



The First Station of the Cross: Jesus is Condemned by Pilate

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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March 24th 2024 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

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.

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

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

Funerals: contact Fr. Tim McMahon at frtim@sfxstl.org or 314-977-7300.

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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Or visit 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 for info.

"The Poet Thinks About The Donkey" by Mary Oliver

From Katie Jansen, Director of The Work



On the outskirts of Jerusalem
 the donkey waited.
 Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,
 he stood and waited.

*How horses, turned out into the meadow,
 leap with delight!
 How doves, released from their cages,
 clatter away, splashed with sunlight.*

But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.
 Then he let himself be led away.
 Then he let the stranger mount.

Never had he seen such crowds!
 And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.
 Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.

I hope, finally, he felt brave.
 I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,
 as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.

- Mary Oliver

Easter Thank You!

Thanks to the generosity of College Church parishioners, Level III Atrium students were able to fill more than 60 bags and baskets of Easter treats for children served by the St. Augustine/Wellston Food Pantry and Thrift Shop.

Agency directors assured us the items will guarantee a happier Easter for the children. The goodies will be distributed at the agency as part of their Easter celebration.

Thank you!





Ryan, Leah and Avi Shea

Living Our Faith: Meet Leah

An SFX parishioner since: 2019. Our family – including my husband, Ryan, and our son, Avi – officially joined the parish when Avi was baptized. Before that, we came to SFX occasionally, as we have other family members (Hi, Nagels!) who are members of the parish.

Living my faith: Ryan and I are very connected to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS, also referred to as Atrium) program at SFX. First and foremost, we want our son to develop his own relationship with God and find community in our Church. CGS at College Church has incredible teachers and volunteers who make the experience truly special. Avi often comes home singing songs, talking about Jesus and his impact on the world, and reflecting on what we can do to make our world and community better.

Additionally, this year I have the opportunity to lead the SFX Data and Insights Committee, a newly formed team dedicated to helping us understand more about our parish. It's been spiritually uplifting to meet fellow parishioners who are also interested in data and exploring how it can "turn on the light" to help us illuminate the path for parish involvement, community development and growth, working in collaboration with our Engagement Committee and Development Commission.

Why I'm involved: SFX is a truly special place in its focus on social justice and commitment to anti-racism and environmental issues that impact our community and faith. Also, we have met so many welcoming families in the parish ballroom space after dropping off Avi for Atrium before Mass begins. These moments provide the opportunity to connect and provide a type of support system and community that we wouldn't find elsewhere.

I also greatly appreciate that our parish seeks feedback on new ways to create community, especially since we as a parish span a larger geography across St. Louis.

Words that describe SFX: Community, Connected, Caring.

My neighborhood: We currently live in Creve Coeur, in the Parkway School District.

Fun facts: Ryan and I both are very passionate people--Ryan is a teacher and will always find time to talk about education, communication techniques for middle schoolers, and board games. I am in healthcare analytics, and love to talk about data visualization, health equity and access to care, and music.

Note: Today, March 24, is Leah's birthday. Make it a great one, Leah!

St. Francis Xavier's parish family represents diverse backgrounds, with many warm and welcoming parishioners. Learn more by calling (314) 977-7300 or visiting sfxstl.org. You can find past parishioner profiles at sfxstl.org/living-our-faith.

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND FUN!
SHOW OFF YOUR MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE
FROM THE BEE GEES TO BILLIE EILISH.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
5:30 PM DOORS OPEN
6:30 PM. MUSIC BEGINS
\$25 PER PERSON. TABLES OF 8.
AGES 10+
BABYSITTING AVAILABLE
BEER, WINE, AND SODA FOR A DONATION

REGISTER AND MORE INFO AT SFXSTL.ORG

Lower Ballroom of
St. Francis Xavier
College Church

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A new spin on a
classic game.
Costumes
welcome!

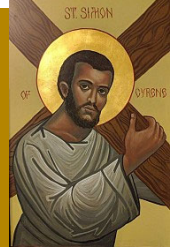
**PLAY ROCK & ROLL
BINGO AND SUPPORT
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
COLLEGE CHURCH**

To volunteer email:
katie@sfxstl.org



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.



Picturing Simon of Cyrene

Today is “Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion” (more commonly known as Palm Sunday) and during Mass we will hear an account of Jesus’ Passion from one of the synoptic gospels. In those accounts, Simon of Cyrene was the man forced by Roman soldiers to help Jesus carry his cross.

Cyrene was located in what today is Libya on the northern coast of Africa. Thus, throughout the centuries people have wondered if this Simon “of Cyrene” was a person of Color.

At the time of Jesus, the Roman empire extended throughout much of Europe and into northern Africa. Cyrene was the capital city of one of the empire’s many districts. Cyrene had been settled by the Greeks in 630 B.C., but many Romans and descendants of Greek-speaking Jews also lived there. Mark’s and Luke’s gospels write that Simon was “on his way in from the country” (Luke 23:26). Many Jews from Cyrene had moved back to their native Israel and were part of a community in Jerusalem consisting of Jewish people from several different Roman districts. Other Jewish families who lived elsewhere usually made pilgrimages to Jerusalem each year for the Passover celebration. That may have been why Simon was “on his way in from the country.”

Stories from church tradition tell us more about Simon of Cyrene than Scripture does. Some of those stories suggest that Simon had dark skin because he was from the northern tip of Africa. Throughout history artistic images have often depicted him as a Black man. In fact, Sydney Poitier, a Black actor, portrayed the Cyrenian in the 1965 movie, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*.

So, does all this indicate that Simon was Black? We don’t know for sure. It is possible that Simon was an African who converted to Judaism, or that he was of mixed race. But since we DO know that Jewish people lived all throughout the Roman Empire, it is very possible that Simon of Cyrene was an olive-skinned Palestinian Jew – as were Mary, Joseph, Jesus, and the apostles.

SFX Hosting May Workshop!

In October of 2021, with the approval of our Pastoral Council, St. Francis Xavier (College) Church committed

to engage in a Racial Equity Review. The goal is to examine the extent to which the culture of College Church is inclusive and affirming of people of all racial, ethnic, gender, and class identities, as well as the ways in which current structures and practices uphold and perpetuate racism in individuals and the organization. To help guide us in this effort, we entered a collaborative, as well as contractual, relationship with Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training. In addition to supporting the self-assessment process, Crossroads’ approach helps organizations to deepen understanding of systemic racism and build capacity to analyze and apply the results. So, parishioners who are members of the Equity Review Team completed multiple sessions of workshops that not only guided our use of evaluative tools but provided opportunities for us to practice “new ways of being” with and interacting with one another.

What we expected to be primarily an instructive experience that would provide the knowledge needed to conduct an effective review, we now regard as a formation process where we learn not only from authoritative sources, but from the experiences and perspectives we each bring. We continue to develop this capacity as we work to complete the review and the ongoing journey toward becoming an antiracist parish.

Through the collaborative partnership developed between College Church and Crossroads, parishioners are invited to participate in this same formation. A three day workshop, *Toward Liberation*, will be held May 1–3 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in the College Church ballroom. Participants will explore a power analysis of white supremacy and systemic racism and will examine how this operates within institutions. A more complete description of the experience can be found in their website:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/crossroadsantiracismorganizingtraining/1144245>

As hosts of this event, College Church can send 4 participants at no cost. If you are interested in being part of this workshop, please contact Lisa Burks, lburks60@gmail.com or Winnie Sullivan, penultim@swbell.com.

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Significant Figures in Racial History

Adam Toledo – died March 29, 2021, in Chicago, IL. Toledo, a 13-year-old Latino American boy, was killed by a Chicago Police Officer. An assistant prosecutor falsely told the judge that Toledo was holding a gun when he was shot. Body cam video showed Toledo running away and dropping a handgun before turning towards the Officer with hands raised. An eyewitness testified that Toledo was complying with the officer's requests when he was shot.

Nella Larsen – died March 30, 1964, in New York, NY. Working as a nurse and librarian, Larsen published several short stories and two novels about the lives of biracial and light-skinned Black women. Larsen was the first Black woman to receive a Guggenheim fellowship.

Upcoming Events

April 3 5:00 pm Rachel L. Swarns will discuss her book, *The 272: The Families Who Were Enslaved and Sold to Build the American Catholic Church*. The event will be at the SLU

Center for Global Citizenship on the West Pine Mall. She will do a book signing at 5:00 p.m. and the talk will begin at 6:00 p.m. For more information, email CASDEI@slu.edu.

April 20 and May 11 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Fr. Gerry Kleba will be hosting a bus tour of Black History in St. Louis. The tour will leave from and return to St. Cronan's Catholic Church at 1202 S. Boyle Ave. You are invited to bring a lunch and stay after the tour to discuss the experience. The cost is \$10 per person payable the day of the event. To reserve a spot, please email Paul Loida at Paul.loida@bayer.com and provide the tour date, your name, email, and phone number. Space is limited, so reserve your seat today!

For more information, or to become part of anti-racism ministries, contact Winnie Sullivan penultim@swbell.net or Lisa Burks Imburks60@gmail.com.



Lenten Journey for Creation: Wrap Up and Thank You!

“God looked over everything God had made; it was so good, so very good!”
Genesis 1:31

Thank you to those who joined this year's 8th grade Youth Faith Formation class to reflect on care for creation during this Lenten season. We hope that these weekly reflections and actions lead to ongoing commitment to care for all of God's creation in our faith community and beyond.

Have a blessed Easter!

College Church is Hiring!

Director of Parish Engagement

The Director of Parish Engagement is full-time position. The overarching role of the Director of Parish Engagement is to facilitate and support parishioner engagement and giving of time, talent, and treasure.

For more information, scan QR code or go to sfxstl.org/job-postings



**Encounters on the Way to the Cross
Lenten Offerings at College Church**

- * **Imagine: A Guide to Ignatian Contemplation 7pm held in the church**, the audio recordings may be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/9nn2cbsb> **Imagine will also be on Easter Monday, April 1st**
- * **Our Parish Racial History**, the recommended readings and reflection questions may be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/2yu6wnnd>
- * **Stations of the Cross** Fridays at 12:30pm during Lent

For more information email:
sfxFaithEnrichment@gmail.com

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. 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 and in the Canisius Lot on Lindell at Spring.

SFX Community Parties



Sign up to host or attend one of our SFX Community parties. Community parties are a way to raise money for our parish and also foster community. Parties can be geared towards kids, adults, and/or families. With the help of some amazing hosts, we will be able to connect, learn, and have fun! Use the QR code to volunteer to host a party or go to <https://bit.ly/SFXHosts>. You can also visit our website for more information.



Circle of Creation Green Corner



The Circle of Creation Committee (CCC) invites all to view and discuss an excerpt from the documentary film, “Seeding Change: The Power of Conscious Commerce.” Join us as we gather to discuss and pray how we, as a parish community and as individuals, can respond to the critical call of caring for God’s creation through voting with your dollars. Sr. Cheryl Kemner OSF, Coordinator of Franciscans For The Earth, will lead the discussion. Please plan to attend on Sunday, April 14, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the SFX Ballroom after the Donut Sunday Gathering. All are welcome!

If you would like to view the entire 50-minute video before or after April 14, go to <https://www.seedingchange.com/> purchase purchase to see how you can watch for free or on your favorite streaming platform.

Mark your calendar. Earthday365 is cosponsoring the **St. Louis Earth Day Festival** on the weekend of April 20-21, 2024 at Forest Park. earthday-365.org/festival/

Consider having a meatless meal, not just once a week during Lent, but throughout the year 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]

The **2024 Confluence Trash Bash**, sponsored by the Open Space Council in cooperation with Great Rivers Greenway and other groups, is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, at many sites throughout the St. Louis area. To see what you may expect and to check the **Cleanup Site – Grading Scale**, go to open-spacestl.org/confluence-trash-bash/. Then go to volunteer.openspacestl.org/need/?agency_id=132647 for a list of sites and their Grade of Accessibility.

Public Electronics Recycling events. See the schedule of events at mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events

March 30, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Also Paper Recycling at this same time & place

1011 Municipal Center Drive

St. Louis, MO 63131

hosted by City of **Town and Country**

Visit the College Church Circle of Creation Committee’s Green Corner sfxstl.org/circleofcreation on the Parish website for Circe of Creation events.

March 23-24

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. Frank Reale, S.J.

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Redding, S.J.

10:30 am Fr. Redding, S.J.

Holy Week/Easter

Holy Thursday, March 28

7:30 pm Fr. Redding, S.J. & Concelebrants

Good Friday, March 29

3:00 pm Fr. McMahan, S.J.

Easter Vigil, March 30

8:00 am Fr. Redding, S.J.

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:00 am Fr. McMahan, S.J.

10:30 am Fr. McMahan, S.J.

This Sunday’s Scripture Readings

Palm Procession:

Mark 11:1-10

First Reading:

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel:

Mark 14:1—15:47

Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Camille Smith, at bulletin@sfxstl.org, before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

College Church Accessibility

As a reminder, **assistive listening devices** are available for our liturgies. Please let the ushers know if you would like to use one.