

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

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

**March 10th, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 5:15 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am.

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, all in main church. (7:15 am Mass only on national holidays.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays through 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 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, 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 frtim@sfxstl.org with questions.

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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 or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email church@sfxstl.org.

Youth Faith Formation: Catechesis of Good Shepherd classes are available for preschool through 6th grade level students. Traditional religious education classes are available for grades 1 through 8. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Contact Jennifer Quick at jennifer@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

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**Join our prayer group on Zoom,**  
 Friday mornings at 9:  
 Contact Bridget Brennan at  
[joy@canainstitute.org](mailto:joy@canainstitute.org) for info.

**Elemental Love**

*By Richard Gaillardetz from Give Us This Day*



Today's New Testament readings regale us with that most fundamental of Christian convictions, that we have been loved into existence by a God whose very being is Love overflowing. St. Paul reminds us that "God is rich in mercy, because of the great love he [has] for us." And in the Gospel we find one of the most famous passages in the entire Bible, one often referenced on countless "John 3:16" placards waved by earnest evangelizers at sports events. There is no more central Christian claim, yet the very pervasiveness of this passage can make it difficult for its outrageous assertion to seep into our bones.

However, I experienced (anew) God's outrageous love when I became a grandparent last year. When visiting my new grandchild, Elliot, I saw again the power of love at its most elemental.

As I watched my sleep-deprived daughter-in-law selflessly nursing little Elliot, the Gospel refrain echoed anew . . . *for God so loved the world.*

As I witnessed my son swaying with Elliot in his arms, gently crooning a lullaby . . . *for God so loved the world.*

As I gazed with wonder into his cherubic visage and held him close . . . *for God so loved the world.*

This is our God, drawing us into the Father's divine bosom, bearing us up in Love everlasting.

— Richard R. Gaillardetz

*Richard R. Gaillardetz was the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College and the author of numerous books, including *By What Authority?* Rick died peacefully at home on November 7, 2023, surrounded by his family.*

**Donut Sunday THIS Sunday!**

Donuts, coffee, tea and cocoa will be served after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses, hosted by our local St. Vincent de Paul conference. And stick around for a presentation after the 10:30 am Mass as part of the Spotlight on Seniors Ballroom Lecture Series!

**Save The Date!**

Twenty-seven College Church men participated in this year's men's retreat (based on the Spiritual Exercises) at the White House Jesuit Retreat Center. It was a peaceful weekend with excellent presentations and plenty of quiet time to reflect. The weekend was all the more special because College Church's own John Bookstaver and Joe Davito led the music for the benediction and masses. If you think you might be interested in participating next year, you might want to

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

*Gathering: Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy*

**RESTORATION**



1. Come, you sin - ners, poor and need - y,  
 2. Come, you thirst - y, come, and wel - come,  
 3. Come, you wea - ry, heav - y lad - en,



Weak and wound - ed, sick and sore, Je - sus, Son of  
 God's free boun - ty, glo - ri - fy; True be - lief and  
 Lost and ru - ined by the fall; If you tar - ry



God, will save you, Full of pit - y, love, and pow'r.  
 true re - pent - ance, Ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.  
 till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er come at all.



I will a-rise and go to Je - sus, He will em-brace me



in his arms; In the arms of my dear



Sav - ior; O there are ten thous - sand charms.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Responsorial Psalm 137: Let my tongue be silenced...*

*Guimont*



Let my tongue be si-lenced, if I ev-er for - get you!

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*Lenten Gospel Acclamation:*

*Proulx*

Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je-sus Christ!

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**God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*Presentation of the Gifts (10:30): Awake, O Sleeper*

*Haugen*

A - wake, O sleep-er, a - rise from death, a -  
ban - don the shad-ows of night; the wind of the  
spir - it shall be your breath, and Christ will  
fill you with light.

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***LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST***

*Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Charity and Love*

**WARNER**

Holy,  
Holy,  
Holy

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Mem.  
Acc. C

Save us, Sa - vior of the world, for by your Cross and  
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

Great  
Ame

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lamb  
of  
God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION RITE**

*Communion: Now in This Banquet (Lent Refrain)*

*Gather 937*

*Meditation (10:30): I Have Loved You*

*Gather 588*

**CONCLUDING RITE**

*Recessional: From Ashes to the Living Font*

*Gather 474*

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**Lenten Liturgical Celebrations**

*The St. Francis Xavier (College) Church parish family invites you and your friends to celebrate with us these important liturgical celebrations, and the Sacred Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

*March 17 (Sunday) Communal Penance Service, 9:15 a.m.*

*Confessions are available Monday through Friday from 10:30 until 11:45.*

**Holy Week**

*March 23 Passion (Palm) Sunday (Vigil) 5:15 p.m.*

*March 24 Passion (Palm) Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

*March 28 Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m.*

*March 29 Good Friday 3:00 p.m.*

*March 30 Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. (No 5:15 p.m. Mass)*

*March 31 Easter Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.*

*(The College Church Choir will sing at both Easter Liturgies)*

*For more information, please call the Parish Center at 977-7300*

*Complimentary parking is available in the Laclede garage.*



Mary Sherfy

### Living Our Faith: Meet Mary

(Note: this is one of a series of profiles of parishioners to help us all get to know one another better. If you are interested in participating, or want to suggest we highlight a parishioner friend, contact Angela at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org).)

**An SFX parishioner since:** 2012. I like to say my journey to College Church began on a dark and stormy night. In 2004, I was a hit-or-miss Catholic who felt a calling to go deeper in my spiritual life. I thought a faith-based retreat might be a way to dig into that. With zero knowledge about Ignatian spirituality, I found myself driving at night through a pouring rain from downtown St. Louis to the White House Retreat Center — questioning that decision every mile. Eight years (and retreats) after that first one, I asked to join College Church where I can more fully embrace Ignatian spirituality. I'm thrilled to be a parishioner and have never questioned the wisdom of that decision!

**Living my faith:** I'm the granddaughter of four Italian immigrants who retained "green card" status their entire lives because they were shy, not formally educated and lacked command of the English language. So, it was somewhat personal for me to join the Advocacy Committee, where I'm privileged to help raise awareness about the vital needs of those we serve through our Birth Certificate and State Identification Program. I've always wanted to live the call of Christ in Matthew:25. The Program is a perfect manifestation of that call.

**Why I'm involved:** Those who exit the White House Retreat see a sign that says "Welcome to the Mission Field" — an Ignatian reminder to live our faith through action. In addition to being spiritually fed here, I'm so blessed to be part of a warm and compassionate community. College Church is filled with bright, action-oriented people responding to community needs.

**Words that describe SFX:** Progressive, Dynamic, Intellectually Stimulating.

**My neighborhood:** My husband, David, and I live in Creve Coeur near the Jewish Community Center in a beautifully diverse neighborhood. I loved growing up on a farm in a small town in Illinois, and I love the multicultural vibe in my current neighborhood. Common ground is easy to find.

**Fun facts:** I'm Momma to two beautiful daughters and Nonna to four precious grandchildren (7, 5, 3 and 1!) I'm retired from a 42-year career spent in journalism, communications and marketing, with the exception of a seven-year stint (1993 - 2000) as the founding executive director of Forest ReLeaf of Missouri. This vibrant, volunteer-driven organization, now 31 years old, has planted more than 250,000 trees in neighborhoods, communities and cities. It's such a joy to see the fruits of this labor.

*St. Francis Xavier's parish family represents diverse backgrounds, with many immensely talented, deeply engaged, warm and welcoming parishioners. Learn more about how to become involved by calling (314) 977-7300 or visiting [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org). You can find past parishioner profiles at [sfxstl.org/living-our-faith](http://sfxstl.org/living-our-faith).*

### Easter Basket Project

Parishioners are invited to help with an Easter Basket project for children served by the St. Augustine/Wellston Food Pantry and Thrift Shop. After Masses on March 3 there will be a bin in the back of church where parishioners can donate items such as wrapped candy, small toys or books,, and little hygiene items such as soap, lotion and tooth brushes. These items will be sorted and packed in Easter bags by our Level III Catechesis of the Good Shepherd students on Saturday March 9, in time for the food pantry's Easter celebration. Items can also be dropped off at the Parish Center.





## Antiracism at College Church

*At College Church, antiracism is an expression of our recognition that all are created in the image of God. As such, we respond—personally and collectively—to the call to identify, and to actively challenge, structures and systems that devalue people on the basis of race, and to practice restoration in the pursuit of justice.*

### Recognizing Fannie Lou Hamer in Women’s History Month

March is Women’s History Month. It is a time set aside to celebrate the often-overlooked contributions, achievements, and leadership of women in all aspects of our society. One day of this month, March the 8th, is also devoted to The International Day of the Woman whose theme for 2024 is Inspire Inclusion. One notable example of this inspiration and leadership was demonstrated by Fanny Lou Hamer. Her life’s work impacted voting rights, racial representation in the political process, and economic opportunities for black farmers and entrepreneurs.



Fannie Lou Townsend was born in 1917 in Montgomery City, Mississippi. Her parents were sharecroppers, and she joined her family picking cotton at age six. When she was 12 years old, Fannie Lou left school to work full time. In 1944, she married Perry Hamer and the couple labored on a Mississippi plantation until 1962.

In the summer of 1961, Hamer attended a meeting led by civil rights activists James Forman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and James Bevel of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). She became a SNCC organizer and led multiple groups of African Americans in attempts to register to vote. In June 1963, after successfully completing a voter registration program in Charleston, South Carolina, Hamer and several other black women were arrested for sitting in a “whites-only” bus station restaurant in Winona, Mississippi. While in custody, she and several of the women were brutally beaten, leaving Hamer with lifelong injuries.

Fannie Lou Hamer persisted. She co-founded the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP), that campaigned for racial representation in the electoral process. In 1964, Hamer’s impassioned speech to the Credentials Committee of the Democratic National Convention drew attention to the discrimination faced by African Americans in Mississippi and on the barriers to voting rights nationally. The Voting Rights Act was passed in 1965. In following years, the Democratic party ensured fair participation. Fannie Lou Hamer was elected as a national Democratic Party delegate for the 1972 national convention. She also helped to establish

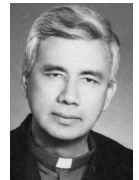
the National Women’s Political Caucus.

In addition to political advocacy, Hamer also developed and led efforts to increase economic equality. In 1968, she began a “pig bank” to provide free pigs for black farmers to breed, raise, and slaughter. A year later she launched the Freedom Farm Cooperative (FFC), buying up land that black people could own and farm collectively. She also initiated the building of 200 units of low-income housing—many still exist today.

Fannie Lou Hamer continued to travel the country, speaking to raise support and funds for Civil Rights until her death at age 59. The results of her courage and activism remain with us today.

### Salvadoran Martyrs

Born in El Salvador, Rutilio Grande was raised primarily by his grandmother. She was very devout and set the foundation for Rutilio’s priestly vocation. “Father” Rutilio celebrated his First Mass on the feast of St. Ignatius in 1959. As a young Jesuit, he taught seminarians to be faithful to the people of El Salvador. He ensured that the teachings of Vatican II and of the Latin American Bishops’ Conference were accepted by the Salvadoran church. Rutilio truly held a fundamental option for the poor and dedicated his life to proclaiming Gospel justice to the campesinos of his parish. He organized Christian communities to catechize those who were poor or exploited, and to work for human rights as an essential part of discipleship. In fact, Grande’s work inspired the Jesuits to adopt promoting justice as part of their primary mission.



Yet not everyone appreciated his efforts. Political leaders and wealthy landowners wanted Grande to be silenced. Several priests were expelled from the country or arrested and tortured for preaching the way he did. On March 12, 1977, Fr. Grande was driving to another village to celebrate Mass. With him were his 72-year-old sacristan, Manuel Solórzano, and a teenage helper, Nelson Rutilio Lemus. Their route passed through fields of sugar cane where they were ambushed. The attackers included Salvadoran security forces and a customs officer. Doctors removed twelve nine-millimeter rounds from Grande’s body. Manuel and Nelson also died in the attack.

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At the funeral, Archbishop Oscar Romero connected Fr. Grande’s life and death to Pope Paul VI’s exhortation for the church to be present in the struggle for liberation from human misery. The violence in El Salvador eventually led to a civil war that left 75,000 dead. Among them were 18 priests including 7 Jesuits, 1 archbishop, 5 Religious Sisters, and hundreds of lay catechists.

Grande was beatified in 2022. Pope Francis greatly admires him. The pope considers the impact of Grande’s murder – which jarred Archbishop Romero enough that he, too, began preaching justice – as Grande’s first miracle! His biographer wrote: “[Rutilio] continued the work of Jesus, announcing the kingdom and making it present by his work and his contact with the harsh reality of the peasants and the marginalized.”

**Significant Figures in Racial History**

Ralph Abernathy, Sr. – born March 11, 1926, in Linden, AL. Rev. Abernathy was a mentor of Martin Luther King Jr. and helped create the Montgomery bus boycott. In 1971, Abernathy addressed the U.N. about world peace, and he helped broker the agreement between the FBI and Native American protestors at the Wounded Knee incident.

Martyrs of El Salvador – died March 12, 1977, in San Salvador. Blessed Rutilio Grande Garcia, SJ, was a Jesuit priest and close friend of Archbishop Oscar Romero. Nelson Rutilio Lemus Chávez, a young very active catechist, helped others to read the Scriptures. Manuel Solórzano worked closely with Fr. Grande for many years. All of them were gunned down in an ambush of their vehicle. Grande was beatified in 2022.

**Upcoming Events**

**March 24 1:00 – 4:00 pm Black Women Poets: Vision and Voice** will be held at the Mercy Retreat and Conference Center, 2039 North Geyer Road, 63131. Noeli Lytton will share works of brilliant, jubilant, tender, bold poets--all Black women who fill our hearts with universal human desires, resilience, and triumph—Lucille Clifton, Maya Angelou, Audre Lorde, Gwendolyn Brooks, and Amanda Gorman. Cost \$25. Register at [mercycenterstl.org](http://mercycenterstl.org) by March 21.

**For more information, or to become part of anti-racism ministries, contact Winnie Sullivan [penultim@swbell.net](mailto:penultim@swbell.net) or Lisa Burks [Imburks60@gmail.com](mailto:Imburks60@gmail.com).**



**The 8th Grade Class invites you to join them on their Lenten Journey for Creation!**

“God looked over everything God had made; it was so good, so very good!” Genesis 1:3.

A focus of this year's 8th grade Youth Faith Formation is gratitude and care for all of God's creation. During Lent, they will pray, reflect, and act on some of the themes presented during their Fall retreat. All are invited to join them on a Lenten Journey for Creation. We can accompany them by taking some time each week to sit with the

Week	Gospel Reading	Creation Themes for Reflection	Awareness/Action Ideas
3/11-3/17	<b>John 12:20-33</b>  Read through the Gospel passage one time slowly. Now read it again. What words, images, phrases stand out to you?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worship at the Feast</li> </ul> How do these themes connect with the Gospel reading?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a sustainable meal and/or take action to limit food waste in your home</li> <li>Pray for families locally and worldwide who are impacted by food insecurity</li> <li>Come up with your own idea!</li> </ul>

**Pastoral Care Commission Spotlight On Seniors 2024**  
**March 10 in the Ballroom following 10:30 Mass**

Two speakers will talk about: Tips and challenges in choosing among long term care options, from independent living, assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing. Presented by Linda DeSmet and Sharon Balleau. Linda was on staff at the Alzheimer's Association for 18 years, served as Family Support Specialist at a assisted living memory care community and recently moved into an independent living community. Sharon and her husband, Jeff are founders of Transitions for Senior Living, a free, hands-on referral service that helps St. Louis seniors and their families find appropriate care when living independently is no longer a safe option. Join us for an informative presentation with time for questions.

### Social Justice Camp this Summer

Registration is now open! The Social Justice Camp sponsored by the College Church Youth Faith Formation program will be held June 24 – 28 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Young people who will be entering grades 6, 7, and 8 in the fall are invited to attend. The week's schedule will include engaging group activities and participation in a variety of community service events. We will explore ways God calls us to build a just society and use our gifts to help others. Camp fees are \$350 per camper and include all program materials and daily snacks. Campers bring their own lunches. Scholarships are available.

Reserve your spot by registering through this link: [sfxstl.org/youth-group-registration](https://sfxstl.org/youth-group-registration). Please contact Jennifer Quick [jennifer@sfxstl.org](mailto:jennifer@sfxstl.org) or Julie Kilian [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto:julie@sfxstl.org) for more information.

**Encounters on the Way to the Cross**  
 2024 Lenten Offerings

**Imagine: A Guide to Ignatian Contemplation** is a form of prayer in which we use our imagination to see and interact with various scenes from scripture. Fr. Tucker will lead a weekly guided contemplative exercise on the Mondays of Lent at 7 pm in College Church. Audio recordings will be made available.

**Reading and Reflecting on Our Parish Racial History** Examining and discussing the racial history of College Church brings home the ways in which we can, in our own faith community, follow Jesus's example of inclusion. To join a **Spiritual Conversation Group**, register here: [tinyurl.com/sc9zh8xw](https://tinyurl.com/sc9zh8xw)

**Stations of the Cross** are available at 12:30 (after the noon Mass)

#### Weekly updates for

- \* **Imagine: A Guide to Ignatian Contemplation**, the audio recordings (available Tuesday evenings),
- \* **Our Parish Racial History**, the recommended readings and reflection questions
- \* All may be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/2yu6wnnd>

For additional information, please contact: [sfxFaithEnrichment@gmail.com](mailto:sfxFaithEnrichment@gmail.com)

### Adult Atrium THIS Sunday, March 3rd

You are invited!

The catechists from the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) at College church invite you to an hour of quiet enjoyment, contemplation and discussion of the mysteries of our faith before the 10:30 liturgy. CGS catechists have discovered that this approach to faith formation nurtures our spirituality, as well as the child's, and we're excited to share it with you!

We'll meet 6 times during the spring semester. You are welcome to come for one session or for as many as you like. please sign up using the link, the QR code, or emailing Julie at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto:julie@sfxstl.org)



### Circle of Creation Green Corner



The CCC is proud of our 8th graders who have chosen Care For Creation as the theme of their Lenten Journey! Elsewhere in this bulletin you will find an informational box with the Gospel reading for the upcoming week, along with the weekly theme they have chosen and some actions they might take based on that theme. They have invited the CCC to submit additional ideas for thought or activities. The theme for the upcoming week is Worship At The Feast. Here are some thoughts from the CCC:

1. The Greeks who came to the feast said, "We wish to see Jesus." How do you see Jesus in your own life?
2. Along with your family, choose items to donate for the SFX Easter Basket Project (See details elsewhere in the Bulletin).
3. Brainstorm with your family about new ways to avoid wasting food at home, such as taking smaller portions initially on your plate, using up leftovers instead of tossing them out, composting appropriate types of food scraps, planting a vegetable garden.
4. Visit a local plant nursery to choose seeds or seedlings and learn about caring for your garden.
5. Take a field trip to a local farmers market and find some new fruits and vegetables to try.
6. Have a meatless meal at least once a week to help decrease greenhouse gases in the environment. [The diet that helps fight climate change](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1737570466430548) [facebook.com/watch/?v=1737570466430548]

Last week was featured here a Cleanup/TrashBash at Greenwood Cemetery on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Due to a scheduling conflict, that event will NOT take place.

**Franciscans For Earth Eco-Series** for March is a virtual event. Registered participants will be able, via Zoom, to view and discuss the film "To the End--Four Young Women Fight for Green New Deal" on Tuesday evening from 6:30 – 7:30 PM on March 12. Additional information and registration are at [franciscansisters-olph.org/events/mar-12-ffe/](https://franciscansisters-olph.org/events/mar-12-ffe/)

**The Subaru Free Recycling Program via Terracycle is closing** March 31, 2024. If you want to get your snack wrappers or other acceptable items to a Subaru dealer by that deadline, you should check first to be sure that the Subaru dealer of your choice is accepting these items.  
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**Public Electronics Recycling events.** See the schedule of events at [recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events](https://recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events)

**Visit the College Church Circle of Creation Committee's Green Corner** [sfxstl.org/circleofcreation](https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation) on the Parish website to keep up to date on resources related to caring for creation, including public electronics recycling events.

#### March 9-10

Saturday  
5:15 pm Fr. McMahon, S.J.  
Sunday  
8:00 am Fr. Redding, S.J.  
10:30 am Fr. Redding, S.J.

#### March 16-17

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#### This Sunday's Scripture Readings

**First Reading:**  
1 Samuel 16:11b, 6-7, 10-13a

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

**Second Reading:**  
Ephesians 5:8-14

**Gospel:**  
John 9:1-41

#### Bulletin Articles

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