



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. (Mark 13:31)

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit Campaign for Charity & Justice

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 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](http://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 (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***

Jack Schmitt (Chair);  
Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Vice-Chair);  
Stephen Alfieri (Secretary); Kathleen Cagnina;  
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[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  
minimum of six months before qualifying for a  
sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.**

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

### **Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ*

### **Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Anita Ibarra Advincula, Mary Jane Brown, Dan Clarius,  
Kay Quinn Cohen, Bobby Cook, Jesús Dabu, Maria Formoso,  
Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia, Ann Grant, Manny Lopez,  
Bertha Mercedes, Joan O'Brien, Olha O'quinn, Marcy Parlow  
Pomerance, Eileen O'Keeffe, Brigid Scott, Ava Sellitti, Anthony  
Sellitti, Jeff Stevenson, Michael Termini, Dr. Daniel Tynan,  
Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers, David Woolwine*

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

*Tim Becker, Vilma Costello, Kristina Esposito,  
John Kevin Cloonan, Danilo Cuilao, Anna Jimenez,  
Eusebia Marzan, Aurea V. Tomines, Ricardo Vales,  
Renzo Venrella, Lillian Wall*

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*

Our liturgical calendar is coming to the end of the year. As Advent begins (Dec 2) so does our new Church year. Just as we do at the end of the Gregorian (western, civil) calendar year, we are taking stock of where we are. Our readings offer some sense of the reality in which we find ourselves today.

In our readings this weekend we hear of times of tribulation and disruption. I always hope to find some consolation in the fact that times of tribulation are not confined to these present times, but that consolation is fleeting. The reality is we do face turbulent times. The rise of nationalism, racism, abuse by clergy and bishops and antisemitism highlight the reality of injustice in our society. While we can point to movements like #MeToo and #BlackLivesMatter as signs of hope, they are signs of hope against incredible structures of injustice.

Amid that we read that “the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever” (Daniel 12:3). This is our call, to be the wise ones who shine brightly. There are three areas of hope that I want to highlight.

First, many of our parishioners are involved in the 5 Theses Movement which calls for important reforms in our church. They were part of a protest at many cathedrals last weekend and at the gathering of Catholic Bishops in Baltimore. Please see the website for more information.

<https://www.5theses.com/>

Second, as a parish rooted in the Ignatian tradition we are part of the Ignatian Solidarity Network and their Campaign for Hospitality. This collaborative work of justice and advocacy reminds us that all people are created in the image and likeness of God. Please see information about their good work at <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/campaignforhospitality/>

Third, we continue our prayers for our own parishioners who have been accompanying some of the most marginalized in Jamaica this last week. We are delighted to welcome home the Xavier group from their time at Mustard Seed in Kingston, Jamaica. I hope that they can share with us their stories and the ways in which their time of solidarity helped them to grow. Please visit their blog at the following address <https://xavierinjamaica.blogspot.com/>

Amid tribulation we are invited to be hope. Let us accompany all we meet into that justice that the Prophet Daniel describes.



### **THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES:**

7:00am in the Mary Chapel  
10:00am in the Main Church



## SPECIAL GIVING TUESDAY RAFFLE – THE DAILY SHOW!!

Giving Tuesday – the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (11/27) – is the largest single charitable giving day of the year. On this global day of giving, join members of the Xavier Mission community by supporting our programs that welcome, serve, and empower people in need.

This year, for each donation of \$50 made ON GIVING TUESDAY, you will be entered to win TWO VIP passes to a taping of The Daily Show with Trevor Noah\*! If you donate \$50, your name will be entered once, if you donate \$100, your name will be entered twice, and so on...

***\*\*Only donations made between 12:00am and 11:59pm on Tuesday, November 27 at [xaviermission.org/donate](http://xaviermission.org/donate) are eligible for entry into the raffle.\*\****

Donations must be in increments of \$50 to be entered (for example, a \$50 donation will receive 1 entry, a \$75 donation will receive 1 entry, and a \$100 donation will receive 2 entries).

Join the #GivingTuesday movement and make an impact!

\*Guaranteed admission to a date of your choice, which can be reserved up to one month in advance, for any day Monday through Thursday. Tickets valid until December 2019.



\*\*Staff and Board members of Xavier Mission and their spouses/partners are not eligible to take part in this raffle.



## ‘HOLIDAY HOPE & HEALING CAMPAIGN’ RECEIVES INCREDIBLE RESPONSE!

After only 5 weeks of our first Holiday Hope & Healing Campaign, we are already 80% of the way to our goal! The generosity has been amazing so far and we know it will only continue to increase. Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated—you are awesome!!

For those who haven't, we invite you to join us in spreading the love to families who are struggling. Your generosity helps to ensure that they won't have to worry about their basic needs and can celebrate the season in peace and joy. Please consider one of the following gift levels:

**GOAL: \$100,000**

**RAISED (as of 11/13): \$79,840**

We've already raised 80% of our goal! Join us and make an impact on your world!

Donate at: [xaviermission.org](http://xaviermission.org)

## JOIN US FOR DINNER!

We invite all members of our community to join us and our Mission guests for dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Doors to Hurtado Hall open at 11:30am and dinner begins at 12:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING! FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS!**

## HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

*Ministers of Hospitality play an essential role in creating a welcoming atmosphere and setting the tone for all who take part in our liturgies. They welcome all who come to the Church of St. Francis Xavier, take up the collection(s), help seat people, offer assistance as needed during Mass.*

We need more hospitality ministers in each of our weekend masses on Saturday at 5 pm, and Sun 9 am, 11:30 am and 5 pm. All those interested in knowing more about this ministry are invited to come to an info session with refreshments on

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
AFTER THE 5:00PM MASS  
IN THE MARY CHAPEL.**



## PASTA WITH THE PASTOR

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 1:00pm**

**Xavier High School Chapel**

**30 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> avenues**  
(ask at the front desk how to arrive at the chapel)

RSVP to [YouthMinistry@sfxavier.org](mailto:YouthMinistry@sfxavier.org)

St. Francis Xavier is happy to announce that there will be a Youth Mass for Grades 7-12 that will be celebrated with the pastor every first Sunday of the month at 1:00pm in the Xavier High School Chapel with lunch to follow. Father Dan would love the opportunity to speak with the youth of our parish in an informal setting and discuss what is important to them.

Do you feel called to support others in their spiritual journey or know someone who shares such a calling? Applications are now being accepted for the Spiritual Director Formation Program, an 18-month parish-based training program that will begin in February 2019. For an application and more information please visit the Faith Formation tab at [www.sfxavier.org](http://www.sfxavier.org) or email Bob Choiniere at [rchoiniere@sfxavier.org](mailto:rchoiniere@sfxavier.org). Deadline for submission is **December 15, 2018**.



## World AIDS Day Prayers of Remembrance

**Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30pm  
in the Main Church**

We are called to remember those who have died of AIDS and those living with HIV/AIDS and their caretakers. In addition, we will be commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the AIDs Memorial dedication and the Jubilee of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, SJ.

If you would like the name(s) of someone who has died included in our prayers please send that name(s) to [SFXGCGROUP@Gmail.com](mailto:SFXGCGROUP@Gmail.com).

## Remember Xavier When Considering a Year-end Gift

First we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support our parish throughout the year. As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to Xavier. Your year-end gift can help us continue to celebrate vibrant liturgies and support our many ministries.

The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support Xavier for years to come. There are many different ways of contributing a gift. Two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests and IRA/retirement accounts. For more information on how you can help make a difference contact the parish office.

## OPEN STUDIO

Sneak peek of new work for the exhibit “*Delirious New York*” opening uptown in January, 2019, and a chance to view two works in progress- “Encarnación” and “La Cena”. The dates for this open studio will be **December 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup>**, from **10:30am-5:00pm** in the choir loft.

*Art Prints will be on sale and 10% of all proceeds will be donated to the Church of St. Francis Xavier.*

*Catholic Lesbians & Friends—All Are Welcome!*

## 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PARTY

**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Larkin/Hurtado Hall**

163 kids! 26 days! You have the opportunity to bring Christmas cheer to children from Picture the Homeless, Community Voices Heard, Life Experience & Faith Sharing, and STEPS to End Family Violence. Contact [SFXWrap@gmail.com](mailto:SFXWrap@gmail.com) or (929) 333-5011 for one, two or three kids’ names, and bring your gifts to the wrapping party.

## ADVENT HOME RETREAT

This Advent, make a home retreat with the season’s scripture and prayer.

Prayers and reflection questions will be suggested for each day of Advent and you will meet with a spiritual director one-on-one for 3 weeks at a time set by you and your director.

Opening session is Wednesday, 11/28 at 6:30pm  
To register for the retreat, please email or call Marie Bannister ([mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com), 917 301 2426) Registration deadline Monday, 11/26.

Suggested donation is \$30.

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

## PEACE AND JUSTICE FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY SALE

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
and Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
*After all Masses in the back of the church*

Find goods that are all sourced from Fair Trade companies that will make perfect gifts!

Please support us as we work to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound while empowering workers with every purchase! Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Sisters of Charity, Thrive for Life Prison Project NYC, the Peace and Justice programs and LifeWay Network, one of only two organizations in the NY Metro area providing safe housing for women survivors of human trafficking.

**NOTE: ALL SALES WILL BE  
CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

The Xavier Company presents

## “AN ADVENT CAROL”

a musical drama written by JS Pecorella with musical compositions by Gerard DeMan, Anne Holland, Laurence Rosania and others. “An Advent Carol” tells the story of the Advent journey from the Annunciation to the flight into Egypt through drama, song and dance. The characters of Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, Anna, Joachim and Elizabeth are masterfully crafted as genuine people who struggle with hopes and dreams, fears and doubts. An Advent Carol offers a message of hope and freedom to the alienated and oppressed and stretches far beyond the traditional Christmas pageant.

*An Advent Carol will be performed on*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
at 7:30 pm in the Mary Chapel.**

***Admission: free will donation.***

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32.

**THIRTY-THIRD MONDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Rev 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43.

7:45AM: HAL HOCHBERG (D)  
12:05PM JOSEPH & JOHN VINING (D)

**THIRTY-THIRD TUESDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Rev 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10.

7:45AM: ETHEL LABISSIERE (D)  
12:05PM THOMAS RIZZO (D)

**WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Rev 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28.

7:45AM: TONY OROFZLANY (D)  
12:05PM: RICHARD MARESCA (D)

**THURSDAY~THANKSGIVING:** Rev 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44.

**THIRTY-THIRD FRIDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Rev 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48.

9:00AM PAUL CAIN (D)

**SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC:** Rev 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40.

12:05PM SR. KATHRYN PRESS, ASCJ (L)

**SUNDAY~FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE:**

Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37.

**YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.**

### 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)

## Ongoing Parish Happenings

**ABILITY XAVIER:** Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact [abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com](mailto:abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS:** Ministry since 1993, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room (offsite July & August), [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) (929) 333-5011.

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

**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, [sumiko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

**SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES:** Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Marie Bannister, [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com) or Gerry Moss, [gerrymoss@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com)

**XAVIER ADULT GROUP:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com)

**THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE:** Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

**XAVIER YOGA:** Tuesdays at 6pm. Open to all levels. Contact [ko\\_ko@nyyogalife.com](mailto:ko_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](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

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