



2020 First Communicants

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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September 6, 2020
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 4:30 pm. Please RSVP at sfxstl.org.

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

Weekday Masses: 7:15 am and noon Monday through Friday, 5:15 pm Monday through Wednesday, all in main church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays and Wednesdays 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.

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: Suspended until further notice due to the pandemic. Contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

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 Pat March*
 Mark Marsh
 Joan McGinnis
 Karena Menard
 Nancy Partridge* & Glider
 Bob Powers*
 Ruthann Redmon
 Mark Roddy*
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Prayer requests to:
church@sfxstl.org

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

Join our intercessory prayer group on Zoom,
 Friday mornings at 9 am:
 Contact Bridget Brennan at joy@canainstitute.org for info.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK



The coronavirus pandemic has revealed a great deal about our country. The impact has been felt in every aspect of our society, not simply in terms of healthcare. Sadly, much of what has been exposed is not very pretty.

Take the notion of “essential” workers. During the height of the pandemic, farm laborers and workers in meat-packing plants were labeled essential by the federal government. Both fields are dominated by immigrant workers, many of them undocumented. They were required to remain at work even as many sites were hotspots for the virus.

It goes without saying that these same people now deemed essential have been routinely rounded-up by the government and expelled from the country. They are consistently denigrated and demonized by our nation’s leadership as a threat to our way of life. Yet, in the moment of national crisis, they are considered “essential.” The hypocrisy is breath-taking. This is Labor Day weekend. The holiday began as a day to celebrate and protect the rights of workers. The Catholic Church has a long history of standing with both workers and immigrants. One more lesson learned from the past six months is our system of labor, particularly those jobs Americans refuse to do, is in desperate need of overhaul. An economy so morally compromised should outrage us all.

You will hear a lot of politicians from now until early November ending their speeches with “God bless America!” Maybe it is time to start praying, “God change America.”

Virtual Parish Assembly

If you were unable to tune in to the Virtual Parish Assembly we hosted via Zoom last Sunday, you can view it on our YouTube channel. Here is the link:

<https://youtu.be/U3qAUqVvuCc>

You can also continue to send in comments and questions via our Leadership Feedback page:

<https://sfxstl.org/parish-leadership-feedback>

Thank you for being part of this parish!

First Sunday of the Season of Creation

September 6, 2020 | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCRIPTURES

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Ps. 95:1-2, 6-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

The Season of Creation is a new Liturgical Season for the Catholic community globally as it joins the 30-year ecumenical/orthodox history of celebration under the leadership of Pope Francis and through the promotion of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. It extends from September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.



The Season focuses on God as Creator of the vast cosmic universe, God's revelation in Creation, and our calling to care for God's creation, protect its rich diversity and address the urgent, destructive crises threatening its health and future.

This year's theme is Jubilee for the Earth. Climate change, currently one of Earth's most pressing crises, is a result of the intersection of greed, inequality and destruction of God's Earth. Jubilee is a time to renounce overconsumption and economic systems based on constant economic growth at the cost of the Earth and those who are poor. Jubilee is a time when those who have consumed the most must care for those who have suffered the most. Jubilee is a time of rest for the land from constant exploitation, to restore ecosystems and people.

On this 1st Sunday of the Season of Creation, the scriptures call us to accept our prophetic responsibility in love to invite each other to conversion and care for creation in these times of ecological crisis.

Points for Reflection on the Scriptures

In the first reading, Ezekiel describes God's warning to himself and to us: we are responsible for each other. If we hear and fail to relay God's Word, God's call to conversion to those for whom it is intended, we will be held responsible and complicit in their sin and in the suffering and punishment it brings.

One of Pope Francis's central beliefs at the heart of *Laudato si'* is that everything and everyone is connected, interdependent. We are responsible for each other. God speaks to us and calls us to conversion in many ways. In the context of the Season of Creation, we need to listen to that Word of God in "the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor." (L.S. 49)

The cry of the Earth, heard in increasingly powerful storms and fires, melting ice and rising sea levels, droughts and floods, pollution of air and water, loss of rich biodiversity and ecological degradation. The cry of the poor, heard and seen in widespread hunger and malnutrition, in homelessness and ill health, exploitation and vast migration and refugee flows, violence and ecological destruction of the most marginal regions where the poor are so often forced to struggle for survival.

Visit our Season of Creation page on our website for more: <https://sfxstl.org/season-of-creation>



Living The Word

God is present to us through the words of Scripture that are proclaimed in the liturgy each week. We are challenged to allow these words to find a home in our hearts and to be a light for our lives. Through the insights that we gain, we are invited to deepen our relationship with God and integrate God's ways into our words and deeds. Understanding the message clearly can be challenging since the authors lived in a different culture and at various times in history.

To provide context and background, Joe Milner will offer a weekly reflection group titled, **Living The Word**. These sessions will explore the background and context of the upcoming Sunday Scriptures, the virtues and values that are expressed, and ways to put these into practice in our lives. Sessions will have a presentation to introduce the scriptures, dialogue about their meaning for Christian living, and time for prayer.

Sessions will be offered via Zoom on Tuesday evening from 7:00 until 8:00, starting on Sept 22. Registration is requested. To register, please email Joe at: joe@sfxstl.org

Join us in exploring the scriptures and striving to live more fully for Christ.

Season of Creation Challenge

In a time of quarantine, digital learning, racial injustice, intensifying storms, and mass migration, holding space to act on climate change can feel overwhelming. This Season of Creation, the Ignatian Solidarity Network invites you to start simply with one new daily habit for a healthy planet.

Step one: Choose **ONE** daily action to repeat each day throughout the 34 days that will renew your relationship with creation or that will allow you to explore a radical new way of living with creation.

Step two: Take the pledge to commit to **ONE** action repeated daily throughout the 34 days of the Season of Creation to build a new environmental habit you've been meaning to get around to but haven't made time for.

Step three: Form and track your healthy habit for the planet! If desired, the ISN will send a daily email or text message reminder to keep you motivated. Find out more at: <https://tinyurl.com/yxr8rkwu>

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 join our inquiry sessions. These offer an opportunity to ask questions about Catholic beliefs and practices. They are informal and focus on the issues which the participants deem important.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Joseph Milner, (314) 977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu.



School Supplies Needed



College Church is once again partnering with the Peace & Justice Committee of the Rock Church to collect needed school supplies for students in Pre-K through 6th grade at Columbia Elementary School.

If you are able to provide any of the below items, please drop them off to the College Church parish center at 3628 Lindell Blvd. 63108 anytime Monday-Friday between 8:30am-12pm or 1-3 OR on Sunday in the bin in the vestibule. We will be collecting items through Tuesday, September 8th. Contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org or 977-7309 with any questions.

Thank you for any donation you can provide!

#2 Pencils

Glue

Black pens

Markers

Dry erase markers

Hand sanitizer

Crayons

Colored pencils

Pencil cases

Loose leaf paper

Notebooks

Backpacks

Folders

Spiritual Direction

Rob Garavaglia, a St. Francis Xavier parishioner and a student at the Aquinas Institute of Theology is looking for persons interested in receiving spiritual direction. This is to fulfill a practicum requirement for Aquinas' spiritual direction certificate program. If you would like to receive spiritual direction, or would like to more information, contact Rob at [\(314\) 750-9871](tel:3147509871).

The Installation Mass for Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski

St. Louis has a new Archbishop!

The Installation Mass for the Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski was held on Tuesday, August 25th. The Mass took place in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (New Cathedral) and was livestreamed on the Archdiocese of St. Louis's YouTube page.

If you missed the Mass or would like to see it again, you can do so by visiting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTf3VZQGqqs>



Continued Tuesday Witness for Racial Justice

A group of St. Louis Catholics will continue to keep vigil for Racial Justice and Black Lives on the steps of St. Francis Xavier College Church [every Tuesday evening from 6-7pm](#).

All are invited to join in silent prayer and bring signs calling for racial justice. The group is looking to include others in creating programming or reflection during these vigils.

If you, or a group you're connected with, would be interested in leading one Tuesday, please email Billy Critchley-Menor, SJ at wcritchleymenor@jesuits.org.



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:

Week 41 (September 6-12): Week 41: Skip the dryer. Hang dry your laundry this week. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates it takes [about 5 percent of your home energy use](#) to dry clothing. Drying your clothing in a machine also wears down the fibers, making their life cycle shorter.

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10:30 am Fr. White, S.J.
4:30 pm Campus Ministry

September 13, 2020

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. White, S.J.
10:30 am Fr. Stewart, S.J.
4:30 pm Campus Ministry

The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed, and Outdoor Communion will be available. RSVP at sfxstl.org.

Bulletin Articles

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

Laudato Si Quote of the Week

This sister (earth) now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.... The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she "groans in travail" (#2)

It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves...The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us.(#33)

Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach *always* becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as hear *both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*.(#49)

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