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

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

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**sfxstl.org**

**March 13th, 2022  
Second 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](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.

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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](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: 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 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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**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**



Today's Gospel is a description of the event known as the Transfiguration of the Lord. This is described by Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The scene is a theophany, a manifestation of God, in a dramatic fashion. A fun fact is that the Transfiguration has a feast day dedicated to it on August 6th. Clearly, this is a significant event for the Church.

The Transfiguration proclaims Christ's glory, and our sharing in it. We are called to participate fully in Christ's life so that we become more like Him. Christians do not simply follow Christ or try to be like Him but are called to be Christ. Eastern Christianity speaks of this as "divinization." God became as we are so that we might become as God is. Being conformed to Christ makes us different. It is not merely an addition but a new creation.

No wonder the story is always the Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Lent. The reconciliation and conversion at the heart of this season conforms us to Jesus Christ. Forgiveness makes us new people. This does not happen in an instant, though. Keep in mind Peter, James and John are not fully aware of all they have witnessed. However, they are on the way. We are too.

**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:

John "Jack" Magee (father of Katie Thiemann)

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





**Our Leadership Transition:  
Becoming a more Synodal  
Church**

**This Sunday**

Fr. Tom Greene, SJ, the Provincial of the Central and Southern Province of the Jesuits, will be at College Church on **Sunday, March 13th**. After presiding at the 10:30am Mass he will share his thoughts and perspective on our leadership transition. All are welcome to this event in the ballroom. Snacks will be provided.

**A Call to Discernment**

Thanks to everyone who has participated in a house meeting over the last four months. Parishioners have hosted nearly 30 gatherings in person or on Zoom. We hope to continue in some form the process of meeting in small groups and sharing our desires and concerns with one another. We see this a core practice for becoming a more synodal church.



**Prayer for the Synod on  
Synodality**

**In silence, we listen**

We come to you, Oh God,  
in silence to listen with the ear of the  
heart to the indwelling voice of your Holy  
Spirit.

We pray for unity of all the poor, the  
voiceless, the marginalized and all of those  
who are excluded.

Gift our bishops with open hearts and ears  
to hear the Church, the people of God, with  
wisdom, knowledge, patience and courage.

Amen.

*St. Scholastica Monastery - USA*

**Resources on Synodality**

[Sfxstl.org/parish-leadership-transition](http://Sfxstl.org/parish-leadership-transition)

**Reflections on Synodality**

“Behold I am doing a new thing: ...I will make a way in the wilderness” (Is 43:19)

What new paths will we as a synodal Church open? Have we all not been given gifts from the Holy Spirit? Are those gifts just for ourselves or are they for others? Was Puccini’s music and Van Gogh’s art just for themselves or for others? Synodality gives us a chance to listen to each other. What new paths will open when we listen to the cries and desires of the poor when they have no food or homes here, and no priests in other countries? What will happen when we listen to those suffering from bias? What agendas will our parish create as we listen to each other’s concerns regarding these injustices. Will we share our neighbor’s gifts of understanding and wisdom? And will we act on this new knowledge and change what needs to be changed by creating new paths? Together our dialogue will be a beautiful symphony full of wonder and awe for our God.



*Anne Osdieck*

*Outreach Volunteer  
Winter Inn Coordinator*

**NOTA BENE\*****Lent and Easter Liturgical Celebrations**

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

March 13 (Sunday) Confessions available after the 8:00 mass before the Religious Education program's confessions

March 19 (Saturday) Communal Penance Service, 4:00 p.m.

Confessions are available Monday through Friday from 10:45 until noon

**Holy Week**

April 9 Passion (Palm) Sunday (Vigil) 5:15 p.m.

April 10 Passion (Palm) Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

April 14 Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m.

April 15 Good Friday 3:00 p.m.

April 16 Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. (No 5:15 p.m. Mass)

April 17 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.

**Resources for the Loss of a Spouse**

Are you interested in connecting with other College Church members who have lost a spouse? Please join us. We meet on the 4th Sunday of the month between masses. We have met a few times. We are getting to know each other, talk about our loved ones, share resources and experiences. An email list has been set up so we can connect between meetings. We will next meet on Sunday, March 27th, at 9:15 a.m. in the Lower Level Adult Faith Room. For more information contact Val Rutterer at [vrutterer@gmail.com](mailto:vrutterer@gmail.com) or call 314-494-8986.

**Resources for the Loss of a Child**

The Pastoral Care Committee of the parish provides support and resources for mothers, fathers, grandparents, and families who have experienced the loss of a child due to miscarriage or the death of a child at birth. If you would like more information or would like to speak to someone about your experience, please call Joan at 314-962-2833 for further information, connection or conversation. All contacts are held in strictest confidence.

**Interested in Learning about the Catholic Faith?**

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, its beliefs and practices, you are invited to come to our inquiry sessions. These offer an opportunity to ask questions about Catholic beliefs and practices. They are informal and focus on the issues which the participants deem important. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Joseph Milner, 977-7305 or [joseph.milner@slu.edu](mailto:joseph.milner@slu.edu).



**NOTA BENE**



**ALL THINGS NEW**  
STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

The next step in the Archdiocesan planning process invites all Catholics, whether registered parishioners or not, to participate in completing an index entitled “Disciple Maker Index.” It invites all Catholics to express their beliefs, their participation in Catholic life, and their involvement in parish ministries and activities. The results will be used in several ways. First, it will present a picture of the faith-life of individuals in a parish. Secondly, it will highlight the ministries that are active and dynamic in each parish. These two factors will be key considerations as the process of closing or combining of parishes begins. Please plan to complete the index during the month of March. You can find the link on the parish website ([sfxstl.org](https://sfxstl.org)) and it can be filled out either on a computer or a mobile device. A strong showing will manifest the strength of the College Church community and the gifts that we have to offer the Church of St. Louis.

Please contact Angela Pancella at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org) if you prefer a paper copy of the survey.

**Lenten Books and Materials**

Reflection materials for the season of Lent will be available in the Lower Hall after the Sunday morning Masses on March 13. These include: the Little Black Book with a scripture verse and a reflection on a person, event or practice that invites us to deeper faith; Sacred Space from the Irish Jesuits with a line from one of the readings of the day and a reflection on it; and more.

There are also booklets with reflections by Pope Francis and Henri Nouwen. There are booklets for children including the Little Purple book and booklets for teens as well. For more information, please contact Joseph Milner at [joseph.milner@slu.edu](mailto:joseph.milner@slu.edu).

**Buy Fair Trade to Support our Sister Parish!**

Don't forget fresh coffee, chocolate, tea, soup, chili, corn bread, brownie mix, and gift boxes from your friendly College Church Fair Trade Committee. All proceeds directly benefit our Jesuit sister parish, St. Peter Claver, in Belize.



Order online at <https://sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade>.

**Year-to-Date Offertory and Unrestricted Giving**

	<i>Jul 21</i>	<i>Aug 21</i>	<i>Sep 21</i>	<i>Oct 21</i>	<i>Nov 21</i>	<i>Dec 21</i>	<i>Jan 22</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>Sunday Offertory</i>	43,200.00	53,600.00	42,700.00	62,400.00	56,200.00	63,900.00	44,400.00	366,400.00
<i>Holy Day Offertory</i>	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,900.00	560.00	22,500.00
<i>Total Offertory</i>	43,200.00	53,640.00	42,700.00	62,400.00	56,200.00	85,800.00	44,960.00	388,900.00
<i>Other Unrestricted Gifts</i>	0.00	0.00	15,800.00	1,000.00	2,700.00	20,200.00	9,100.00	48,800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,200.00</b>	<b>53,640.00</b>	<b>58,500.00</b>	<b>63,400.00</b>	<b>58,900.00</b>	<b>106,000.00</b>	<b>54,060.00</b>	<b>437,700.00</b>



## Antiracism at College Church

### What is Antiracism?

Responding to that question with a clear, comprehensive, yet concise answer is challenging. But arriving at an answer in order to explain and anchor our efforts here at College Church is important. Toward that end, members of the Antiracism Team and the Parish Racial Equity Review Team contributed their thoughts about the meaning of antiracism, and a review of those written comments yielded three elements essential to the definition.

First, antiracism involves elevating our awareness, identifying racism, recognizing and acknowledging it. Second, antiracism requires resistance, opposing racism, challenging it, dismantling it. And third, antiracism includes the idea of rebuilding, recreating just structures, restoring, reimagining. With these elements named, three additional components emerged.

The work of antiracism must be active. As antiracists we move from the passivity and/or neutrality of being nonracist, to being active and intentional. Perhaps most important for us at College Church, antiracism is an expression of our faith; it is that grounding in faith that gives our antiracism work its impetus. And, given that our efforts are part of our life as a parish, antiracism engages us both personally and collectively, individually and communally.

With these many elements in mind, the statement below—which we expect will evolve as we continue to grow in our understanding—is offered in answer to the question: What is antiracism?

*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.*

### Racial Equity Review - Our Parish History

Our parish racial equity review is continuing to progress. The work of the review is to develop and work through a collaborative and interactive process to assess the organizational structure, policies, culture, and offerings of the parish to determine whether and how those components may support the continuation of systemic racism. The review team will gather and analyze data and information to generate recommendations to offer to the parish with a view towards dismantling the ways in which systemic racism is preserved.

The first significant step in the work of our review is collecting and examining our history. Our parish history is a foundational element of our review work. We invite you to view, at [youtu.be/3NNJyLh3RR8](https://youtu.be/3NNJyLh3RR8), the introductory video the team has developed and the brochure, which is available in the back of church. During this time of Lent, we invite you to engage with our history and be aware of what stirs in you. What facts or stories draw you in to learn more? What may you be feeling called to do?

We are hopeful to gather in person after Easter to break open our history together. Look for more information in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, comments or thoughts, please feel free to email Carl Greiner at [carlgreiner.stl@gmail.com](mailto:carlgreiner.stl@gmail.com).

### March is Women's History Month

Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to our society and has been observed annually in the month of March since 1987. It is a time to reflect on the often-overlooked roles and achievements made by women in all areas of social and scientific development and leadership. Such leadership was demonstrated by many women during the Civil Rights era, even if their names are less familiar.

One such leader was Diane Nash. Born and raised Catholic in Chicago, her family shielded her as much as possible from the direct impact of racism. It was when she attended Fisk University and experienced the restrictions of Jim Crow that she became involved in the work of Civil Rights.

As one of the founding members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, she led numerous protests and sit-ins to press for desegregation of public accommodations and to advocate for employment opportunities for African Americans. She endured arrest and prosecution for her efforts. Nash recruited youth participation in the Freedom Riders campaign, vowing to complete this challenge to state segregation of interstate transportation after firebombs threatened to suspend the direct action. Nash and her then-husband, James Bevel, are credited as the architects of the Selma voters' rights movement. In response to the deaths of four young girls in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist church, they drafted the initial plans of the march from Selma to Montgomery.

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She was among the marchers on Bloody Sunday.

Nash was a recipient of the Distinguished American Award from the John F. Kennedy Library and Foundation in 2003. The following year, she received the LBJ Award of Leadership in Civil Rights from the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum. She has been awarded honorary doctorates from Fisk University and the University of Notre Dame.

Diane Nash's unwavering commitment to the cause of Civil Rights and nonviolent direct action continues to this day.



**RACIAL JUSTICE JOURNEY: A LENTEN CALL TO CONVERSION**

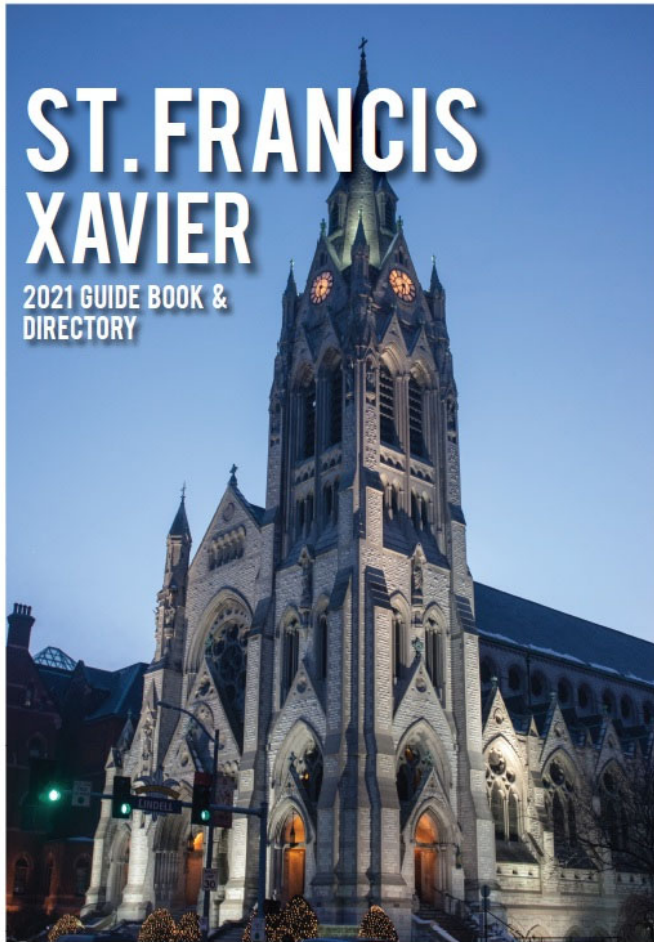


The College Church Racism & Reconciliation committee invites you to participate in the annual Racial Justice Journey with the theme "A Lenten Call to Conversion." Each week we will offer a variety of articles, personal reflections, podcasts, and videos on the theme of racial justice. It is not necessary to view every entry. You may select material that is meaningful to you and best guides your path. It is most beneficial to bring your thoughts and feelings about the material to our prayer. Printed prayer cards including a racial justice examen, and other prayers for racial justice will be available at the back of the church.

Please visit [sfxstl.org/race-reconciliation](https://sfxstl.org/race-reconciliation) for more information or to sign up for email alerts.

Sunday March 13	Monday March 14	Tuesday March 15	Wednesday March 16	Thursday March 17	Friday March 18	Saturday March 19
Andrew Dung-Lac and Vietnamese Martyrs	Seeing White: That's Not Us - So We're Clean	The Camp Jackson Affair	Courageous Self-Awareness For Social Change	My Racial Conversion Story	The History and Legacy of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church	'Me and White Supremacy' Helps You Do the Work Of Dismantling Racism
Article <a href="https://tinyurl.com/tybfj2hp">tinyurl.com/ tybfj2hp</a>	Podcast (with Transcript) <a href="https://tinyurl.com/tdtnc8p6">tinyurl.com/ tdtnc8p6</a>	Article <a href="https://tinyurl.com/bercjn4">tinyurl.com/4 bercjn4</a>	Video (5 mins) <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yuajy8bd">tinyurl.com/ yuajy8bd</a>	Reflection <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yckvnpw">tinyurl.com/ yckvnpw</a>	Article <a href="https://tinyurl.com/tpvrj8">tinyurl.com/3 tpvrj8</a>	Podcast (with Transcript) <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2p8h46vh">tinyurl.com/2 p8h46vh</a>





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### New Parish Directory Coming Soon

Help make our new directory the best it can be!

This book is mailed out to all parishioners annually at no cost to you. It contains names and contact information for our active members, as well as descriptions of our commissions and ministries.

This year, we're also going to be creating a password-protected link on our website with contact information for parishioners, so that you can reach out to your friends at the parish quickly and easily.

**How you can help:** Have you moved in the last twelve months? Was your name not listed in our previous directory? Has your email address changed? Reach out to Angela Pancella at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org) or 314-977-7304 by **Thursday, March 10** with the updated information you would like us to include. Also please reach out if **you prefer that your information to be unlisted.**

**If you are the chair of a commission:** Please check the description and member list of your commission in the 2021 directory and let us know if you would like any information to be updated. You can get a copy of the 2021 directory at the Parish Center.

Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book to cover the costs. Brandie Eaton will be the account manager that will be contacting businesses to see if they want to participate. If you own a business and would like to take part, you can reach her on her cell at 217-231-1565.

### Seeking New Hosts for Parish And Community

For the last couple of years, St. Francis Xavier has had an interview series on our YouTube channel called "Parish and Community," featuring both parishioners and people connected to College Church in our neighborhood (and beyond!).

Would you like to be part of making this possible? We're looking for parishioners who can help conduct these interviews. All it takes is a computer where you can Zoom. We have a list of potential interviewees at the ready, and can help provide sample questions too.



Please contact Angela Pancella at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org) or (314) 977-7304 to learn more or to volunteer!

# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

## Thank You, From the Youth Faith Formation Program

On behalf of the College Church Youth Faith Formation Program we want to thank all the parishioners who supported our Yummies for Youth Faith online auction. It was put together as a last-minute replacement for our Pancake Breakfast but still netted over \$3,800. We are so grateful.

All funds raised will help defray program costs. Our goal is to maintain a high quality program that is accessible to all. The program is tuition-based but no family is ever turned away for inability to pay. Blessings to you all.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Interested in learning more about spiritual formation for our youngest members?

The Archdiocese of St. Louis is sponsoring a Level I catechist training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. College Church will be hosting Part I of this training, this summer. The deadline for registration is April 4.

For more information, please contact Julie Kilian at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto:julie@sfxstl.org) or 314.698.9268.



## Church Tours

In recent weeks, we have had children from our Youth Faith Formation Programs take tours of the church and sacristy. Here are photos from a February 13th sacristy tour with children from the Level I Atrium.



That Easter candle is as tall as they are!



Atrium classrooms have beautiful, miniature versions of vestments and the children enjoyed seeing the actual garments.

**Circle of Creation  
Green Corner**



**St. Louis Earth Day Festival,**  
April 23-24, 2022: <https://earthday-365.org/festival/>

**Publics Electronics Recycling events**  
[sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center \(MRC\)](#)

April 2 from 9:00 AM to Noon  
10333 Clayton Court Drive  
Frontenac, MO 63131  
*Hosted by Redkey Realty **Frontenac***

April 2 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM  
25 St. Ferdinand Park Drive  
Florissant, MO 63031  
*Hosted by the City of **Florissant***

**Confluence Trash Bash** takes place April 4 at 8:00am - April 9 at 5:00pm CDT. Help Great Rivers Greenway clean up the rivers and creeks within the Confluence area. You can complete the form here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdf7endf> to be notified when registration is open.

Another volunteer opportunity with the Great Rivers Greenway is **MULCH MALINE** Greenway at Bella Fontaine County Park on March 19, 2022 10:00 – 11:30 am CDT. Registration and waiver form are available here: <https://tinyurl.com/yrmchcyw>.

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

**March 12-13, 2022**

Saturday  
5:15 pm Fr. White, S.J.  
Sunday  
8:00 am Fr. White, S.J.  
10:30 am Fr. Tom Greene, S.J.

**March 19-20, 2022**

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

**This Sunday's Scripture Readings:**

**First Reading:**  
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

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Luke 9:28-36

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