



## St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

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**April 19, 2020**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

No public Masses until further notice to help protect the health of our parishioners.

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: [tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass](https://www.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](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 Fr. Matthew Baugh, SJ [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)

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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: 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](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org) or Julie Kilian at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto: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](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org).

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Or visit our website, [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org), and find the form under "Parish Life."

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**



Happy Easter to the far-flung parishioners of College Church. Today we conclude the Octave of Easter, and begin the Easter season: a joyous week of weeks celebrating our new life in the Risen Lord.

Any great celebration calls us to gratitude. I want to express my thanks to all of those who participated on our Virtual Triduum: all the many people who created content, organized our domestic liturgies, shared their spiritual insights, and who prayed at home. I found it to be a profoundly prayerful experience of our shared faith in Jesus, despite our physical separation. The labors and creativity made for a spiritual experience that fit well these troubled times.

I am also grateful for our amazing staff here at SFX who have continued to minister and serve the parish from the safety of their homes. We all know how fantastic they are, but it sometimes takes a crisis for me to appreciate how truly blessed I am to work with such great people.

Finally, I give thanks to all of you. It has been difficult to be a pastor without seeing and being with the flock. However, I most definitely have experienced your presence and love for College Church. I appreciate members of commissions and ministries who continue their work. My emails are full of parishioners checking in and offering encouragement. I want to thank all who have continued to support us financially these past weeks.

The great part of the Easter season is there is plenty of time for us to cultivate a sense of gratitude. But to be honest, that has never been hard for me to do during my time here with you. "Christ is risen. He is truly risen."

**View Galleries of Easter at College Church**

We've uploaded photos and video from Easter in previous years at College Church and put them on our website. You can find them at

<https://sfxstl.org/easter>

(If you are reading this ahead of time, you might want to wait until Easter morning to visit the page!)

## Catholic Social Teaching in the Time of Coronavirus

The following is part of a series of reflections that will touch on the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Please contact Christine with your own reflections on “Catholic Social Teaching in the Time of Coronavirus” at [christine@sfxstl.org](mailto:christine@sfxstl.org).

Week Two: Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Dale Auffenberg



I do not need to enumerate all of the ways that the current world wide pandemic has upended and challenged our everyday life. It is a reality that we are all living out each and every day. But it is my hope that with this unexpected opportunity to slow down and evaluate our priorities, that when we are able to come out of isolation that we have a renewed sense of purpose.

Volumes have been written, legislated and spoken about the concept that human life is sacred. It goes without saying that abortion, euthanasia and the death penalty are direct affronts to the life and dignity of the human person. So today I would like to focus on some of the other realities in this theme.

If the current crisis has done nothing else, it has shown that we are all in this together. Just as the virus does not discriminate between race, creed or economic status, so too are we all called to acknowledge the worth of every person regardless of color, economic status or intellectual ability. In order to safeguard the value of every human life, we must not support an economy of exclusion and inequality. The dignity of all persons demands that we strive for fair and humane conditions for all people. As this pandemic has made us all painfully aware, we are codependent on not only our scientists, doctors, nurses, economists, pharmacists, teachers and other educated specialists but also on our grocers, delivery persons, janitors, truck drivers, factory workers, mail carriers and farm workers.

One of my good friends owns a company that is dependent on migrant laborers from Mexico. He has always employed seasonal laborers with proper documentation who come to the US in early March and return in December. I was discussing with him the increasing difficulties he is having hiring his workers this year. It has taken weeks for his workers to get through the border even though they have legitimate documents. If one signature is out of place or one paper is not perfect, they are not allowed to enter. Our friend has hired a bus to bring his laborers to St. Louis. It has taken several weeks to get all 12 of the workers vetted and through the border to begin their bus journey to St Louis.

In the meantime, the coronavirus pandemic is raging. It is not lost on me that these hard working migrant workers have left their homes for months just to have the opportunity to earn enough money to feed their families. And in doing so, they are risking their lives by staying in overcrowded shelters on the Texas border while waiting for everyone to be approved. There is little to no regard for their time and health. They were finally approved to begin their trek to St Louis after 2 1/2 weeks. Once they arrive here, they will then go into quarantine for 14 days before they can begin work. Over a month has been lost while these laborers try to navigate a complex system of rules and regulations in order to earn a paycheck to send home to their families in Mexico.

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**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:

April 19 to April 25: Celebrate Earth Day by contacting your local representative to advocate for environmental action.

**April 19th, 2020**

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

**April 26th, 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.

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Think about the last time you were told that your flight had been canceled or delayed and how frustrated you felt in having your plans changed. Imagine constantly having to deal with a system that is set up to frustrate and ‘catch’ you in a misstep even though you were trying to do everything by the book. It is my hope and prayer that once this pandemic is behind us, that many things will change in our country. Not only will we determine how we could have been better prepared for the virus, but I pray that we will have a renewed appreciation for and systems that show our regard for those whom we depend on to harvest our food in the fields, package them in our plants, and sell them in our grocery stores. We are all in this together and we must have a renewed sense of gratitude and appreciation for the countless people who work hard to make our lives comfortable and possible.

Just as the theme acknowledges, each and every life has dignity and value regardless of where they were born, the size of their paychecks or the number of degrees that they have. If we learn nothing else from the time, We Are All In This Together. It is our individual responsibility to respect and protect each and every life.

Dale Aufferberg is a long time member of St. Francis Xavier College Church. She has been a member of the Social Justice Commission for 5 years.

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