



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

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sfxstl.org

April 2, 2023
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/collegechurchlivestream

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, 10:30 am through 11:45 am.

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.

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

To reach the Pastoral Council, email sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

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Prayer requests to:
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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.

Reflection from Our Canonical Pastor



By Fr. Tim McMahon, SJ

This coming Thursday, with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Lent officially is ended and we are invited as a worshipping community to enter into the "three-fold celebration of the Easter Mystery," the Sacred Pascal Triduum. With the Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, we recreate Christ's washing the disciples' feet, the first eucharist and, as we process with the Blessed Sacrament to the altar the of repose, we are invited to linger and contemplate the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and in our lives.

As Good Friday begins, through prayer and fasting we remain in the quiet of our Lord's own time in the tomb. It is a day to highlight dying to selfishness and sin so as to live a new life but also to remember this death is not once and for all. Jesus is alive. So Good Friday must be celebrated with an eye to Easter Resurrection. We remain in the quiet throughout Saturday until the richness of the Vigil fills us again with the joy of the resurrection. In this most important liturgy of the year, we light the new fire, proclaiming Jesus to be our light and our life. We hear the exultant song proclaiming the night of nights when Jesus rose and we listen to the primal stories that tell us who God is and of who we are. We bless the waters of baptism. And, finally, we consecrate and share the bread that celebrates our coming together to nourish ourselves at the font of all life the Lord's table.

These celebrations not only recall historical events but rather renew what these events mean for our lives. The historical occurrences took place centuries ago. Now our goal is to recommit ourselves to dying to the old way in order to rise with Christ to a new life.

Scripture Discussion

Please join Sister Sally and Sister Donna today after the 8:00 Mass in the Adult Faith Room for a small group discussion of today's reading.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

With the hope of the Resurrection, we ask that you remember in your prayers:

Mary Ann Grigone, sister of Ginny Schrappen
 Joan M. Felling, mother of parishoners Chris and Sue Felling

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



The Pentecost Potluck Returns

Please Save the Date: On **Sunday, May 28th** after the 10:30am Mass, we will once again come together for a Pentecost Potluck. As Pentecost celebrates the birthday of the Church, when people of many different languages all heard the Good News, we will celebrate the many cultures present in our community with all different varieties of food! Watch this space for more information on how to sign up to bring food or volunteer at the event.



Easter Prayer Service - Sunday, April 16

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at 2 p.m. on **Sunday, April 16** at the Carondelet Motherhouse for their Easter prayer service *Radiating Joy*. Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with our community. All are welcome! The prayer service is free, but registration is required by April 9. Register at <https://www.csjsl.org/events/easter-prayer-service>.

Holy Week Liturgical Celebrations

The St. Francis Xavier (College) Church parish family invites you to celebrate with us these celebrations of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Holy Week

April 1	Passion (Palm) Sunday (Vigil)	5:15 p.m.
April 2	Passion (Palm) Sunday	8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
April 3, 4, 5	Weekday masses at 7:15 and Noon	
April 6	Holy Thursday	7:30 p.m.
April 7	Good Friday	3:00 p.m.
April 8	Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m. (No 5:15 p.m. Mass)
April 9	Easter Sunday	8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

(The College Church Choir will sing at both Easter Liturgies)

Confessions are offered Monday through Friday from 10:30 until 11:45

For more information, please call the Parish Center at 977-7300

Complimentary parking is available in the Laclede garage.

Interested in Learning about the Catholic Faith?

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, its beliefs and practices, you are invited to contact Joseph Milner, 314-977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu.



Holy Week Daily Schedule

Monday-Wednesday
Regular Daily Schedule

Holy Thursday
No Daily Masses
Confessions 10:30-11:45
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm

Good Friday
No Daily Masses
Confessions 10:30-11:45
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

Healing Touch

Join us on Sunday, **April 23 after the 10:30 Mass** for our 4th and final Ballroom lecture for the year. Parishioner Mary O'Neill will offer us an enlightening and informative program about Healing Touch. You won't want to miss this!

Healing Touch is an energy based, therapeutic approach to healing, using the hands to balance and align the human energy system. Healing Touch enhances the body's natural ability to heal. It can be beneficial in reducing stress, calming anxiety, decreasing pain, strengthening the immune system, enhancing recovery from surgery, deepening spiritual connections, supporting care and easing acute, chronic and end of life conditions.



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.

April is Arab-American Heritage Month

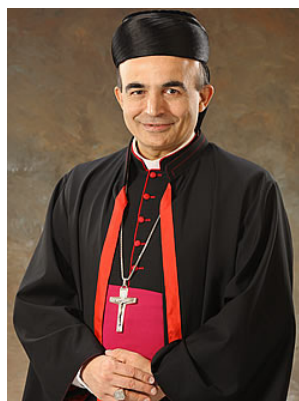
We seldom reflect upon the fact that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and all twelve Apostles were olive-skinned Middle Eastern Jews. Our Christian faith began in the Middle East. It has its deepest roots in cities like Jerusalem, Galilee, Nazareth, and Bethlehem. The Gospel spread throughout the world from those places. This month we will explore the impact world events and individuals of Arab descent have had on our American society and our church.

Lebanese-born St Louis Eparch (Bishop) A. Elias Zaidan A Little Background

After the Great Schism between the Orthodox Church and the Roman Church in 1054 A.D., people of the Syriac Eastern Churches who remained loyal to the Catholic faith became known as “Maronites.” They are one of 22 self-governing Eastern Rite and Roman Rite churches that form the Catholic Church. Maronites hold many Orthodox beliefs but are loyal to the Vatican. They speak Arabic and use the Syriac language in their liturgies.

Most Maronites live in Lebanon. However, immigration of Maronite Christians from Syria to the United States began in the late 1800s. Eventually, a new Maronite Eparchy (aka “diocese”) was created for the western U.S. Originally headquartered in Los Angeles, the Eparchy’s offices moved to St. Louis in 2001, and the Church of St. Raymond was designated as co-cathedral of the Eparchy. The Eparchy cares for over 50,000 members of Lebanese and Syrian descent who now live in the western U.S.

About Eparch Zaidan



Abdallah Elias Zaidan was born in Kosaybé, Lebanon, in 1963. He joined the Congregation of Lebanese Maronite Missionaries. While in seminary he earned a pontifical degree in theology and philosophy and was ordained a priest in 1986. After serving as Assistant Rector at the seminary of his Order, he was transferred to the United States, where he served as Assistant Rector at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral in Brooklyn, NY. While there he earned a master’s degree in education from St. John’s University.

He then served as pastor at a Maronite parish in San Antonio, and later as rector of the Maronite Cathedral in Los Angeles. During those years he established new Maronite missions throughout Texas and California. In addition, he served as Superior of his religious Order in America. He has also participated in several Synods, including as translator in 2010 at the Vatican Synod of Bishops for Christians of the Middle East. He speaks Arabic, English, French, and Spanish.

In 2013, Pope Francis appointed Father Zaidan to be Eparch (bishop) of the Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon here in St. Louis. He was ordained bishop by the Maronite Patriarch, Cardinal al-Rahi, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Lebanon in Mount Harissa, Lebanon, and soon after was installed at St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral in St. Louis. During his tenure as Bishop, he has championed the protection of children, pastoral involvement of the laity, and missionary outreach. He serves on two committees for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: International Justice and Peace; and Catholic Home Missions.

Arab Americans Who Have Made History

U.S. Airforce Colonel James Jabara was the son of Lebanese immigrants. He flew two combat tours in Europe during WWII, and was the first American “Jet Ace” in history (i.e. he shot down 5+ enemy jets). He was awarded the Distinguish Flying Cross for WWII and for the Korean War, and he died in 1966 at age 43.

Candy Lightner is the granddaughter of Syrian immigrants. In 1980 her 13-year-old daughter was killed by a repeat-offending drunk driver. She then founded Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Today MADD is the largest crime-victims’ assistance organization in the world.

Fair Trade Items for Sale This Sunday

Don’t forget fresh coffee, chocolate, tea, and more from your friendly College Church Fair Trade Committee!

All proceeds directly benefit our Jesuit sister parish, St. Peter Claver, in Belize. Order online at sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade. Fair Trade products will also be available for purchase after the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses this week.



COLLEGE CHURCH - SISTER PARISH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ST. PETER CLAVER, PUNTA GORDA, BELIZE

For the last two years, we have extended the opportunity for College Church parishioners to sponsor students at our sister parish St. Peter Claver in Belize. Thanks to your generous response, our parish community currently sponsors the high school education of 34 students in Belize. We hope to sponsor ten additional students this year.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & GUIDELINES

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. It is designed for boys and girls in all four high school years, Forms 1-4. The parents are interviewed and have an application process and a contract that they must sign for their child to participate. They also require 20 hours of service from each student each year. Their report cards are reviewed regularly and Ms. Olive monitors and advises them on grades and other needs they may have.

To sponsor a student for all 4 years of high school costs \$900 USD (or \$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! Scholarship interviews and selection takes place over the summer, and school begins in August 2023.

QUESTIONS OR INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A STUDENT?

Please contact committee chair Mary Linhares at marytlinhares@gmail.com. The deadline for sponsorships is Monday, April 24th, 2023.

Middle School Social Justice Camp

Parents of rising 6th, 7th, & 8th graders: Please register at this link for middle school social justice camp: <https://sfxstl.org/youth-group-registration>. We anticipate spots will fill up fast, so please register soon.

This year, Camp is based on the Beatitudes, specifically focusing on "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness..." leading us to experiential learning at food service agencies and food insecurity change-makers in STL. We are grateful for our coordinating team, College Church staff, along with college and high school students who will help us facilitate small groups of middle school campers and accompany us to our local sites.

Please contact jennifer@sfxstl.org with questions.

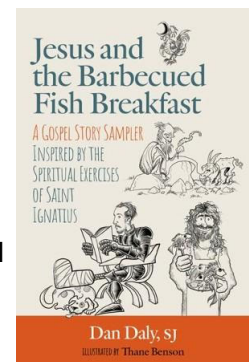
Bringing Scripture to Life Through Imagination With Fr. Dan Daly, SJ

Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 9:00am-11:00 am
At the Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Dr, St. Louis, MO 63119

Join us for presentations by Fr. Dan, quiet prayers & reflection, small group sharing, questions and insights, and of course—refreshments and fellowship.

Brought to you by the Ignatian Volunteer Corps-St. Louis. This is a free event, however, freewill offerings will be accepted to support the mission and ministry of IVC-St. Louis.

Please RSVP to Sr. Amy Diesen at ivcstl@jesuits.org



Annual Catholic Appeal

"Your every act should be done with love." --1 Corinthians 16:14

Just as Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians in his first letter to the Church, God's love must be at the center of our faith. As Catholics, we are determined to see out those who need His grace most and lift them up with both compassion and joy. Let us unite as one Church to follow His will. *Reach out in Love* and let them know Jesus through us.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* is the single most important annual charitable undertaking in the Archdiocese of St. Louis because it helps the Church respond to the genuine needs of all people. The ministries funded by the *Appeal* directly or indirectly affect everyone throughout all counties of our archdiocese.

The following are just a few examples of how schools, parish schools of religion, and agencies of the archdiocese are helped by those who give to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*:

Catholic Charities receives \$1.6 million to help those in need.

27% of all *Appeal* funds support Catholic **Religious Education**.

The **Parish Emergency Fund** assists parishes struggling to meet their financial obligation in an emergency and receives direct assistance of \$100,000.

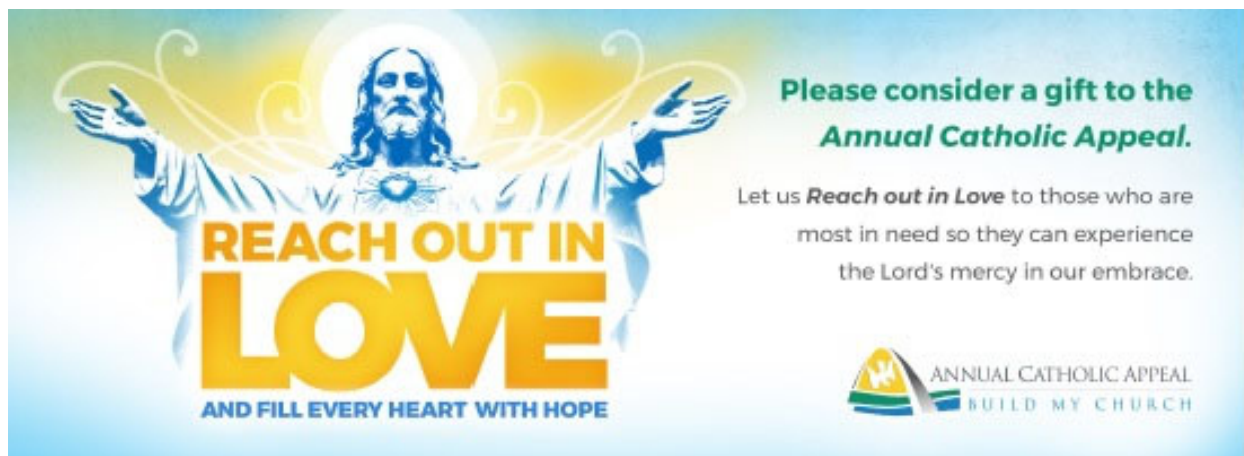
You will be receiving a mailing soon inviting you to donate to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. We will also have pledge cards at our Masses in late April May. To find out more about the *Appeal*, please visit aca.archstl.org.

A Message from the Archbishop Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski

Every year, the Annual Catholic Appeal provides us an opportunity to realize the difference we can make when we act together in God's love. I am grateful for each of you who support the mission of the Appeal. By serving the Lord with gladness, we can see the impact it has on so many lives, including our own.

The ministries that rely on the Appeal are numerous and wide-ranging. They have a direct impact on the Church and our communities throughout the archdiocese, including our brothers and sisters whose hearts yearn for the Bread of Life.

Through our prayers and sacrificial giving, we live out our Catholic faith. We must trust God to show us His will and give of ourselves wherever He guides us. Please join me in supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal. When we Reach out in Love, there is no limit to how many lives we can touch.



Circle of Creation Green Corner



EcoWatch provides a very informative article, *Ocean Plastic: What You Need to Know*, which includes a variety of legislative efforts that need to be made as well as personal efforts that can be made. Visit this link to see the entire article: <https://www.ecowatch.com/ocean-plastic-guide-2653277768.html>

Spring Volunteer Opportunities are sponsored by [The Open Space Council](http://openspacestl.org/volunteer/) (<http://openspacestl.org/volunteer/>) and [Great Rivers Greenway](https://greatriversgreenway.org/stewardship-opportunities/) (<https://greatriversgreenway.org/stewardship-opportunities/>) in collaboration with other groups. Earthday365 cosponsors Environmental Justice Days of Action in cooperation with various organizations.

O'Fallon Park Clean-up will be on Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 AM - noon along with a nature-based Family Fun Day from 10:00 AM - noon.

The 2023 St. Louis Earth Day Festival will take place on April 22-23 at Forest Park from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days. You can also participate in the Earth Day Challenge to qualify for a raffle. In the effort to avoid single-use disposable items, please make it a habit to have with you your RBC (**Reusable Beverage Container**) wherever you go, but in particular, at Parish meetings and events. Another reusable item to consider using habitually is a Name Tag. At Parish events when appropriate, there will be available single-use disposable adhesive name tags as usual, but the fewer people who need to use disposable name tags, the better.

Public Electronics Recycling events sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC) <https://mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events>:

April 8, 8:00 AM to Noon
900 TR Hughes Boulevard
O'Fallon, MO, 63366
hosted by the **City of O'Fallon**

April 22, 9:00 AM to Noon
10333 Clayton Court Drive
Frontenac, MO, 63131
hosted by Redkey Realty **Frontenac**

April 29, 9:00 AM to Noon
16123 Chesterfield Parkway West
Chesterfield, MO 63017
hosted by Redkey Realty

Visit the College Church Circle of Creation Committee's Green Corner on the Parish website to keep up to date on resources related to caring for creation, including public electronics recycling events.

April 1-2, 2023

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. Armstrong, SJ
Provincial Secretary Jesuits of the Central and Southern Province

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. McMahan, SJ
10:30 am Fr. McMahan, SJ

April 8-9, 2023 Easter Sunday

Saturday
8:00 pm Fr. McMahan, SJ

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Frank Reale, SJ
Retreat and spiritual director

10:30 am Fr. McMahan, SJ

This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

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:

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Angela Pancella at angela@sfxstl.org before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

Online Giving Reminder

Click the blue bar at the top of our website, sfxstl.org. Or use this QR code.

