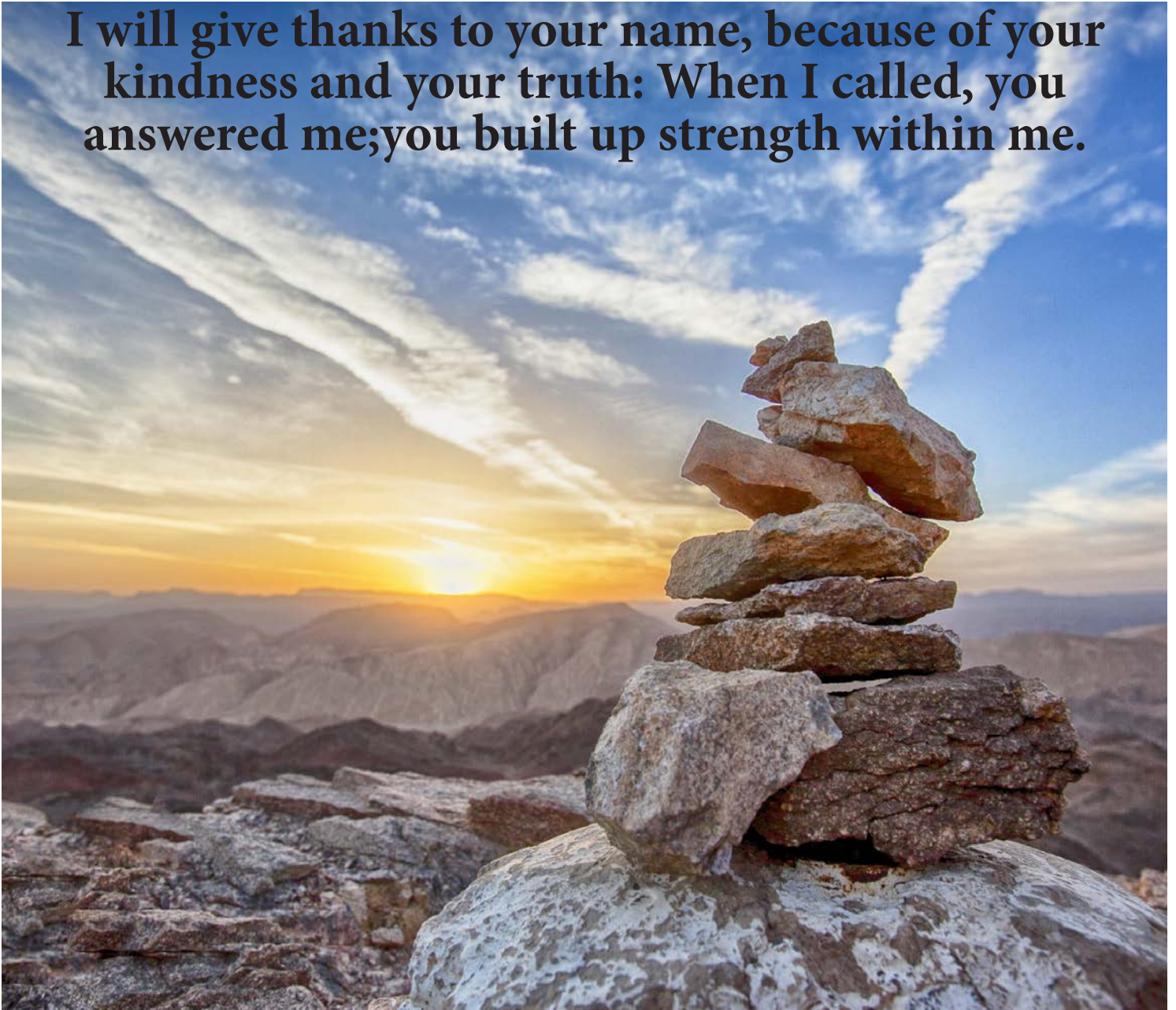
CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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**I will give thanks to your name, because of your
kindness and your truth: When I called, you
answered me; you built up strength within me.**



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 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) —
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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, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Kenneth Boller, 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, The Kamus Family, Richard Kielar,
Mary Korba, Manny Lopez, Joyce Maresea,
Hector Moran, Michael Orza,
Anne Sheridan and Patricia Stella-Rivera

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

Richard Baldelli, David Bays, Paul Begley,
Josephine Cavallaro,
Fr. James J. Fedigan S.J., Catherine Garbowski,
Joseph Gatto, Stanley Simon, Elizabeth Walton
Sympson, and William Vericker

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

Last Tuesday, August 18, was the feast day of St. Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga, S.J. after whom our church hall is named. It occurred to me that, since it has been about fifteen years since the hall was re-christened, it would be good to recall the person behind the name.

Alberto was born in Chile in 1901. When he was four years old, his father died and his mother had to sell their property and raise her two young sons on her own. Despite the family's poverty, he won a scholarship to attend the prestigious San Ignacio School in Santiago. After getting a law degree with a thesis on labor law from Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile he entered the Jesuits in 1923, was ordained in 1933 and received a doctorate in pedagogy and psychology.

Having studied in Europe, he visited social and educational centers in Germany, France, Belgium and the Netherlands before returning to Chile to teach religion at Colegio San Ignacio and Pedagogy at the Catholic University. Entrusted with the Sodality of Our Lady for students, he involved them in teaching catechism to the poor.

Hurtado was highly critical of the conservative, upper class Church of Chile which neglected the education and pastoral care of the poor. In 1940 he was named diocesan director of the Catholic Action youth movement ultimately becoming its national director. Moved by the plight of the poor, he founded Hogar de Cristo, a shelter network like Boys Town in the USA. He used to drive a green pickup truck through the streets to help whomever he could. It is estimated that between 1945 and 1951 more than 850,000 children received help through this movement.

In the late 1940's he entered the labor movement and started the Chilean Trade Union Association to train leaders based on Catholic social teachings.

Through his books and articles, he exposed the needs of the poor in Chile and championed the rights of labor. By the time of his death, of pancreatic cancer, in 1952, he was a national hero.

As a Twentieth Century example of faith and action committed to serving the poor, the exploited and the marginalized in his society, it is fitting that the home of the Welcome Table is Hurtado Hall.

St. Alberto Hurtado, S.J., pray for us.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Help Envision Church Art that Embraces Our Multi-Racial and Multi-Cultural Community

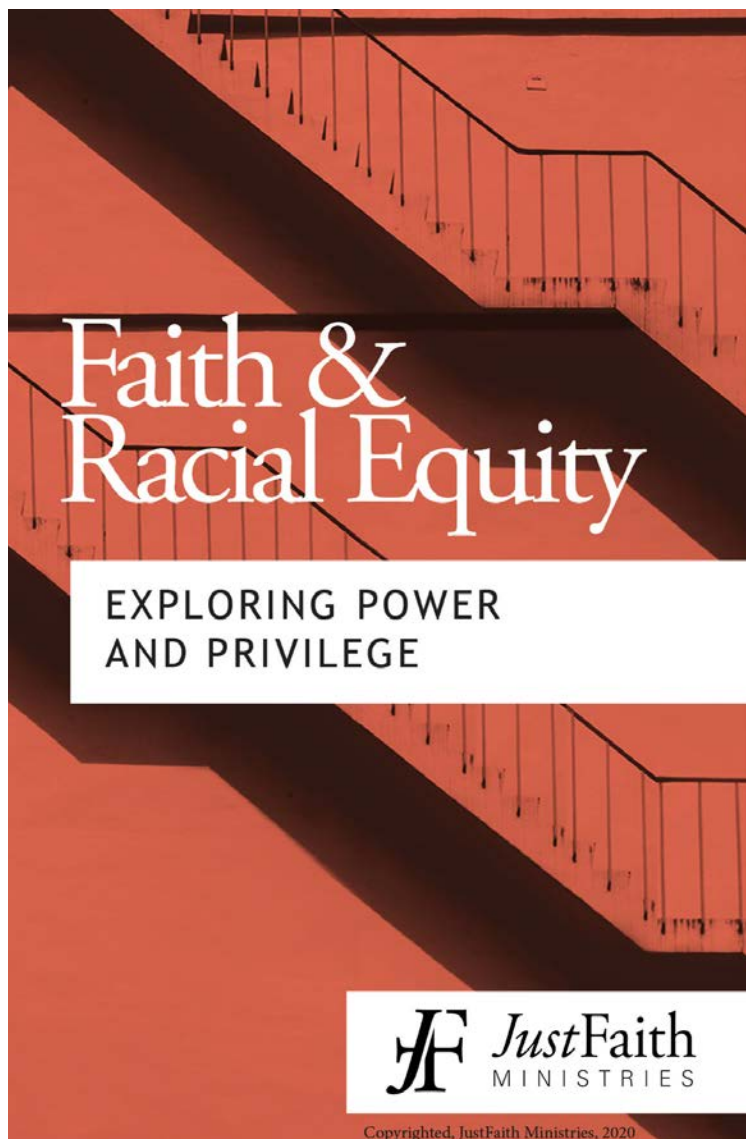
Among its many blessings, the community of The Church of St. Francis Xavier enjoys coming together in a beautiful sacred space. The church we gather in today was completed in 1878. It was built by the immigrants who, having mostly arrived from Europe, settled in the neighborhood around 14th St. Not surprisingly, the church architecture and art reflect their European roots.

The vibrancy and richness of the original artists' work - the bricks and mortar, and the art - has been handed down to us, the current stewards of the parish community.

As our community has grown to include what Mayor David Dinkins called the "gorgeous mosaic" of peoples that is New York City, it is time that our church art and iconography reflect who we are as a community and who we hope to become. We desire that our art and architecture reflect the diversity of the communion of saints and so provide a more welcoming, inclusive space to people of every racial and ethnic background.

The process of identifying the saints to honor and the art forms that depict them must be communal. A first step is for members of the community who have expertise in areas pertinent to these twin tasks, and other skilled contributors from beyond SFX, to develop a series of options for the broader community to consider.

Might you be called to join this communal effort? If so, consider offering your gifts in these areas of expertise as part of a committee of Xavier parishioners and others who will develop a series of options for the broader community to consider. If you are interested - or if you have questions - please email the Pastoral Council expressing interest and letting us know the expertise you bring to the effort. PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org. We are hoping the group will convene shortly after Labor Day.



Faith and Racial Equity is an eight-week formation program for parishioners addressing racial injustice in our political and economic structures and offers practical action steps to work towards greater racial equity in our church and world.

A Zoom Information Session will be held on Sunday, August 23 at 1:00pm to learn about the program and ask questions.

Sessions will be:

**Wednesday Evenings
September 23 –
November 11
6:30pm-9:00pm**

Co-Facilitators:

Robert Choiniere and Boreta Singleton

The program will also include an opening retreat, guest speakers and a site visit.

**For more info or to register:
rchoiniere@sfxavier.org**

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. Each Columbarium will be hand built by stone artisans and contain niches for the interment of cremated remains. They will fit impeccably into the historic design of the Basilica creating a solemn refuge for the faithful departed and a sanctuary for the bereaved. The urns will be reverently placed inside a secured niche and memorialized with a granite stone face plate on which the names will be meticulously engraved.

THE COST FOR SFX IS \$9,995 FOR THE NICHE WHICH WILL HOLD 2 URNS. THE PRICE IS NOW SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER BUT WILL BE HONORED FOR OUR PARISHIONERS.

Want more information? Contact Peter Ranello who is a Trustee for St Francis Xavier at Peterranello@hotmail.com directly with your name and phone number to discuss. Peter will help coordinate a meeting at the Old St Patricks Cathedral.



FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM

Registration for the Family Faith Program is open to all children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. For information about the program and to register, visit the website <https://www.xavierfamilyfaith.org/>

Due to the pandemic, we have adopted a family faith model that combines some in-person classes, some home classes, and some events for everyone via zoom on special occasions. Each month, catechists will send parents the lesson plan and activities for the home lessons. In-person classes are limited to three grades at a time each Sunday. This year we will also offer special religious education classes for children in Autism Spectrum. To learn more about special religious education classes, contact *Lori Legano* at lorilegano@gmail.com

CATECHISTS

The program needs catechists. If you are interested in sharing your faith with children and/or adolescents, contact the director of religious education *Luz Marina Diaz* at lmldiaz@sfxavier.org

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, September 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
"Mary Oliver's 'The Other Kingdoms'" via Zoom

"Consider the other kingdoms. The trees, for example, with their mellow-sounding titles: oak, aspen, willow. . . ." We will dive into the inspiring life and poetry of Mary Oliver. This Pulitzer-Prize winner has touched countless readers with her brilliant verse. With her love for the physical world and her deeply spiritual understanding of nature, her work is timeless.

Join us for this discussion. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (929) 333-5011 for the Zoom link.

**RCIA 2020-2021 WILL START ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 FROM
1 PM TO 3 PM IN THE X-CAFE.**

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
(RCIA) is for:**

1. Anyone who has never been baptized.
2. Anyone who has been baptized into another Christian faith and would like to convert to the Roman Catholic faith.
3. Anyone who was baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.
4. Any Catholic who has received all the sacraments but would like to deepen his or her faith by attending the RCIA sessions.

If you want to be part of the RCIA 2020-2021 process please fill out the below form. Due to the pandemic, we are following some policies and practices for social distancing for in-person gatherings at Xavier that will be shared with all RCIA participants.

<https://form.jotform.com/21146349174150>

The Archdiocese of New York takes stewardship of your donations seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct, please report your concerns via a toll-free hotline at 877-820-0541 or on the internet at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day.

Registrations are now open for Mass this weekend, August 22nd and 23rd. Reserve a seat by visiting our website at:

<https://sfxavier.org/news/weekend-mass-sign-up>

DEADLINE ON FRIDAYS AT NOON

OTHER WAYS TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

By email: massreservations@sfxavier.org Send an 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: *Front Desk* at 212-627-2100 ext. 201

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

THIS WEEKEND'S MUSIC



VIRTUAL MASS COMMUNITY

You 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>

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=QlpqVXYxeURzMFCs3BB-NGhmc2tDQT09>

Praying the Rosary is available online
Wednesday 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 are 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>

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:

<https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/241306093?pwd=RTNkSndzd3dVWEE5b0FXZEI0R1RNdz09>

Meeting ID: 241 306 093

Password: 025077

646-558-8656 US (New York)

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

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Isa 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Matt 16:13-20.

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW:
Rev 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51.

7:45AM: PATRICK MICHAEL (D)
12:05PM: LORNA MONROE (L)

TWENTY FIRST TUESDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 2 Thess 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matt 23:23-26.

7:45AM: SR. CECILIA PALANGE (L)
12:05PM: LEO & ANTOINETTE
BUONGIORNO (D)

TWENTY-FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Matt 23:27-32.

7:45AM: MARCO LEAL SR. (L)
12:05PM: WILLIAM REILLY (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. MONICA:
1 Cor 1:1-9; Matt 24:42-51.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: MARJORIE VANVORT (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE:
1 Cor 1:17-25; Matt 25:1-13.

7:45AM: SCHALL FAMILY (D)
12:05PM: CAROL SCRIBANTE ALLEN (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF THE PASSION OF ST.
JOHN THE BAPTIST: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mark 6:17-29.
12:05PM: CATHERINE CARROLL (D)

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Matt 16:21-27.

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