



## **St. Francis Xavier (College) Church**

*The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis*

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**November 29, 2020**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 5:30 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 4:30 pm. Please RSVP at [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org).

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: [tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass](https://tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass)

Weekday Masses: 7:15 am and noon Monday through Friday, 5:15 pm Monday through Wednesday, all in main church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:45 am through noon.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the members of St. Francis Xavier College Church, form a welcoming Jesuit parish community. As followers of Jesus Christ, we praise God, love our neighbors as ourselves, celebrate liturgy and the sacraments, engage in lifelong formation and proclaim God's reign of justice, mercy and peace.

**PARISH INFORMATION****E-MAIL ADDRESS:** church@sfxstl.org

**The Parish Center is closed if St. Louis City Schools are closed due to bad weather. Activities and events are also cancelled.**

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday we are closed & Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Bulletin Notices: must be submitted to [church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org) by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

Infant Baptisms: Visit the Baptism page on the SFX website, [www.sfxstl.org/baptism-1](http://www.sfxstl.org/baptism-1), for information on infant baptisms and required preparation class. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12 pm. Contact [associatepastor@sfxstl.org](mailto:associatepastor@sfxstl.org) with questions.

Christian Initiation of Adults: contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or [joseph.milner@slu.edu](mailto:joseph.milner@slu.edu)

Marriages: contact Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303 for scheduling and preparation information.

Funerals: contact Sister Carolyn McWatters at 314-977-1797 or [carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu](mailto:carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu) or Fr. Dan White.

Disability Access: Our church has an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

Parish Registration: Available online at [sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration](http://sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration) or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email [church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org).

Youth Faith Formation: Available for Pre-K through eighth grade. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Ages 3-6 use the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Contact Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org) or Julie Kilian at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto:julie@sfxstl.org) for more information.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Suspended until further notice due to the pandemic. Contact Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org).

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 Diane Flynn  
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 Mary Jane and Butch Henning\*  
 Christina Bah Ireland  
 Laura Kaiser and Family  
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 Ruthann Redmon  
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**Prayer requests to:**

[church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org)

Or visit [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org), and find the form under "Parish Life."

**Join our prayer group on**

**Zoom**, Friday mornings at 9:

Contact Bridget Brennan at

[joy@canainstitute.org](mailto:joy@canainstitute.org) for info.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**



Happy Advent season and happy new liturgical year. I suspect that after 2020 no one will be unhappy if we focus on a new year a month early. This Thursday is the feast of St. Francis Xavier. He was one of the First Companions who gathered around Ignatius Loyola at the University of Paris. A few years later Francis was sent to Asia where he spent the rest of his life ministering in India and Japan.

I have often been struck not by the accomplishments of Francis, but by so much that was left incomplete. The argument could be made that "success" eluded St. Francis Xavier his entire time in Asia. He did not convert emperors or bring entire nations to Christ as he had dreamed. His great desire to proclaim the Gospel in China remained unfulfilled. Future generations would nurture and harvest what he had planted, but that only came later.

This is, of course, consistent with our own experience. There is much that will remain unsaid and undone no matter how long we live. Many of our most cherished dreams will never be attained. Our lives are more like that of Francis than we care to admit. The labors we devote ourselves to may appear quite meager in the long run.

That is not what matters, of course. Fidelity to Christ's call is all that should concern us. Francis Xavier knew that everything is ultimately the work of God. We do our small part with joy and generosity. The rest is in God's hands.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

With the hope of the Resurrection, we ask that you remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, including:

Fr. John Arnold, S.J. (a former principal, president and rector of De Smet Jesuit High School)

May he and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God's presence forever.



Thank you for being part of our Virtual Gala!

We will keep all of our Gala videos on our website at [sfxstl.org/virtualgala](https://sfxstl.org/virtualgala). Here's a quick look back at some wonderful moments.

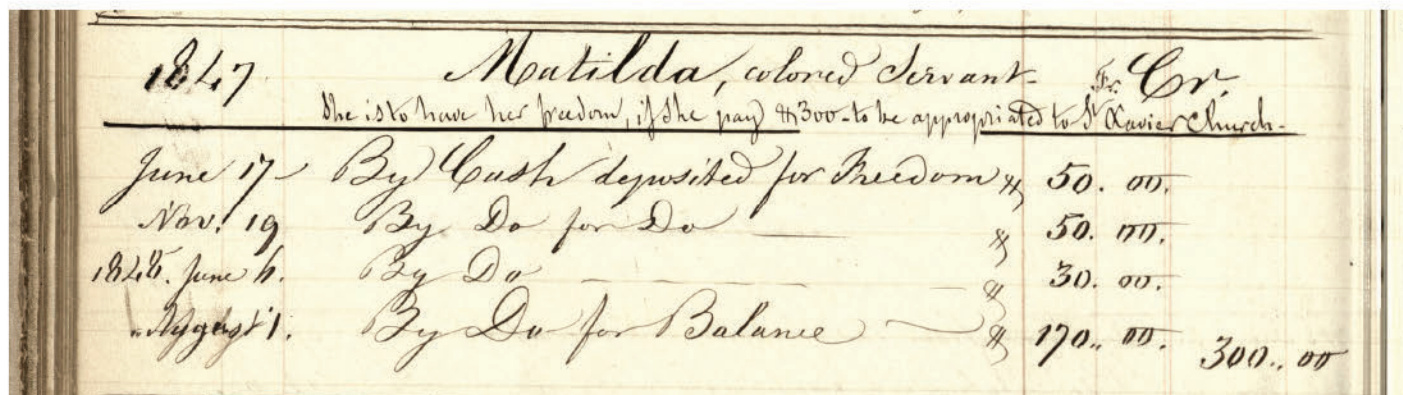


### Authentically Black and Truly Catholic: Black Catholic History Month at College Church

This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Church's designation of November as the month during which we celebrate the contributions of black Catholics. In recognition of this milestone, we will feature—in the bulletin, on our website, and in informational displays around the church—five such individuals whose lives embody a pursuit for racial justice, grounded in a strong and resilient faith. Each of the five lived in St. Louis, and some had specific ties to College Church and to the St. Louis University community. Together, their lives reflect the long history and rich heritage of Black Catholicism.

#### Matilda and Charles H. Tyler

Matilda Tyler and her youngest son Charles H. Tyler were influential in shaping Black Catholic life and African American politics and society in St. Louis. Both had been enslaved to Saint Louis University, until Matilda Tyler negotiated with the Jesuits to be able to purchase her freedom in 1847. Over the course of a year, she paid installments amounting to \$300 to Saint Francis Xavier College Church. Matilda and four-year-old Charley became free in 1848. One year later, Matilda Tyler entered College Church, where she had given the money for her self-purchase, and received the sacrament of Confirmation there with her son, Thomas.



Learn more by visiting: <https://sfxstl.org/black-catholic-history-month>

The Matilda and Charles H. Tyler article is written by Kelly Schmidt, historian and research coordinator for the Jesuits' Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project.

#### Prayers for Racial Healing

This month, as we celebrate the faith-filled lives and contributions of Black Catholics, let us recognize the racial injustice that persists. We come together in prayer asking God to give comfort and courage to those who endure the injuries of racism, as well as wisdom and courage for all to stand against the powers that oppress. We join our voices in prayers for racial justice.

You can find a collection of prayers for racial healing on our Black Catholic History Month page.

## Purchase Fair Trade Products and Support our Sister Parish!



Sales of fair trade products have resumed **online only** to benefit St. Peter Claver in Punta Gorda, Belize. Because of the pandemic, as well as a series of fires which destroyed farms in the community, unemployment in the area has increased dramatically. All the proceeds from our Fair Trade sales go directly to St. Peter Claver.

So far, we have contributed toward their food pantry and two student scholarships.

Fall items are available, including soups, cornbread, hot cocoa, and baking cocoa, in addition to our ongoing sales of chocolate, tea, and coffee!

To purchase go directly to SFX website at:

<http://www.sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade>



There are two options for receiving your items, which you will specify upon placing your online order. Both options occur twice a month on 1st and 3rd Sundays:

**Hand Delivery (only for orders of \$20 or more):** One of our volunteers will deliver your products to your porch or in front of your home. If requesting delivery of orders which contain chocolate, please plan for immediate retrieval of your package in order to protect chocolate from melting. Volunteers will ring your doorbell/buzzer or knock on your door when dropping off items.

**Pick-up at College Church (orders of any value):** Pick-ups at the College Church will be pre-collected into bags with the buyer's name displayed on the outside of the bag, available from 9-10:15am outside of the Ballroom (below the church) on the designated Sundays. We ask that parishioners wear a face mask and continue to practice social distancing during pick-up.



The deadline for ordering delivery or pick-up for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday is the Tuesday before. Please contact Christine at [christine@sfxstl.org](mailto:christine@sfxstl.org) with any questions and thank you in advance for your support!

*Thank you for supporting Fair Trade and our Sister Parish!*

Fair Trade Online Christmas Market  
TWO exciting ways to support our Sister Parish



As the holiday season begins, please consider shopping fair trade to support our sister Jesuit parish St. Peter Claver in Belize. Since we cannot hold an in-person Fair Trade Christmas Market this year, there are TWO ways to support our sister parish from the comfort of your home this year:

**1. Shop College Church Fair Trade products + enter our raffle online from 11/27-12/4:**

Visit <http://www.sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade> between Friday 11/27-Friday 12/4 to purchase delicious fair trade goods including: coffee, tea, chocolate, baking cocoa, hot cocoa, soups, cornbread mix, and brownie mix. In addition to our selection of fair trade products, you can also purchase 50/50 raffle tickets and fair trade basket raffle tickets. Purchase tickets starting on 11/27 and by midnight on Friday 12/4 in order to have a chance to win!

**2. Shop at Zee Bee Market (online or in person at the Maplewood store) from Friday 12/4-Sunday 12/6** in order to earn 10% of proceeds for our sister parish. Zee Bee Market offers beautiful fair trade products, perfect for holiday gifts or to treat yourself! See the flyer below for more details. Online shoppers ([zeebeemarket.com](http://zeebeemarket.com)) must indicate that they are supporting the College Church fundraiser upon checkout. In person shoppers must bring a physical copy of the flyer to the Maplewood location only. Be sure to wait to shop until 12/4-12/6 so that our sister parish receives a portion of the proceeds!

**Crèche Exhibit and Pilgrimage**

The Marian Library of Dayton, Ohio, in conjunction with the University of Notre Dame is offering a digital Advent and Christmas Creche Calendar. You will receive a daily email with a different nativity scene from around the world along with a prayer as you prepare for Christ's coming. For more information or to sign up, please visit :

<https://mcgrath.nd.edu/events/creche-exhibit/> .



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### QUESTIONS?

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**Advent Reflections  
Via Email**

The Advent season can be a wonderful opportunity to slow ourselves down and refocus our spiritual lives as we prepare for the birth of Christ at Christmas. This Advent, College Church will be sending out a daily email that will include the day's liturgical readings, some music and art, and a short reflection written by a member of our parish family, all with the goal of helping us enter more prayerfully into this holy season. If you would like to receive these emails, please register at



[tinyurl.com/sfxadvent](http://tinyurl.com/sfxadvent)

May this Advent season be one of peace and joy for you and your family.

**November 28-29, 2020**

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Fr. White, S.J.
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. Stewart, S.J.
10:30 am	Fr. Stewart, S.J.

**December 5-6, 2020**

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Fr. White, S.J.
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. Stewart, S.J.
10:30 am	Fr. Stewart, S.J.

*The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed, and will have Outdoor Communion. RSVP at [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org).*

**Bulletin Articles**

email bulletin articles to [church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org) before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

**Change in Mass Schedule**

The Sunday 4:30 pm Mass (the Campus Ministry Mass) will resume when classes resume at the end of January.

**Online Church Reminders**



Just a quick reminder that we have a number of virtual opportunities to engage with the life of the parish beyond Sunday mornings.

We have Lectio Divina gatherings, a series of interviews called Parish and Community, an Intercessory Prayer group, and a podcast Recommendation all linked at

<https://sfxstl.org/online-church>

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