



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

## ***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, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Patrick Gilger, SJ*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Anita Ibarra Advincola, Jesus Andaluz, Mary Jane Brown,  
Michael Carroll, Dan Clarius, Kay Quinn Cohen,  
Bobby Cook, Jesús Dabu, Isaac Falci, Maria Formoso,  
Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia, Ann Grant, James Levaggi,  
Manny Lopez, Robyn Luisi, Bertha Mercedes, Joan O'Brien,  
Olha O'quinn, Marcy Parlow Pomerance, Eileen O'Keefe,  
Brigid Scott, Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, baby Paloma Solis,  
Jeff Stevenson, Edith Stewart, 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:

*Adolfo O. Agra, James Ferrando, Friar Fabian Grifone, OFM,  
Kathy Hauer, Al Hurley Jr.,  
Msgr Tom Leonard and Clint Winant*

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*

T. S. Eliot wrote a beautiful poem in 1927 about the “Journey of the Magi.” Amid the chaos of Europe after the First World War and amid the massive shifts of political structures in Europe he chose to write about the visit of these wisdom figures (kings or wise men by tradition) to the homeless infant Jesus and his family. According to Matthew’s Gospel, these wisdom figures traveled from the grand palaces of highly developed cities and states to visit an abandoned garage in Bethlehem, a backwater town. Eliot’s poem plays on this contrast, on the difficulties of travel, and on the absurdity of this voyage from the perspective of the others in the group who did not share the wisdom of these Magi.

At the end of the poem Eliot contrasts the idea of death and birth:

*...were we led all that way for  
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly  
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,  
But had thought they were different; this Birth was  
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.*

I am struck by the resonance with Dostoevsky’s understanding of love as a “harsh and dreadful thing.” This birth celebrated in Christmas is a joyous event, but it is not without pain, hard and bitter agony. This is true of the birth of an actual child, but it is also true of the spiritual new birth we are invited to in Christmas. In realizing God’s profound love for us in the middle of our messiness, we are invited to the hard and bitter agony of realizing that we are loved. In realizing this we must let go of those obstacles to God’s love. We are invited to let go of the security that comes with comfortable fears and resentments. Eliot continues:

*We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,  
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,  
With an alien people clutching their gods.  
I should be glad of another death.*

As we celebrate the feast of the epiphany, of what false gods must we let go? Where is God’s love inviting us to new freedoms and deeper love of all of God’s people? How is God inviting us to the liberation of joy, the liberation of knowing God’s love in all we encounter? In this new year, where is God inviting us into the uncomfortable, uneasy awkwardness of falling into God?

# THOMAS MERTON AT XAVIER



As we celebrate the memory of Thomas Merton, Trappist Monk, peace activist, example of inter-religious dialogue, we remember his prayer experience in Xavier Church.

**January 30 from 5:30- 8:30pm in Hurtado hall** we will offer silent meditative prayer as well as recordings of Merton's lectures. It will be a space of prayer and meditation, just as Merton found in the same space in 1939. Please join us for any or all of the evening. Contact Fr. Dan for more details at [dcorrou@sfxavier.org](mailto:dcorrou@sfxavier.org).

## Catholic Lesbians Friday, January 11<sup>TH</sup>

**6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.~West Room**

“What we bring to the pursuit of the God of Life is what we will get out of it” (Joan Chittister). What will you bring this new year in the pursuit of Love? What will we bring as a ministry? Let's sketch that out for 2019. BYOCups (cup, utensils, plate, serviette), snacks and/or beverages to share with friends, old and new. For more information, contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (929) 333-5011.

## JOIN THE XAVIER ADULT GROUP

**Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>  
at 1:00pm in the Mary Chapel**

*Peter Kempner*, Elderly Project Director at Volunteers of Legal Service will tell us about the legal documents we need today and those useful after death. He will talk about the importance of having a last will and testament, a durable power of attorney, a healthcare proxy, and a control of body form. Peter will help us understand what Article 81 Guardianships are, the subject of a disturbing article in the New York Times on December 9, 2018. Bring your questions. All are welcome.

## ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY

The body copy for this version of New Leaf/ New Year is set in 12 pt. Times New Roman and, if printed as is, will fit in a 1/2 page vertical slot in the Bulletin.

Contact: Nancy Lorence

### A NEW LEAF FOR THE NEW YEAR

Turn over a new leaf for a greener 2019. Small changes yield big results. Some suggestions to get you started ...

- **BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE** Your own reusable water bottle filled with NYC tap water keeps plastic bottles out of the landfill.
- **BAN THE BAGS** Carry your own reusable shopping bag and reduce the volume of plastic choking our oceans, and littering our streets.
- **MOVE BEEF TO THE MARGINS** Make your next burger a Portobello, Turkey or Veggie burger. By choosing fish, chicken or a meatless meal instead of beef, you will be doing the environment (and your heart) a favor. Cattle feedlots contribute to deforestation and methane gas from livestock leaves a huge carbon imprint.
- **SWITCH TO CLEAN ENERGY** You can make a big impact on the environment by switching to clean energy. Three clean energy providers the Environmental Ministry likes: OnForce, CleanChoice Energy, Green Mountain Energy.
- **ENJOY CREATION** Walk down the Heilbrunn Cosmic Pathway at the American Museum of Natural History, and while you are there, take in the exhibit on Climate Change in the Gottesman Hall of Planet Earth.

## SPIRITUALITY AND THE TWELVE STEPS

We will begin a reading group for people interested in spirituality and the 12 steps. This group will be open to people who are in recovery. Spaces will be limited. If interested, please contact *Fr. Dan* at [dcorrou@sfxavier.org](mailto:dcorrou@sfxavier.org)

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:** Isa 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matt 2:1-12.

**MONDAY OF CHRISTMAS:** 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matt 4:12-17, 23-25.

7:45AM: SALVATORE "SAL" CERNARO (D)  
12:05PM: CAROLE & JOHN LABATI (D)

**TUESDAY OF CHRISTMAS:** 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44.

7:45AM: VICKY ANKERSON ROWE (D)  
12:05PM: JOHN CORRIGAN (D)

**WEDNESDAY OF CHRISTMAS:**  
1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52.

7:45AM: HUGO PABON (D)  
12:05PM: PAUL CREWS (D)

**THURSDAY OF CHRISTMAS:** 1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a.

7:45AM: JOHN BERNARD MULDERRIG (D)  
12:05PM: PADDY LOUGHLIN (D)

**FRIDAY OF CHRISTMAS:** 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM: BARBARA SJOSTRON (D)

**SATURDAY OF CHRISTMAS:** 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30.

12:05PM JOHN CARRIGAN (D)

**SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** Isa 40:1-5, 9-11; Tit 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

**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)