



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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April 10th, 2022
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 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.

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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 Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at 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.

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Prayer requests to:

church@sfxstl.org

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Holy Week is upon us. It is the first time in two years that this most sacred time feels close to normal. This is also one of the latest dates possible for the celebration of Easter. I think it is the Spirit at work that we are again able to participate in Holy Week while the natural world is shouting the presence of spring. This year it seems that the liturgical year and the season align to perfection.

The Church has long made the connection of Christ's resurrection and the new life that erupts in springtime. Our spiritual ancestors saw the change from winter to spring as symbolic of the journey from death to new life. The barrenness of the cold months gives way to the warmth, light and color that we see all around us. All that is shares in this rebirth.

We spend more time in church this week than any other time of the year. That is very good. Take the opportunity to be outside as well. Enjoy sharing in the created world that speaks to us of new life. As the Psalmist tells us, "The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord." All of creation is proclaiming the triumph of life over death.

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:

Mary Lou Ampleman (mother of Dave Ampleman)

Jack Moore

Frank Nichols

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





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

Listening at the Margins

Do you know someone who grew up Catholic but no longer attends church? We are planning to host a listening session via zoom to listen to the experiences and perspectives of people who struggle with aspects of the Catholic Church. If you know someone who might be willing to share their thoughts, please contact Katie katie@sfxstl.org.



Reflections on Synodality

After taking some time to carefully consider the definition of synodality and how it applies to the College Church and our transitions, in my words, synodality means we come together as a parish to discern our next steps. This discernment includes everyone and celebrates our spiritual gifts--whether someone's a member of the clergy, a nun or sister, or a lay person. Synodality is a way to grow and breathe together while becoming a parish that uplifts us as one.



Sara Price

Little White Books

If you found the Little Black Book of Lenten reflections helpful, you may want to continue your daily reflections through the Easter season with the Little White Book. It has a similar format with a scripture reflection each day and an introduction to a person or event. The booklets are \$2.00. Please email Joseph Milner at joe@sfxstl.org to have one set aside for you.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgical Celebrations

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

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. (livestreamed)
- April 15 Good Friday 3:00 p.m. (livestreamed)
- April 16 Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. (No 5:15 p.m. Mass) (not livestreamed)
- April 17 Easter Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. (10:30 am will be livestreamed)

(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.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

**COLLEGE CHURCH - SISTER PARISH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
ST. PETER CLAVER, PUNTA GORDA, BELIZE**

Last year, we first extended the opportunity for College Church parishioners to sponsor students. Thanks to your generous response, our parish community now sponsors the high school education of thirteen students in Belize. We hope to sponsor 7-10 additional students this year. The Scholarship Program is coordinated through our Sister Parish of St. Peter Claver in Belize and through the supervision of Ms. Olive Woodye. It is well organized and has specific requirements and guidelines for scholarship application and for retention.

To sponsor a student for all 4 years of high school costs \$900 USD (\$225 per year), which can be paid as one lump sum or annually. The cost covers school fees, books, uniforms, supplies, and lunches. This would be used for the same child all four years as long as they meet all the program requirements annually. If a student does not complete all four years, the sponsor would be informed and a new student in need would be selected and benefit from their sponsorship.

There are 30 schools in the Toledo district where St. Peter Claver is located, the poorest district in Belize. There are many students awaiting sponsorship for high school! School begins in August 2022 and scholarship interviews and selection takes place over the summer.

QUESTIONS OR INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A STUDENT?

Please contact committee chair Lisa DeLorenzo at lisa.c.delorenzo@gmail.com. The deadline for sponsorships is Monday, April 11th, 2022.

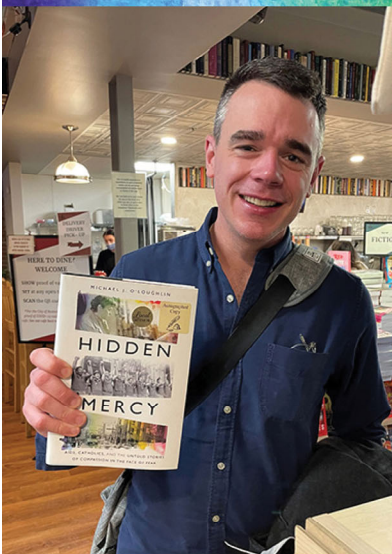


Reminder: Don't forget fresh coffee, chocolate, tea, soup, chili, corn bread, brownie mix, and gift boxes from your friendly College Church Fair Trade Committee. All proceeds directly benefit our Jesuit sister parish, St. Peter Claver, in Belize. Order online at <https://sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade>

**A Discussion and Book Signing
with author Michael O'Loughlin**

Thursday, April 21 | 7 PM
St. Francis Xavier College Church | Xavier Grand Ballroom, Lower Level
Corner of Grand and Lindell Boulevards

Michael O'Loughlin, award-winning journalist and national correspondent for America magazine, will discuss his book *Hidden Mercy: AIDS, Catholics and the Untold Stories of Compassion in the Face of Fear*. He will speak about the way the Catholic Church compassionately ministered to the LGBTQ Community most impacted by the AIDS pandemic. Scan the code to register for this live, in-person event.



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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.

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 non-racist, 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 above statement, which precedes this week's content and will accompany many of our racial justice efforts, is offered in answer to the question: What is antiracism?

April is Arab-American Heritage Month

The month of April offers an opportunity to celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of Arab Americans. In 2017, Arab American organizations launched an initiative calling for a nationally recognized heritage month. Though bills seeking a formal proclamation have been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, such legislation has not yet passed. But last year, President Joseph Biden issued a special commemorative letter recognizing the month of April as National Arab American Heritage Month and, now, twenty-seven states and the U.S. State Department observe the month.

According to the Arab American Institute, approximately 3.7 million Americans have Arab roots—a diverse

population hailing from twenty-two Middle Eastern and North African countries, including Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Palestine, Morocco, Iraq, Jordan, Yemen, Bahrain, Tunisia, Algeria, Sudan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and others. The largest group, comprising nearly one-third of Arab Americans, is of Lebanese ancestry.

The Month of Ramadan

April 2 through May 2, 2022, marks a holy season in the Islamic world. It's the month of Ramadan, the ninth month of the lunar calendar, and this year, as is infrequently the case, there is overlap with the Christian season of Lent. During Ramadan, Muslims commemorate revelation of the Qur'an, the central religious text of Islam, to the Prophet Muhammad. The period is characterized by spiritual practices of prayer, penitence, and charitable acts, which are similar, in some respects, to our own observances during Lent.

Fasting is one of the Five Pillars of Islam—the others being profession of faith, prayer, alms, and pilgrimage—and is elevated during Ramadan. Each day during the month, Muslims will engage in obligatory fasting from dawn to sunset. The hunger of fasting is believed to bring one closer to God and is a reminder of those who have less. Fasting, as well as abstention from other pleasures during Ramadan, encourages restraint and discipline, is a means of seeking forgiveness for past wrongs, and helps to develop control over one's life in accord with the word of God.

Spiritual reading and prayer are also emphasized during Ramadan—a time for self-reflection and transformation. Just before the breaking of the fast at sunset, the fourth of five daily prayers is offered, and each day concludes with special evening prayers, often recited in congregation at the mosque.

The spiritual practices are meant to increase generosity and compassion and to enable Muslims to feel socially connected as a community. As such, good deeds and charitable contributions are offered during the month, and Muslims are encouraged to take care of the poor and to visit the sick. A sense of community is also fostered as family and friends come together each evening for the Iftar dinner, at which the fast is broken. Ramadan ends with the celebration of Eid-al-Fitr, a three-day festival

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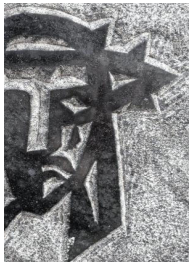
when Muslims rejoice for having been given the strength to fulfill the month's obligations.

Islam—one of three Abrahamic, monotheistic religions—is the second largest in the world after Christianity. In the United States there are approximately 3.5 million Muslims, most of whom are first-generation Americans, forming one of the most racially and ethnically diverse religious groups in the country (Pew Research Center). To all who are observing this holy season: Ramadan Mubarak (Have a Blessed Ramadan)!

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 for more information or to sign up for email alerts.



Sunday Apr 10	Monday Apr 11	Tuesday Apr 12	Wednesday Apr 13	Thursday Apr 14	Friday Apr 15	Saturday Apr 16
<p>Saint Lorenzo Ruiz</p> <p>Article</p> <p>tinyurl.com/2m7upmn8</p>	<p>Grieving America's Racial and Ethnic History</p> <p>Article</p> <p>tinyurl.com/3a3vjuzw</p>	<p>The Clock-tower Accords</p> <p>Article</p> <p>tinyurl.com/25mmm5p</p>	<p>I Found The Kingdom Of God At A Black Lives Matter Protest</p> <p>article</p> <p>tinyurl.com/ycktt8jp</p>	<p>This Church Is Paying "Royalties" When It Sings Spirituals Composed By Enslaved Africans</p> <p>Podcast with Transcript</p> <p>10:34</p> <p>tinyurl.com/33ndtu88</p>	<p>The Tulsa Race Massacre: Why We Don't Understand Racism</p> <p>Video</p> <p>13:50</p> <p>tinyurl.com/4nzch3h8</p>	<p>How Catholics Can Work for Racial Justice</p> <p>Article</p> <p>tinyurl.com/mss67pzm</p>

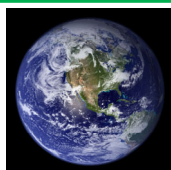
YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Children's Easter Liturgical Movement

All children attending the 10:30 am Easter Sunday Mass are invited to participate in the "Ribbon Procession" that proceeds the glorious celebration. Children who want to participate should gather in the vestibule behind the Baptismal font before the beginning of Mass. As Mass begins, they will process down the aisle waving a streaming ribbon bouquet, and then stand facing the congregation, waving their ribbons, through the singing of the Gloria. You are welcome to accompany a young child. Following the Gloria they will be escorted back to their pews.

For questions contact Terry at terry@sfxstl.org or Julie at julie.kilian4@gmail.com.

**Circle of Creation
Green Corner**



St. Louis Earth Day Festival, April 23-24, 2022

<https://earthday-365.org/festival/>

Volunteers are needed to cover 2-hour shifts at the MCU (Metropolitan Congregations United) at the St. Louis Earth Day Festival 4/23 or 4/24 on the Muny Grounds. Please go to this website for more information or to volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/3nrdzffw>.

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

April 16 from 8:00 AM to Noon
900 TR Hughes Boulevard
O'Fallon, MO 63366
Hosted by City of O'Fallon

April 23 from 9:00 AM to Noon
291 Chesterfield Center
Chesterfield, MO 63017
Hosted by Chesterfield Earth Day

Visit the College Church Circle of Creation Committee's Green Page sfxstl.org/circleofcreation to keep up to date on all of our resources related to caring for creation.

April 9-10, 2022 (Palm Sunday)

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

April 17, 2022 (Easter)

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Page, S.J.
10:30 am Fr. White, S.J.

This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

Processional Gospel:

Luke 19:28-40

First Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel:

Luke 22:14-23:56

The Next Chapter

The Next Chapter is a program grounded in Ignatian Spirituality that has been offered in the St. Louis community for the past five years. It is a six-month guided journey in a group setting for people who are approaching retirement or who are recently retired. The ultimate goal of the program is to assist one to discern how he or she wants to live the next chapter of life. For more information, go to www.nextchapterprogram.org.

The next session of the program begins in October of 2022. The first step for participating in the program is to attend an information session. They will be held on April 27, May 31, and June 15 at Mercy Retreat Center, 2039 Geyer Road. The sessions start at 6:30 p.m. To RSVP for an information session, please email Tom Auffenberg at thomas.auffenberg@slu.edu and indicate which session you desire to attend.

Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Lexi Mentzel at bulletin@sfxstl.org before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

**Online Giving
Reminder**

Many of our parishioners have begun to contribute to College Church through our online link, which can be found at the top of our website, sfxstl.org. You can also reach this link through the QR code here.



Thank you for your support!

Silent Prayer for Peace in Ukraine on Wednesdays at Sisters of St. Joseph

A silent prayer for peace in Ukraine will be offered on Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. in Holy Family Chapel at the Sisters of St. Joseph motherhouse 6400 Minnesota Ave, St. Louis, MO 63111. COVID vaccination required for entry. For more information, contact mflick@csjls.org or legettsm@yahoo.com.

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