



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what God gave me, but that I should raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life. (John 6: 37-40)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Latin America/Home Missions

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2015

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 Handicapped Accessible)

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 1:00 to 2:00 in the Main Church
confessional or by appointment with one of the priests.

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. Joseph Marina, S.J. (Pastor) — 204
Cassandra L. Agredo (Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208
Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207
Jacqueline Falco (Parish Manager) — 221
Rev. Peter Fink, S.J. (Associate Pastor) — 211
Stephanie Fuentes (Parish Secretary) — 222
Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201
Receptionist — 201
Damely Tineo (Assistant to the Pastor) - 205
Rev. Sean Toole, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206
John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Jack Schmitt (Chair); Adel O'Regan (Vice-Chair);
Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Patricia Dahl;
Phil Gutierrez; Bob Lepisko; Deborah Olley Murphy;
David Pais

PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

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

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday: 11:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices send e-mails to
sfuentes@sfxavier.org and Space Requests send e-mails to
jfalco@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.**

**Main Church Accessibility from 16th street during
regular office hours. Simply ring the bell on the
two furthest entrances on the West & East sides
of the Church.**

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, August 8th

5:00pm Vigil: Rev. Jim Keenan, SJ

Sunday, August 9th

9:00am Mass: Rev. Sean Toole, SJ

11:30am Mass: Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ

5:00pm Mass: Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

David Axod, Margaret Burns, Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell,
Kyle Cheplic, Alberto Cocorpus, Hugo Correa, Sheila Creasey,
Teddy D'Alesio, Louis DeFazio, Litha Edwards, Tony Edwards,
Sherry Folb, Racquel Gager, Johnathan Gotay-Coban,
Lewis Greenwald, Amy Hoffman, Christine Kiss, Robyn Luisi,
Edith Maier, John Marshall, Margaret Mays, Elizabeth Miller,
John Nesbit, Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek,
Adele Porcelli, Silvana Puleo, Denyse Robinson, Rocco Scura,
Denton Stargel, Thomas Stemberg, Mary and Gabino Torres,
Janet Townsend, Carl Wassmann, Molly Wolfe

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

Barbara Beharry, Michael Brooks, Graydon Elliott,
Irma Estevez-Reyes, Joseph Fortunato, Lorraine Greco,
Reina Henaine, Amadeo Hernández, Lori Mitchener,
Christian Negron, Charles Townsend, Laura Vesia

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.**



When I was first asked to teach catechism at St. Francis Xavier, I was hesitant to say yes. I love working with kids and I was excited to impart Catholic teachings to young members of the community, but I knew waking up early on Sundays would be a challenge. I was used to hanging out with friends late at night on Saturdays and I sometimes work on weekends. Committing to becoming a catechist would mean giving up my Saturday night social life and/or the extra income that I could earn on Sundays. But I said yes (which I believe was the work of the Holy Spirit), knowing that our church was in need of catechists. I was really worried, but on the first Sunday class, all my fears and concerns left me. It was an amazing experience meeting my students and teaching them lessons I've grown up with. It also helped that the Family Faith Team members are supportive of each other, as is the whole parish community. And my social life and extra income? Well, my friends were supportive and encouraging with my new "vocation" and we made plans to get together at other times. As for the extra income I could have earned, God blessed me with more than I could've asked for. Being a catechist at St. Francis Xavier is one of the most fulfilling experiences I have ever had and I am very glad I said yes.

Charisse de los Reyes

FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Sundays~August 9, 16, 23, 30

West Room

9:00am to 1:00pm

Tuition Fee: \$100 Per Student.

Snacks Fee: \$80 Per Student.

For students preparing for the Sacraments, there is an additional fee of \$50 per Sacrament.

For more information contact Luz Marina Diaz at LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

PAPAL ENCYCLICAL ON THE ENVIRONMENT (7TH INSTALLMENT)

In his encyclical on creation care, Pope Francis highlights “integral ecology” as the basis of the conversion we are all called to in order to save our common home from destruction. “Integral ecology” is the profound, fundamental interconnection between God, human beings, and all the rest of creation. With Pope Francis we pray, “Triune God... Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.” As we reflect on our relationship to life-giving water, the air we breathe, and the ground we walk on, let us think of actions that we can take locally to protect the air, water and land for the generations to come. We might consider supporting legislative bills of our city, county or state that will serve to do this. For more information please visit www.sfxavier.org/environment.

WELCOME BACK!



Fr. James Keenan, SJ is returning to us this summer for most of August. It is great to have him back.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, August 14, 6:00 pm—8:00 pm
Chelsea Pier 63, end of W. 23rd St.

“A child who gathers in summertime is using good judgment” (Proverbs 10:5). Because the parish is closed on the second-Friday-of-the-month meeting date/time, we will meet at Chelsea Piers (the lawn area of pier 63 at the end of W. 23rd St.) for a picnic, prayer, and play. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804.



EXPERIENCE/ UNDERSTAND/ TAKE ACTION

Saturday, September 19th
10:00am – 12:30pm
Wallace Hall/St. Ignatius Loyola
980 Park Avenue at 84th St.

Please join The Peace and Justice Committees of St. Francis Xavier Church and St. Ignatius Loyola Church For a “Poverty Simulation” organized with us by The St. Vincent DePaul Society and Bread for the World

This poverty simulation experience is designed to help participants understand what it might be like to be a part of a typical low income family trying to survive from month-to-month. It is a simulation, not a game! The object is to sensitize participants to the realities of life faced by low income people, while providing concrete suggestions for further advocacy.

CABARET



August 23rd and 30th
6:30PM Music Room

Director: Paul Michael
Music Director: TBD

Producer: PAX, John Uehlein
Date of Cabaret: November 6th, 7th & 8th

Please email *John Uehlein* at juehlein@sfxavier.org with subject heading “cabaret” to set up an audition.

Scripture Readings For the Week

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Exod 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35. *I will rain down bread from heaven for you. Put on the new self that has been created in God's way. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

Eighteenth Monday in Ordinary Time:

Num 11:4b-15; Matt 14:13-21. *I cannot carry all this people by myself. Looking up to heaven, he said the blessing and gave the loaves to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.*

Tuesday~ Feast of St. John Vianney:

Num 12:1-13; Matt 14:22-36. *Not so with my servant Moses! Why then, did you not fear to speak against him? Command me to come to you on the water.*

Eighteenth Wednesday in Ordinary Time:

Num 13:1-2, 25-14:1; Matt 15:21-28. *They despised the desirable land. O woman, great is your faith!*

Thursday~ Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord:

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10. *His clothing was snow bright. We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven. This is my beloved Son.*

Eighteenth Friday in Ordinary Time:

Deut 4:32-40; Matt 16:24-28. *For love of your fathers the LORD chose their descendants. What can one give in exchange for one's life?*

Saturday~ Feast of St. Dominic:

Deut 6:4-13; Matt 17:14-20. *You shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart. If you have faith, nothing will be impossible for you.*

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1 Kings 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51. *Strengthened by that food, he walked to the mountain of God. Walk in love, just like Christ. I am living bread that came down from heaven.*



Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

ADULT ACTIVITIES: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact bowcol@hotmail.com

BAGA: A parish youth group (for teens) that meets monthly to promote peace and justice by performing corporal works of mercy. Contact b.a.good.apostle@gmail.com

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday, 6 p.m., West Room, SFXWomen@aol.com, (917) 297-6804.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Contact **Katherine Cleary**, krcoff5th@netzero.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

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact **Jose Ramon**, joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com

SFX WOMEN: We continue to stay to address the specific concerns of women in the church. Xavier women are invited to join our ministry. Contact thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com or (917) 297-6804.

LITURGICAL COMMITTEES: See website or Contact **Luz**, LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact **James Fox**, sunikol20@nyc.rr.com, (212) 427-5070

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE: Examines root causes of injustice and works towards a more just and sustainable world. Contact **Tracey Tynan** or **Peter Locascio** at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact **Rose Alloca**, allocarose@gmail.com or **Marie Bannister**, mariebannister1@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Spiritual, service, and social activities for Xavier's 20s-30s community. Meets twice a month. Contact **Zahrah** or **Phil**, sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com.

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact **Peggy & Paul** 212-260-2486, 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