



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

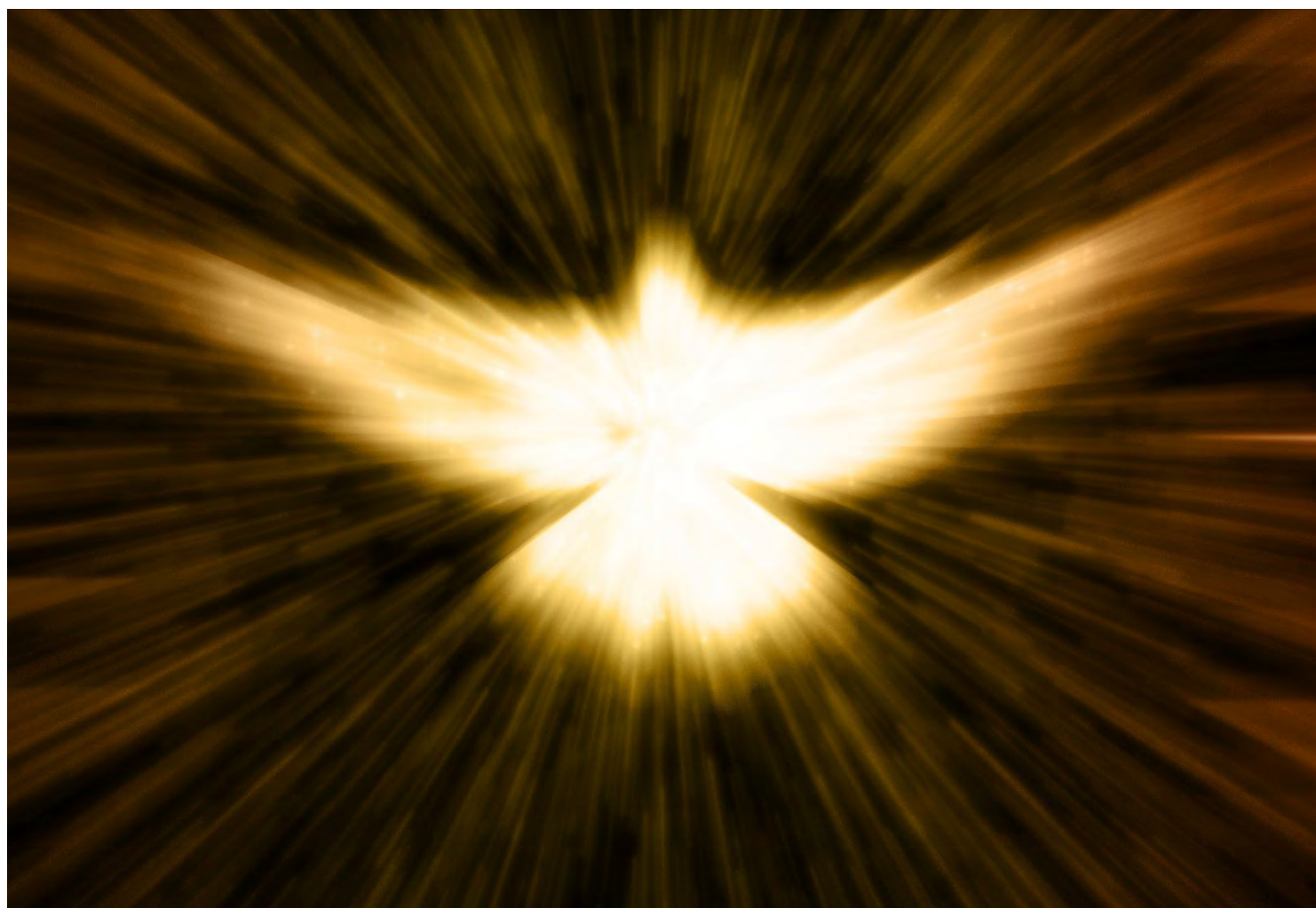
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The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. (Num 11:25-27)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit St. Joseph's Seminary

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 2018

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 (Communion Service), 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. Daniel Corrou, S.J. (Acting Pastor) - 206
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)
Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201
Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221
Receptionist — 201
John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Jack Schmitt (Chair);
Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Vice-Chair);
Stephen Alfieri (Secretary); Kathleen Cagnina;
Karen DeMasi; Patrick Egan; Michelle Jung;
John Karle; Charles Mileski; Ron Oberdick;
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

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 Presider Schedule

Saturday, October 6th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Ron Amiot, SJ*

Sunday, October 7th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Anita Ibarra Advincula, Kay Quinn Cohen,
Bobby Cook, Maria Formoso, Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia,
Manny Lopez, Joan O'Brien, Michael Termini,
Dr. Daniel Tynan, Ron Vigil, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers,
David Woolwine*

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

*Felipe Castro, John Kevin Cloonan, Danilo Cuilao,
Eusebia Marzan, Aurea V. Tomines*

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 Desk of Fr. Dan

The task of the spiritual life is to be radically present to reality. This must be our task amid struggle and transition. As we seek a way forward for our Church and parish, we are invited to a deeper awareness of where God is calling us here and now.

During this Season of Creation, several reading groups in the parish have been reading Elizabeth Johnson's newest book *Creation and the Cross*. In it she re-visits St. Anselm's Satisfaction Theory of Atonement. In doing so she invites us to examine what is good and holy in his approach, but to cast off what is unhealthy and unholy. This is the task of discernment, and it is what we are each called to do everyday, from reality.

She highlights three points that are good in St. Anselm's approach. First, he speaks in language, and uses images that are relevant to the time in which he writes. All theology is done in context. We need to understand the context of theology written in the past, and we need to be aware of our own context in order to do good theology today. As we seek a way forward through these difficult times in the Church and in our parish, we must never rely on past answers, but draw on past wisdom in light of present reality. Our response must be a response from the Gospel, spoken today.

Second, Johnson reminds us that Anselm took sin very seriously. We cannot disregard the very real power of sin in our world today: racism, sexism, homophobia, able-ism, disregard for creation, and abuses of power are all forms of sin. In order to address the struggles in our Church and parish we will need to attend to the root causes of these sins.

Third, Johnson says that Anselm began with God's mercy. Without God's mercy, and without a posture of gratitude for God's mercy, neither a focus on context nor sin has any real value. As we begin the work of listening to one another, and discerning a way forward for our parish and for the Church, allow us to remember the mercy of God for us and for all we encounter. Grounded in this mercy we will always remember to offer the best possible interpretation on the thoughts of another.

Please keep the parish in your prayers. Feel free to contact me at any time: [**dcorrou@sfxavier.org**](mailto:dcorrou@sfxavier.org).

Fr. Dan



October 4
7:30 pm
Church of
St. Francis
Xavier

Featuring Xavier Choir,
Xavier Players, Xavier Dancers,
Bell Choir and Readers from the
community

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Songs For The Earth

Co-sponsored by St. Francis Xavier
Environment and Music Ministries



MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

If you're interested in being a part of the Music Ministry at St. Francis Xavier, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Director of Music Ministries: John Uehlein (juehlein@sfxavier.org or 646-573-0099

THE SUNDAY 5PM SCHOLA CHOIR: This Schola/Choir sings at the Sunday 5PM mass along with our instrumental Xavier Players.

THE XAVIER PLAYERS AT THE SUNDAY 5PM INSTRUMENTAL MINISTRY: We are looking for competent (intermediate to advanced) instrumentalists now.

THE FAMILY FAITH CHOIR: This exciting choral experience is an inter-generational choir with both adults and children involved with the choir. For more information or to schedule an audition please contact the Assistant Director of Music: Jacqueline C. Perez: jperez@jesuits.org.

THE SFX ADULT CHOIR: The St. Francis Xavier Choir is looking for new members now. A pleasant voice, the ability to sing in harmony, and showing up regularly are the only requirements. Rehearsals are Thurs. night from 7-9pm and we sing at the 11:30am service on Sundays.

FROM Xavier Environment Ministry:
Care for Creation: Week 4

Recycling waste at home, work and school is critical, because it extends the life of landfills, saves energy and creates jobs by remanufacturing paper, cardboard aluminum, steel, plastic, glass and other items into new products. You may not know recycling also helps reduce greenhouse gases which contribute to climate change. When natural materials are mined for creating new products and packaging, it requires a massive amount of energy and water, with air pollution as the byproduct.

Single use plastic bags are certainly convenient for living in New York City. But consider this: plastic bags are derived from fossil fuels. They are a source of litter in our streets, trees and waterways. When they make it to the ocean, they are harmful to marine habitats and wildlife. Plastic bags are problematic for curbside recycling, creating costly tangles and jams in recycling sorting equipment. Consider making a pledge bring your own (B.Y.O.) reusable bags with you when you go shopping. Consider supporting policies which would ban single use plastic bags at local, state levels.

The City of New York has provided 100 reusable shopping bags to St. Francis Xavier Environment Ministry, and they will be distributed this weekend at the ministry table in the back of the church after each Mass. (limit one per person)



Photo caption: *From SFX coastal cleanup: Plastic was clearly the biggest item of litter collected along the Hudson River. Of that, Styrofoam was prominent in many forms: big chunky pieces and thousands of tiny bead pieces. New York City has banned single-use Styrofoam products, effective January 1, 2019.*



DINE OUT FOR XAVIER MISSION AT BACCO!

We're kicking off Mission Weekend at **Bocca Restaurant and Bar!**
Join us for lunch or dinner and 20% of your bill will be donated to Xavier Mission!

Reservations are strongly encouraged, as the restaurant is on the cozy side.

**39 East 19th St.
New York, NY 10003
212-387-1200
LUNCH 12:00PM-3:00PM
DINNER 5:00PM-10:30PM**

We hope to see you there!!

BE PART OF MISSION WEEKEND!

Join us October 13-14 for a weekend dedicated to re-introducing Xavier Mission to the parish community!
Weekend will include:

- Celebration of the work of the Mission at every Mass!
- Receptions after the Masses to meet the Mission staff and L-STEP graduates!
- Tours of the Coughlin Men's Shelter and the Welcome Table!

We invite you to be a part of this celebration by being a lector or gift bearer at the Masses that weekend. Please contact *Cassandra* at cagredo@xaviermission.org to sign up.

CHANGE A LIFE!

Want to help change the world but don't have a lot of spare time? Your financial contribution helps every bit as much as your time. We have a great way for you to make a significant impact on the lives of your fellow New Yorkers.

For a gift of \$700, you can sponsor a participant of the Life-Skills Training & Empowerment Program (L-STEP). This covers stipends, MetroCards, food, supplies, and administrative costs.

Our next class of L-STEP has just begun their semester and we are looking forward to an exciting 14 weeks ahead! With a sponsorship you can ensure that someone will have a life-changing experience!

Visit www.xaviermission.org/donate to make your gift today.

**Do You Have a Skill to Share
With our Friends
Who Gather in Hurtado Hall
on Thursday Evenings?**

Members of The New Sanctuary Coalition continue to gather every Thursday evening in Hurtado Hall. Undocumented friends meet from 6 to 8:30 pm for support, fellowship and educational opportunities. We are seeking Xavier Parishioners who are willing to share life skills with this community. So far, our friends have learned a little yoga and had a short workshop on finances.

Do you have a specialized skill or area of expertise that you could share with our friends? Would you be available to play with the kids during these gatherings? Your contributions would be most welcome.

If you are interested, contact Linda (linda@rchavez.net) for more information or to discuss further.

**Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC)
Experience Making a Difference**

Join IVC and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits!

IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need. Volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their service and to deepen their spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. There is also the opportunity for spiritual guidance.

Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam, Regional Director at 917-859-0928 or email mfullam@ivcusa.org and visit our website: www.ivcusa.org

Hold Saturday, October 13 for **The India Group Annual Cocktail Party/Fundraiser** from 6-9 PM. The group, founded at SFX provides education and healthcare for the poorest of the poor in India.

Contact the India Group for more information at theindiagrouppnyc@gmail.com.

**Catholic Lesbians
Friday, October 12th
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
West Room**

In this season of creation, Carole Goldstein and Carol Trzcinski will lead a discussion about Mary Oliver and her poetry. If you are so inclined, please write a short nature poem or one that you have already written and bring it to share. Snacks and beverages are welcome too! BYOCups (Cup, Utensils, Plate, Serviette). For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (929) 333-5011.

**CONVERSATION
WITH FR. JAMES MARTIN S.J.**

Wednesday, October 3rd

Fr. Jim Martin, noted author and friend of Xavier was present at the World Meeting of Families in Dublin speaking about his book "Building a Bridge": How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community can enter into a relationship of respect, compassion and sensitivity?. Jim will be here at Xavier to speak about his experience in Dublin one October 3rd from 7pm-8:30pm in the Keenan Commons. More information to follow!

TEACH ME HOW TO PRAY

*Do you feel that you don't know
how to pray, or how to talk to God,
or how to get back to praying?*

Lay Spirits is offering six sessions on prayer and praying designed to help you find your way.

Starting with:

- Praying with Scripture with Gerry Moss – Oct. 21
- Centering Prayer with Catherine Wolfe – Nov. 18

Three additional programs will be offered in the winter. The sessions will be at 1:30 pm in Xavier High School.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Num 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM LUCA PIERACCIONI (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Matt 18:1-5, 10.

7:45AM: NICHOLAS FIORE (D)
12:05PM JOHN MOLLOY (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS BORGIA: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62.

7:45AM: GEORGE F. DEAN (D)
12:05PM: EILEEN RYAN (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12.

7:45AM: RALP MALDONADO SR. (D)
12:05PM KATHLEEN FRIEL (L)

TWENTY-SIXTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16.

7:45AM: FABRIZIO GARRETA (L)
12:05PM JOHNY JAMES TIMLIN (D)

TWENTY-SIXTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24.

12:05PM DONA KENNEDY

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16.

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

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

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, sumiko120@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 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 6pm. Open to all levels. Contact ko@nyyogalife.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

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul schubertnyc@gmail.com