



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
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March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm Anticipation of Sunday

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 4:30 pm

Monday - Friday

7:15 am, Noon & 5:15 pm

In the Chapel of Our Lady located in the lower level.

Saint Louis University Campus Ministry:

Sunday: 9:00 pm (when the University is in session)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday: 10:45 am through Noon

Saturday: 4:30 pm through 5:30 pm

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 Edelmans 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 Edelmans at terry@sfxstl.org.

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 Monica Gunn
 Paul Hanson*
 Mary Jane Henning*
 Terry Kippenberger*
 Pat March*
 Mary McDevitt*
 Joan McLean*
 Karena Menard
 Nancy Partridge* & Glider
 Bob Powers*
 Ruthann Redmon
 Mark Roddy*
 Dennis Saunders*
 Jennifer Saunders*
 Family of Candace Sexton
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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



I want to invite one and all to a presentation after all the liturgies March 21-22. It will be dedicated to our new strategic priorities for College Church. This is an opportunity for us as a parish to reflect upon and pray over the direction of this faith community.

It helps, however, to begin with a bigger vision. Pope Francis in his first encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* wrote perceptively on Catholic parishes. He claims, "Precisely because it [the parish] possess great flexibility it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and community."

Flexibility, openness and creativity are not usually the first words that come to mind when we think of the Church. Yet, that is what Francis believes are the hallmark of an authentic parish. This must be a place of continual self-renewal and adaptivity.

I believe this particular focus is essential to our faith community. Programs, plans, and to-do lists are important. However, a willingness to embrace new directions and imagine new possibilities need to proceed our activities. That is true even for College Church. Really.

Pope Francis reminds us parish communities exist for evangelization. This necessitates "everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking goals, structures, styles and methods." This spirit is what has guided the creation of our new priorities. I ask your help in enabling us to move forward with the freedom necessary to proclaim the Good News.



Donut Sunday

Please join us for Donut Sunday, TODAY, March 8th, in the ballroom.



Please stop by after either the 8:00 am or 10:30 am Masses.

Please join us on March 15 in the Ballroom between the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses for a presentation on estate planning and end of life issues. The presentation will be given by Father Charles Bouchard O.P., S.T.D., Senior Director, Theology and Sponsorship, at the Catholic Health Association, and Matt Perlow, a parishioner and estate planning attorney.

Welcome to the College Church!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Rite: Gather Us In Mercy, Lord

Gabe Huck, Tony Alonso

Children's Liturgy of the Word Dismissal (10:30)

Gather 324

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33: Let Your Mercy Be on Us, O Lord

Gather 44

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to You, O Word of God

Gather 342

Intercessions Response (10:30)

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts (10:30 a.m.): Only This I Want

Gather 782

Holy, Holy:

Mass of Charity & Love - Steve Warner

Memorial Acclamation:

Amen:

COMMUNION RITE

Breaking of the Bread:

Communion Hymn: Take and Eat

Gather 950

Meditation Hymn (10:30): God Be In My Head

Grayson Warren Brown

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Song: Transform Us

Gather 878

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Lenten Gathering Rite

Lent is a season of preparation for the great feast of Easter, in which we are invited to pause and ponder the quality of our relationship with God and others...to celebrate the good we find there and to seek forgiveness and reconciliation for what is lacking. The traditional Lenten disciplines – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – provide us with the contours and practices for the conversion we seek.

During this penitential season the Gathering Rite we will sing gently implores, “Gather us in mercy, Lord. From the depths we cry to you.” The presider will invite the assembly to either kneel or bow our heads during the penitential rite. Either posture is a way of helping us bodily recognize and acknowledge our need for God’s mercy. Doing this together further underlines the communal nature of our Lenten journey of conversion and of our need for one another. Our bodies, our voices, our hearts unite in humility and trust as we enter into the great prayer of the mass.

Lenten Books and Materials

The season of Lent offers us an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God. Today is the final offering of reflection materials for Lent. Materials are available in the ballroom this morning. These include: a variety of daily reflection booklets with excerpts from the preaching of Pope Francis, the writings of Henri Nouwen, or from Cardinal Newman.

Daybreak is a series that presents passages from the writings of particular authors arranged for reflection during Lent. Each booklet features a different author. These include Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ,, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, scripture scholar Sr. Diane Bergant, CSA, and liturgist Fr. Paul Turner.

There are books that draw from the writings of St. Ignatius, St Francis and St. Claire, and Thomas Merton. Joyce Rupp, OSM, has a new book for Lenten reflection, *Jesus, Friend of my Soul*, that offers a two page reflection for each day.

Additionally, there are booklets for children with stickers, suggested activities for older children, and some with reflections for teens and young adults. If you would like to reserve a book or pick one up during the week, please contact Joseph Milner at joseph.milner@slu.edu or 314-977-7305.

Living Lent Daily

Loyola Press offers a daily email reflection during Lent, *Living Lent Daily*. You will receive a scripture based reflection each day with links to other resources for your Lenten journey. To register for the emails, please search for “Living Lent Daily” or visit the link below.

tinyurl.com/u3vzpy2





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!

Sunday March 8	Monday March 9	Tuesday March 10	Wednesday March 11	Thursday March 12	Friday March 13	Saturday March 14
Is it I, Lord? Reflection by Mark Young, President of Denver Seminary tinyurl.com/tp5xzyw	A Legacy of Injustices Against Native Americans Article tinyurl.com/sepyc3r	Race and Reparations 60-minute podcast tinyurl.com/rzs2qpg	Let's Be a Church Where Black Lives Matter Article by Fr. Bryan Massingale tinyurl.com/trlulht	Leveraging Your While Privilege to Become An Ally Video Podcast tinyurl.com/rpl2voc	Lament, Re- pent, Repair- Racism and the Catholic Worker Movement Article tinyurl.com/y43wzek6	Opening to the Question of Belonging John a. Powell Podcast and Transcript tinyurl.com/y647adgd

When: Thursday, March 12th, 2020, 6-8pm

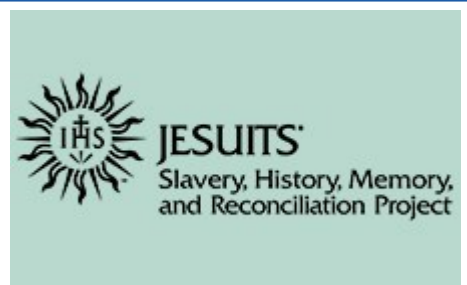
Speaker: Danielle Harrison, Director of Mission Integration at Visitation Academy

Where: St. Louis University High School (4970 Oakland, St. Louis, MO 63110).
 Parking available on the Oakland lot, one block east of the Science Center.

Save the Date: Faith's Dark Past

A Lenten Reflection Event
 Thursday, April 2nd from 6-8 pm (light dinner included)

Featuring the Slavery, History, Memory and Reconciliation Project of the Jesuits



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Parish Immersion Trip to El Paso, TX: Thursday 10/22/20-Tuesday 10/27/20



College Church is organizing a border immersion trip to El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico with the Jesuit ministry ‘Encuentro Project’ in October 2020. The purpose will be to facilitate learning and awareness about immigration through direct experience, with a goal of then taking action for immigration justice. The trip has a capacity of 14 people (adults only), with spots expected to fill quickly. All trip participants **MUST** have a valid passport.

For more detailed information or to register, contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7309.

Green Corner

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.



- March 8-14: Count the number of single-use plastic items you use this week.
- March 15-21: Try to use half as many single-use plastic items as last week.
- March 22-28: Spring cleaning time! Donate old items instead of throwing them out.
- March 29-Apr 4: Buy food in bulk and bring your own containers and bags to the store.

This well-researched website (just Google REI Opt to Act Plan), actually helps with information on why and how to take these steps.

Video: THE RIVER AND THE WALL

Sponsored by the College Church Circle of Creation Committee

When: Sunday, March 15th, 2020 from noon-1:45pm (after the 10:30 Mass)

Where: Ballroom of St. Francis Xavier College Church at Grand & Lindell

THE RIVER AND THE WALL (1 hr 37 min) follows five friends on an immersive adventure through the unknown wilds of the Texas borderlands as they travel 1200 miles from El Paso to the Gulf of Mexico on horses, mountain bikes, and canoes to learn how it would impact immigration, wildlife, culture, and landowners.



If you are able, please bring a fruit or vegetable dish.

Fair Trade Sales Volunteers Needed

Looking for a way to make a BIG difference with a small commitment of time? Wishing you could do something at St. Francis Xavier but can't figure out what it might be? We have an answer for your desire to help!

St. Francis Xavier sells fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate products twice a month, on the first and third Sundays after both Masses in the vestibule. Proceeds benefit our sister parish relationship with St. Peter Claver in Punta Gorda, Belize.

Sales have been picking up this year and we are in great need of volunteers after either the 8 am or 10:30 am Sunday Masses. We will provide all the information you need to be a knowledgeable SFX Fair Trade salesperson! We cover sales on a volunteer basis with lots of flexibility; this will only add 15-20 minutes once a month to your Sunday morning at St. Francis Xavier.

Thank you for supporting our sister parish's needs and promoting fair trade practices in this way!

If you can help, please contact Meg Korte at megi50@earthlink.net or 314-062-5259 or Christine Dragonette at Christine@sfxstl.org or 414-977-7309.

Deepen Your Lenten Experience through Art

SLU's Museum of Contemporary Religious Art is offering two Lenten events featuring Founding Director Fr. Terrence Dempsey, S.J.

A Lenten Reflection at MOCRA

On Saturday, March 21st, join Fr. Dempsey in a morning of reflection on Lenten themes expressed in artworks from the MOCRA collection. In addition to Fr. Dempsey's presentation, there will be opportunities for individual contemplation of art and sharing insights with the group. This program costs \$10 and space is limited; advance registration is required.

The Crucifixion in Art History

On Saturday, April 4, Fr. Dempsey provides an engaging historical overview of the way the death of Jesus has been represented in art over the centuries, from its first appearance (which might be later than you thought) to the present day. Discover how the image of the Crucifixion has reflected the values, customs, beliefs and historical events of the many cultures in which it has appeared. The lecture will be followed by an opportunity to see the various Crucifixion-related works on display in the exhibition "Surface to Source." The talk will take place in MOCRA's nave gallery at 2 pm and is free and open to the public.

For more information about both events, and to register for the Lenten Reflection, please visit slu.edu/mocra/events or call 314-977-7170.

Communal Lenten Formation Activity

We are reflecting together in small groups on the Sunday gospel as a way of entering more deeply into our weekly encounter with the Lord in the Mass. What makes this passage from the gospel “good news”? What new horizon does it open for me and for our parish? How do I sense it forming me more profoundly in the love of God?



The following weekday Lenten Small Groups still have room for additional participants:

- Mondays at 6:00 pm in Midtown
- Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in South County
- Thursdays at 7:00 pm in South City
- Saturdays at 4:30 in the daily Mass chapel at College Church

For address information and to be in touch with the facilitator, please send an email to Laura Greiner at sfxadultfaithformation@gmail.com. There will also be groups available between the Sunday Masses at Jesuit Hall and Davis Shaughnessy and after the 10:30 am Mass at Jesuit Hall.

Women’s Retreat

Get away from it all for the weekend! Experience the beautiful surroundings, prayerful environment, delicious food, comfortable rooms and insightful presenters with other women from our Parish on March 27th-29th. Join us for a time of rest, renewal and spiritual nourishment just 15 minutes away from St. Louis. Contact one of our Parish captains, Madeleine Ortman 314-956-8839 or Tina Saunders at 314-739-4885 for more information or to register. This is a great way to spend part of the Lenten season in preparation for a glorious Easter!



St. Vincent DePaul Parish in Soulard is hosting its annual **Dinner Auction** on Saturday, March 21st from 5:30 to 10:00 pm. Tickets are \$75 each or a full table of 10 is \$750. All money raised will go towards continuing the work of their food pantry, lunch window and dinner meals. In addition, this year they are hoping to expand their after-school tutoring program for at-risk youth in the city as well as help senior citizens with increasing medication costs.

You can register online at www.svdp2020.givesmart.com. For more information, contact Laura Kelly at (314) 231-9328 or email stvstlevents@gmail.com.

The Disciplines of Lent

Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day and follow in my steps." (Lk 9:23)



In response to this call, the Church for centuries has invited Catholics to make the season of Lent one of repentance for sin and a renewal of our baptism. **Baptism and penance** are the two foci of the season. We journey with our catechumens as they prepare to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. We embrace the traditional spiritual practices of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**.

Prayer is the way each of us grows in our relationship with God. Consider adopting the Ignatian practice of praying the Examen; commit to more daily prayer time; pray the Stations of the Cross to connect with the suffering of Christ in our brothers and sisters today. And remember to journey prayerfully with all the candidates and catechumens throughout the Church as they prepare for full incorporation into the Church at Easter.

Fasting helps us remember that we are ultimately dependent on God, not food or our own selves. Ash Wednesday (Feb 26) and Good Friday (Apr 10) are days of fasting for those ages 18-59. Fasting means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals. Our communal fasting manifests our collective commitment to putting God first in our lives.

Abstinence from meat invites us to join the poor of the world in eating simply. As Jesus empties himself and shared in the poverty of the human condition, so are we asked to embrace the poverty of those who live on subsistence diets.

Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. All who are 14 years of age and older, unless there is a serious health problem, are asked to share in this discipline.

Almsgiving is a means for us to respond concretely to those who are in need. Giving can include material gifts or gifts of the spirit. Ideally, whatever we choose is given not from our excess, but in a way that is sacrificial and makes us do without.

March 7th & 8th, 2020

Saturday
5:30 pm Fr. Tueth, S.J.
Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Baugh, S.J.
10:30 am Fr. White, S.J.
4:30 pm Fr. Baugh, S.J.
No 9 pm Mass.

March 14th & 15th, 2020

Saturday
5:30 pm Fr. White, S.J.
Sunday
8:00 am Fr. White, S.J.
10:30 am Fr. Baugh, S.J.
4:30 pm Fr. May, S.J.
No 9 pm Mass.

Bulletin Articles

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

Lenten Liturgy at College Church

There are two versions of the Stations of the Cross we will offer during Lent. One is a way of praying with women of the world; the other is praying from the perspective of the Black experience in our country. Both give us insights into how the suffering of Jesus is felt in our present day. Please join us!

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 13, 3:00 pm
Theme: The Black Experience
Thurs, March 19, 7:00 pm
Theme: Praying with Women
Monday, March 23, 7:00 pm
The Black Experience
Friday, April 3, 3:00 pm
Praying with Women