



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*Photo: Mother Teresa gently feeding a child (<http://www.helpinghands.lk/blog/mother-teresa/> (Helping Hands))*

THE CANONIZATION OF MOTHER THERESA WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 4TH IN ROME DURING THE SUNDAY MASS WHICH IS ALSO THE CELEBRATION OF THE JUBILEE FOR WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS OF MERCY.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**LABOR DAY**

**Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

*One Mass will be celebrated at 9:0am.  
Please use 15<sup>th</sup> Street entrance.*

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit Xavier Misson

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 4, 2016**

## ***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)*

## ***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](http://www.sfxavier.org)

## ***Staff***

Rev. Robert VerEecke, S.J. (Pastor) — 204  
Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208  
Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207  
Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to the Pastor) — 222  
Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201  
James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship and  
Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205  
Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201  
Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221  
Rev. Sean Toole, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206  
Receptionist — 201  
John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

## ***Pastoral Council***

Jack Schmitt (Chair); Adel O'Regan (Vice-Chair);  
Deborah Olley Murphy (Secretary); Stephen Alfieri;  
Kathleen Cagnina; John Karle;  
Bob Lepisko; Charles Mileski;  
Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe; David Pais  
[PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto: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.



## **OFFICE HOURS**

**Weekdays:** 10:00 am to 7:30 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 [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@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 mini-  
mum of six months before qualifying for a  
sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.**

## ***Next Weekend Presider Schedule***

### **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Mass (Vigil): *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

### **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Angelina Alejandria, Toti Alejandria, John Bucki SJ,  
Pia Brown, Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell, Kyle Chepic,  
Thomas DeFranco, Margaret English,  
Rev. Robert Fruch, David Fuentes, Francisco Fuentes,  
Joaquin Gager, Harriett Gordon, Monsignor Neil Graham,  
Richard Hogan, Phil Ingrassciotta, William Koss, James  
Leung, Marian Lizzio, John Marshall, Lou Mauro SJ,  
Kay Mazzo, Betty & Ron Miller, Marisol Miro,  
Lorraine B. Nelson, Campbell Phillips, Jim Reidy,  
Riederman Family, Joshua Rota-Tebb, Laura Samoy,  
Valerie Sanchez, Rocco Scura, Alice Sharkey,  
Ray and Terri Sharpe, Amando Solero, Danny Stevens,  
Vincent Sullivan, Joe Toll SJ, Loretta Tommasulo,  
Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend, Gregory Turner,  
Carl Wassmann*

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

*Mario O. Arceo, Sister Gloria Czarniewicz,  
Mary Mulkerin Donius, Antoinette Gallitelli ICM,  
James Lizzio, Father Michael Thomas Morris, O.P.,  
Danilo Nicolas, Thomas Norton, Catherine Olnek, Jean Orza,  
Sister Grace Plimen FSP, James Sullivan, Joe Towle SJ,  
Marvin 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

September 3/4

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank you all for your very warm welcome since my arrival. As I said in my homily last Sunday, I have been very humbled in these past days as I begin another ministry in a different place with so many new and wonderful people. I am hoping to find ways to listen to your stories, especially those that speak of your spiritual journeys. I love to hear about the ways in which God works in the unique life of each person.

I also wanted to let you know that I am planning to post my homilies on the website under Pastor's Messages. My homily from last weekend should be available if you are interested in reading. I do this so that you can get a feel for my preaching and prayer if you don't happen to be attending the Mass where I'm presiding. I'm grateful that the parish has such great preachers like Fr Sean to give you opportunity to hear other perspectives. Speaking of Fr Sean, he is presently on a well-deserved vacation! We are so blessed to have such a dynamic, generous, young priest working at Xavier. I am more than grateful to have him as my associate. We are also fortunate to have the pastoral help of Frs. Sam Sawyer and Jim Miracky who will be presiding on a regular basis.

On this Labor Day weekend, I give thanks to God for the opportunity we have to labor together in the mission that God has entrusted to us through Christ and in his Spirit. I also give thanks for a particularly beautiful summer ☺

In the love of Christ,  
**Fr Bob**

*PS. Many people have asked how I would like to be addressed. I am comfortable with Father Bob, Bob, Father V, FB(not Facebook), or any other term of endearment that works for you.*

## SIGN THE POSTCARD: RAISE YOUR VOICE FOR REFUGEES



Now is the time to help refugees!

On **September 19**, world leaders will meet at the U.N. Summit for Refugees and Migrants. And the next day, President Obama will host a Leaders' Summit on the Global Refugee Crisis.

We have worked with more than 40 organizations to develop a postcard to be delivered to Congress and President Obama before the summits, which urges the United States to lead by example.

Sign the postcard  
To sign the postcard online,  
go to <http://bit.ly/refugeepostcard>.

All signatures and postcards are due by September 12!

## FORCED FROM HOME

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) works around the world to provide refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs) with everything they need from psychological care to lifesaving nutrition. MSF sets up hospitals in refugee camps, helps women give birth safely, vaccinates children to prevent epidemics, and provides access to safe drinking water. Forced From Home is designed to raise public awareness about the experience of refugees and internally displaced people, and provides MSF an opportunity to speak out on behalf of our many beneficiaries around the world who may not have a way to speak for themselves.

Forced From Home that will be at Battery Park City Esplanade September 23-27. People can book a guided tour by calling 212 400 3424 or going online to [forcedfromhome.com](http://forcedfromhome.com) to get more information.

## Music Ministry

### MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS



Now is the time when the music ministry especially seeks new members for the coming year. There are four ways in which you might want to participate: The Choir, The Bell Choir, The Instrumental Group. Please take a moment to read the descriptions below and if you're interested or called to service, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Director of Music Ministries: *John Uehlein* ([juehlein@sfxavier.org](mailto:juehlein@sfxavier.org) or 646-573-0099). Ad majorem Dei gloriam ~ To the greater glory of God!

**CHOIR MINISTRY:** It's time to join up! Service is our password and having fun while preparing liturgy is our way. Faith is our fuel. The St. Francis Xavier Choir is looking for new members now. We have an exciting year planned with music for all the liturgies and major feasts. A pleasant voice, the ability to sing in harmony, and showing up regularly are the only requirements. Reading music is a plus, but not a necessity. Rehearsal are Thurs. nights from 7-9 and we sing at the 11:30 service on Sundays.

**INSTRUMENTAL MINISTRY:** Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be a part of the Music Ministry at St. Francis Xavier? We are looking for competent (intermediate to advanced) instrumentalists now. Woodwinds, strings, brass, guitar, bass are exciting additions to the musical prayer we present at our liturgies. The Sunday 5 liturgy is our instrumental mass and we rehearse at 4PM before the liturgy.

**THE BELL CHOIR:** Although we at present don't have any openings, this group of 10 ringers continues to grow by leaps and bounds. We rehearse on Monday evenings from 6:15 to 8:15. We play at all major Holy Days (Christmas and Easter), we play during Advent and Christmas and we play every Sunday of Easter time through Pentecost. The ability to read a little music, especially rhythms is necessary. But any number of our members have joined without that ability and have quickly learned. So if you don't read rhythms, but are willing to learn with a little extra help, that's OK.

### SAVE THE DATES

**VOX CLAMANTIS**  
Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm

**CONCERT TO END GUN VIOLENCE**  
Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 2:30 – 3:30  
*Featuring Xavier Musicians, Readers and Friends*

This is the fragment from our rehearsal for this concert:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCB0y8O61nI6MtWAVs48llg>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VoxClamantisee/>



## Ignatian Spirituality at Xavier

*“Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,  
my memory, my understanding,  
and my entire will,  
all I have and call my own  
You have given all to me*

*Would you like to know what this prayer means in your life?*

Join us for an Ignatian Spirituality Information Session to learn more about this prayer and what programs are being offered at Xavier in 2016-17.

- Spiritual Direction
- Spiritual Exercises
- Ignatian Prayer
- Lenten Home Retreat
- Stations of the Light

*...To you, Lord, I return it.  
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.  
Give me only your love and your grace,  
that is enough for me....”  
St. Ignatius of Loyola*

### IGNATIUS SPIRITUALITY AT XAVIER 2016-17

#### INFORMATION SESSIONS

**Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6:30pm**  
**Sunday, Sept. 11 at 1:30pm**

*Sponsored by ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)*

A Memorial Mass to celebrate the life of Parishioner and former receptionist

### Denyse Robinson

Who died on July 23, 2016

Will be held  
**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 10:00 am**  
in the **Main Church.**



## CHANGE A LIFE!

Do you want to fall asleep tonight knowing that you helped to change someone's life today? If the answer is yes, please consider sponsoring an L-STEP Participant! Our Fall 2015 semester will soon begin with 8-10 participants. The program is free to our participants and so we request your assistance in underwriting the cost. The breakdown for one participant is as follows:

Stipends	\$300.00 (\$10 per session, 30 sessions)
MetroCards	\$165.00 (\$5.50 MetroCard per session, 30 sessions)
Food	\$90.00 (\$3.00 per meal, 30 meals)
Supplies	\$30.00 (\$1.00 per session, 30 sessions)
Administrative	\$65.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>

Please contact *Cassandra* at 212-627-2100, x208 with any questions!

## GOT LIFE?

If you've got life-experience, then you're just who we're looking for! We are looking for caring, compassionate mentors for the Fall semester of L-STEP. L-STEP assists homeless individuals with moving forward with their lives.

- **L-STEP MENTORS** commit to eight Wednesday evening sessions, plus the Stepping Stones & Graduation Ceremony, to assist individuals with goal-setting, story presentation, and successfully completing the program. Mentors must attend a training on **September 24th** at 9:30am.

Please contact *Rachel Johnson* at [rjohnson@xaviermission.org](mailto:rjohnson@xaviermission.org) or 212-870-6876.  
Thanks!



## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Wis 9:13-18b; Philem 9:10, 12-17;  
Luke 14:25-33.

### **TWENTY-THIRD MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

1 Cor 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11.

9:00AM THOMAS G. JONES SR. (D)

### **TWENTY-THIRD TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

1 Cor 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19.

7:45AM ANTOINETE & LEO BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM FRANK SHERIDAN (D)

### **TWENTY-THIRD WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

1 Cor 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26.

7:45AM BAGA FOUNDERS GOING TO COLLEGE (L)  
12:05PM KATHLEEN DADY (D)

### **THURSDAY~FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**

Mic 5:1-4a; Matt 1:1-16, 18-23.

7:45AM KAREN N. LOPRETE (BIRTHDAY) (D)  
12:05PM MOTHER OF LITO SALAZAR, SJ (D)

### **FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. PETER CLAVER:**

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42.

7:45AM PETER JAMES HAWKES (D)  
12:05PM ISMAEL RODRIGUEZ (D)

### **TWENTY-THIRD SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

1 Cor 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49.

12:05PM REV. ROBERT FRUEH (L)

### **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

Exod 32:7-11, 13-14;

1 Tim 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32.

**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](mailto:abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com)

**ADULT ACTIVITIES:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [bowcol@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:b.a.good.apostle@gmail.com)

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

**EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto:LMDiaz@sfxavier.org)

**GAY CATHOLICS:** Men meet in a caring and affirming environment on the first and third Fridays, 7pm Mary Chapel. Contact [sfxgsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgsgroup@gmail.com)

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

**LITURGICAL COMMITTEES:** See website or Contact Luz, [LMDiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:LMDiaz@sfxavier.org)

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact James Fox, [suniko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto: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 Larry Ruthv at [xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

**SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES:** Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Rose Alloca, [alloccarose@gmail.com](mailto:alloccarose@gmail.com) or Marie Bannister, [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com).

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** Spiritual, Service, and Social Activities for Xavier's 20's-30's. Meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 5pm Young Adult's Mass, in the West Room. Contact [sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

**ZEN MEDITATION GROUP:** Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul 212-260-2486, [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com)

### XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**CLOTHING ROOM:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, contact Ann Mary: [xmClothingRoom@gmail.com](mailto:xmClothingRoom@gmail.com)

**FOOD PROGRAMS:** Every Sunday soup kitchen and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday food pantry, contact Christine: [xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com](mailto:xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com)

**L-STEP:** Spring and Fall semesters, contact J: [xmLSTEP@gmail.com](mailto:xmLSTEP@gmail.com)

**SHELTER:** Every night, contact Jim: [xmShelter@gmail.com](mailto:xmShelter@gmail.com)