



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

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March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent

LITURGY SCHEDULE

No public Masses until Monday, April 6th to help protect the health of our parishioners.

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass

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 Fr. Matthew Baugh, SJ associatepastor@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 Sister Carolyn McWatters at 314-977-1797 or 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 or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email 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 or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Celebrated weekly for children in kindergarten - fourth grade at 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Childcare is available for children ages six months through pre-kindergarten during the 10:30 am Mass in the Parish Center Nursery. Contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

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 Jessi Haselhorst
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 Jennifer Saunders*
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 Art Taylor*
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* Long-term

Prayer requests to:

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Or visit our website, sfxstl.org,
 and find the form under "Parish
 Life."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today we have a beloved Gospel story: the raising of Lazarus. As wonderful as it is, please do not neglect our first reading from the prophet Ezekiel. Let me say right off that this book is one of the strangest and most difficult in the Scriptures. There is wild imagery, striking metaphors, and downright bizarre behavior. Some Jewish traditions recommended only reading the text of Ezekiel when a person had reached the age of thirty.

This is why it is best to experience it liturgically. Taking Ezekiel in bite-sized chunks helps us understand his message. The prophet wrote in perhaps the worst period for the people of Israel. The temple is destroyed, the country is in ruins, and Ezekiel himself is part of the exiled community in Babylon.

Yet the message of today's section is that of hope. The restoration of the people and return to the land of Israel is the message. Notice this is the work of God, not the people. There are only three verses, but notice who is doing what: "I will open your graves," "I will put my spirit in you," "I will settle you on the land," "I have promised and I will do it." This is what God does with utter gratuity. It is not earned or won, but comes from the goodness of God. Our God labors for us because God loves us. Certainly this is good news for our times as well.

Keeping You Up to Date In A Time of Rapid Change

In the interest of keeping everyone safe and healthy, College Church has been cancelling or postponing events and encouraging everyone to follow guidelines for in-person gatherings directed by the City of St. Louis.

All general meetings have been canceled until further notice. These are any kind of gathering that is open to the entire parish (for example, the New Parishioner Welcome scheduled for April 19th). Pastoral council, ministry commissions, and other smaller groups have been checking in via web or phone conference.

Please visit the archdiocesan website, archstl.org, and our website, sfxstl.org, for the most current info as our bulletin is prepared in advance.

2020 Lenten Racial Justice Journey



The College Church Racism & Reconciliation committee invites you to participate in a Lenten Racial Justice Journey. A variety of materials are offered for you to choose those that best guide your path, also available at sfxstl.org/2020-lenten-racial-justice-journey. If you cannot participate daily, choosing to participate a few times a week is a great option. To sign up for weekly Racial Justice Journey emails, or to share questions or suggestions, contact Christine Dragonette at christine@sfxstl.org. We'd also love to hear your reflections as you participate throughout Lent. Please feel free to reach out!

| <p>Sunday March 29</p> | <p>Monday March 30</p> | <p>Tuesday March 31</p> | <p>Wednesday April 1</p> |
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| <p>How a University is Publicly Taking Responsibility for its Role in Slavery - Dr. Jonathan Smith</p> <p>Podcast Episode</p> <p>tinyurl.com/udaz6lc</p> | <p>The Presence of Our Ancestors</p> <p>Article/Reflection</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/wpuv4os</p> <p>Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>tinyurl.com/uuojola</p> | <p>Reflection on Black History Month</p> <p>Article</p> <p>tinyurl.com/wo9ybkt</p> | <p>Ignatian Examen on Migration</p> <p>tinyurl.com/wfdghmr</p> |
| <p>Thursday April 2</p> | <p>Friday April 3</p> | <p>Saturday April 4</p> | |
| <p>The Catholic Sisters Who Confronted Their Own Legacy of Racism</p> <p>Article</p> <p>tinyurl.com/sqksmao</p> | <p>The Danger of A Single Story</p> <p>Video</p> <p>tinyurl.com/tglqhre</p> | <p>Pope Francis Inspires Black Catholics, Despite Complicated History</p> <p>Podcast</p> <p>tinyurl.com/um7fu2k</p> | |

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Green Corner

“Opt to Act” for Earth

REI Co-op is sponsoring Opt to Act, 52 simple weekly challenges to reduce your impact on the Earth, get active, and leave the world better than you found it. This well-researched website (Just Google REI Opt to Act Plan), actually helps with information on why and how to take these steps.



This week's tip:

March 29 to April 4: Buy food in bulk and bring your own bags to the store.

March 29th, 2020

Sunday
10:30 am Fr. White, S.J.

April 5th, 2020

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

Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to church@sfxstl.org before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

Holy Week and Easter for our College Church Parish

Please keep an eye on our website, www.sfxstl.org, for the latest information on how we will celebrate Holy Week and Easter together.

A VIRTUAL RETREAT WITH CARDINAL SEÁN CHRIST, OUR LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

The Archdiocese of Boston has an online Lenten retreat available on their website. Go to bostoncatholic.org to learn more.

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