



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit Parish Maintenance

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
**November 25, 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;  
Karen DeMasi; Patrick Egan; Michelle Jung;  
John Karle; Charles Mileski; Ron Oberdick;  
[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, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, 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, James Levaggi,  
Manny Lopez, Bertha Mercedes, Joan O'Brien, Olha O'Quinn,  
Marcy Parlow Pomerance, Eileen O'Keefe, 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, Al Hurley Jr.,  
Anna Jimenez, Eusebia Marzan, Aurea V. Tomines,  
Ricardo Vales, Jason Vermonty*

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 Robert Choiniere*

Part of the role of a parish community is to support one another in our Christian discipleship. This role of assistance and partnership takes many forms in our parish and in churches around the world. One of the most intimate and impactful ministry that the church has developed over the centuries is spiritual direction. Here at Xavier, we have a long tradition of offering various forms of spiritual direction through retreats, formation programs, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola and by nurturing individual spiritual direction opportunities for members of the parish and wider community.

Two years ago, the parish made a further commitment to support the spirituality of our members by offering a unique parish-based spiritual director formation program to train new directors to serve the parish. In May 2018, the first cohort of 11 students completed the training and are now engaged in the ministry of spiritual direction under the supervision of our seasoned directors.

Currently, we are now accepting applications for a new cohort of spiritual direction students that will begin their training in February 2019. The 18-month program consists of bi-monthly classes, retreat and enrichment days, individual meetings with a trained supervisor and other skill-related opportunities. The program is designed for individuals who have themselves completed the 19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises and who have a desire to walk with others in their faith journey.

If you feel called to serve others in their spiritual journey, then I encourage you to apply to the Spiritual Director Formation Program. As a graduate of the program myself, I can honestly say that the program was a profound experience of grace and an opening into a new way of service through a ministry of presence, listening and encouragement. This year we are also encouraging those who are bi-lingual in Spanish and English to consider applying as we hope to open the program to Spanish-speaking directees. You can find the application form at our parish website – [www.sfxavier.org](http://www.sfxavier.org). You can also contact me directly with any questions – [rchoiniere@sfxavier.org](mailto:rchoiniere@sfxavier.org).

*Robert Choiniere, D.Min.*



## 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)

## 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).

## LESSONS AND CAROLS: SHARING THE JOY

*Come join us for our annual festival of contemporary readings, music and traditional carols celebrating the season.*

*Featuring the St. Francis Xavier Choir, the Bell Choir,  
and The Xavier Players and Schola  
John Uehlein, Director of Music Ministries*

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00pm in the Main Church**

*Admission Free!  
Home made Christmas cookie reception to follow!*

## CAN YOU BAKE COOKIES?

Bakers sought for our annual Lessons and Carols program on Dec. 17th at 7PM. Wonderful contemporary readings with many of your favorite Christmas carols will be represented. Wouldn't you like your cookies to be eaten along side these great readings and carols? We are looking for 30 individuals to commit to baking 2 dozen cookies (or other baked goods). If you think you can help out, please email John Uehlein in the parish office at [juehlein@sfxavier.org](mailto:juehlein@sfxavier.org) or if you don't have email, call John at 646-573-0099. Start softening up the butter!!!!

*(PS: leftovers will go to the shelter.)*

## 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

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

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

### MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN

**BERCHMANS:** Rev 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4.

7:45AM: RITA WILLIAMSON (D)  
12:05PM MARK DEBENEDICTIS (D)

### THIRTY-FOURTH TUESDAY IN

**ORDINARY TIME:** Rev 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11.

7:45AM: TERESA RODRIGUES (D)  
12:05PM TERESA RODRIGUES (D)

### THIRTY-FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN

**ORDINARY TIME:** Rev 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19

7:45AM: BARBARA BANNON (D)  
12:05PM: MARGARET COLGAN (D)

### THIRTY-FOURTH THURSDAY IN

**ORDINARY TIME:** Rev 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a;  
Luke 21:20-28.

7:45AM: NICHOLAS CAPASSO (D)  
12:05PM: JAMES E. GORRA (D)

### FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. ANDREW:

Rom 10:9-18; Matt 4:18-22.

7:45AM: ROGER SCHMIDT (D)  
12:05PM: JASON VERMONTY (D)

### SATURDAY~FEAST OF STS. EDMUND

**CAMPION, ROBERT SOTHWELL:** Rev 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36.

12:05PM FRANCIS JOSEPH TURIANO (D)

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.

**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)