



2021 First Communicants

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
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April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am. 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, all in main church; 5:15 pm Monday through Thursday.

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.

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 Edelman 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 Edelman at terry@sfxstl.org.

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

To reach the Pastoral Council, email sfxpc@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

This Sunday is First Communion. Unfortunately, our need for social distancing means we are not able to celebrate with the larger parish community as normal. The liturgy will be at 12:30 Sunday afternoon. Please keep our first communicants and their families in your prayers.

I am grateful for the amazing work done by our Youth Faith team. This year of sacramental preparation has been very challenging. We have been limited in our ability to have in-person formation. That has not stopped our team from providing an incredible experience for the second graders. Their creativity, hard work and dedication are nothing short of miraculous.

I want to thank in a special way the parents of our children. I hardly need to remind you of all that has been expected this past year: worker, teacher, mom/dad, chef, activities director, health care advisor, and on and on. Who knew we would also need you to be pastor of the church at home?

There is a blessing for parents at the end of the baptism liturgy for children. Part of it goes like this: "Parents, you will be the first teachers of the faith to your child. May you also be the best of teachers giving good example by what you say and do." We rejoice in the gift our First Communion children are to this community. We rejoice, too, in their parents who have been the very best of teachers in the very worst of years.

Kunjunjamma Jacob Memorial Mass

The memorial Mass for Kunjunjamma Jacob (grandmother of parishioner Tanya Britto) will be Tuesday, April 27 at 7 pm. It will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel: tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass.

We have news that is both joyful and sad regarding two of the members of the College Church staff.

Joanna Boyd-Wilhite in Youth Faith has taken a position at Fontbonne U. as the campus minister. Her time at SFX will conclude this spring. Though Fontbonne's gain is our loss, we are very happy for Joanna. She will be a great gift for that community.

Sr. Carolyn McWatters has been asked by her community to become the Assistant Sister Life Minister for the retired Sisters of Mercy in Belmont, North Carolina. Such is religious life that talented and gifted people are called to serve their communities in new ways. I am so grateful for Sr. Carolyn's labors over the years at College Church. She has been generous in sharing her love of liturgy at the service of our parish. She will be leaving us at the end of May.

We will definitely find an opportunity for the parish community to thank Joanna and Sr. Carolyn for their time with us. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for that information.

Fr. Dan

Bilingual Readers for Pentecost

Once again we would like to have the intercessions on Pentecost Sunday read in languages which reflect the diversity of cultural heritages represented by College Church parishioners.

If you can speak another language and would be able to translate an intercession and read it in that language during Mass on May 22-23, please contact Sister Carolyn - carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu.

Thank you!



YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Confirmation

Next Sunday, May 2, eighth grade Religious Education Students from the College Church will be Confirmed at the 10:30 Mass. Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski will celebrate Mass and confer the sacrament. Please pray for our students as they take this next important step in their faith journey.

The Confirmandi are Evelyn Rose Bishop, Finnian Marcus DeStefano, Kathleen Rose Gasper, Luc Theodore Giles, William Ambrose Hamlin, Brandon Arthur House, Luke Wittman Jarboe, Samuel Butler Leonard, Reagan Marie Matteotti, Martin Patrick O'Connell, Quinn Noonan Piskorowski, Quinn Joseph Reynolds, Mary Bonn Romer, Lauren Kathryn Ruth, Jack Hampton Taylor, Robert Rudolph Winter.

Despite restraints from Covid 19, students had a vigorous and meaningful preparation for the sacrament, conducted by lead catechist Hope Johnson and assisted by Scott Jarboe and Richard Baugh.

Weekly Tuesday Night Vigils for Racial Justice Resume Starting May 4th

After a hiatus during the winter months, weekly Tuesday night vigils for racial justice will begin again on Tuesday, May 4th and continue each week from 6-7pm. You are invited to join on the steps of College Church to stand in prayer and hold signs calling for racial justice locally and nationally.

Originally hosted by the Jesuit scholastics in summer 2020 after the killing of George Floyd, the vigils became a weekly witness, growing to encompass a larger group of St. Louis Catholics. As racial violence continues, as most recently seen in the deaths of Daunte Wright and Adam Toledo, among others, the College Church Racism & Reconciliation committee wants to continue this public witness and invites all to join in both participation and planning.



The Racism & Reconciliation committee will host the first Tuesday vigil on May 4th. If you or your group are interested in hosting one or more weekly Tuesdays, please contact jfmc676@gmail.com.

Faith Response to the Derek Chauvin Trial Verdict

What: St. Margaret of Scotland invites people of faith to join in public witness for racial justice in response to the Chauvin verdict, regardless of the verdict decision.

Where: In front of Compton Heights Christian Church, 2149 S. Grand Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63104

When: If verdict is announced **before 4 pm**, the group will gather that day **at 5 pm** to stand in vigil. If verdict is announced **after 4 pm**, the group will meet **the next day** at 5 pm.

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, 977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu





Purchase Fair Trade Products and Support our Sister Parish!

Sales of fair trade products have resumed **online only** to benefit St. Peter Claver in Punta Gorda, Belize. Because of the pandemic, as well as a series of fires which destroyed farms in the community, unemployment in the area has increased dramatically. All the proceeds from our Fair Trade sales go directly to St. Peter Claver.

So far, we have contributed toward their food pantry and two student scholarships.

Winter items are available, including soups, cornbread, hot cocoa, and baking cocoa, in addition to our on-going sales of chocolate, tea, and coffee!

To purchase go directly to SFX website at:

<http://www.sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade>

There are two options for receiving your items, which you will specify upon placing your online order. Both options occur twice a month on 1st and 3rd Sundays:

Hand Delivery (only for orders of \$20 or more): One of our volunteers will deliver your products to your porch or in front of your home. If requesting delivery of orders which contain chocolate, please plan for immediate retrieval of your package in order to protect chocolate from melting. Volunteers will ring your doorbell/buzzer or knock on your door when dropping off items.

Pick-up at College Church (orders of any value): Pick-ups at the College Church will be pre-collected into bags with the buyer's name displayed on the outside of the bag, available from 9-10:15am outside of the Ballroom (below the church) on the designated Sundays. We ask that parishioners wear a face mask and continue to practice social distancing during pick-up.



The deadline for ordering delivery or pick-up for the 1st and 3rd Sunday is the Tuesday before. The next deadline is April 27, for delivery/pick-up on May 2. Please contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org with any questions and thank you in advance for your support!

Thank you for supporting Fair Trade and our Sister Parish!

Hiding in Plain Sight: The Reality of Everyday Racism

As our country and our communities continue to confront racial inequity and social injustice, we often find ourselves asking, “How did we get here?” “What keeps us from making greater progress?” We know that racism is a barrier to fully living the call of the Gospel, and we seek ways to remove all that separates us from the Beloved Community God intends for us. As individuals and as a parish, we search for ways to make that a reality.

The Antiracism Team at College Church is hosting a virtual series of awareness sessions designed to open our eyes, minds, and hearts ever wider; to help us more fully understand how racism persists; and to guide us on the path to creating greater equity and justice. Participants will share prayer, benefit from the expertise of a guest speaker, and exchange perspectives in small groups. Please join us as we seek to provide a space in which to listen, reflect, and learn to increase our individual and collective awareness of how systemic racism continues to permeate our societal structures and influence our daily interactions. There will be time for questions and answers, and participants will receive resources to aid in continuing the journey.

The next session will be held on Thursday, May 13 from 7:00 – 8:45.

Closing the Wealth Gap

Presenter: Ray Boshara

Facilitator, Senior Advisor for the Institute for Economic Equity at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Mr. Boshara also serves as a commissioner for the Peace & Justice Commission of the St. Louis Archdiocese.

The event is free. The link to register is:
tinyurl.com/RayBoshara

New topics will be presented each month. Please look for information about upcoming sessions on racism as experienced in legal systems, financial insecurity, health care, food insecurity, and education.

For more information, please contact Carl Greiner at carlgreiner.stl@gmail.com.



Confirmation Mass

Because the 10:30 am Mass next week is our Confirmation Mass, seating will be limited. If you are unable to reserve seats at the RSVP link on our homepage (sfxstl.org), please consider attending the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass or the 8 am Mass, or watching the livestream on our YouTube channel, tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass.

Change in 5:15 pm Mass Schedule

Our weekday 5:15 pm Mass is going on hiatus in May. Our last 5:15 pm Mass will be Thursday, April 29th.

Doing Justice

IN A DIVIDED NATION & CHURCH

What does our Catholic faith say about **with whom we stand?**

How can we **take action now** to make the St. Louis region more just despite division?

Seeds of Justice Network & the Archdiocese of St. Louis Peace & Justice Commission invite the community to this virtual event to help Catholics reflect on what we are called to DO to build a more just community despite division & to learn about dynamic local efforts for change!

Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, Missouri Voter Protection Coalition, Project Read & Feed (at Claver House), and JustFaith will be shared.

Register for this **free event** at bit.ly/DoingJustice2021.

After registering, you'll receive an email with Zoom details. Please contact newsletter@seedsofjusticenetwork.org with questions.

Response & Action Panel



Elyse Max
MISSOURIANS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO THE DEATH PENALTY



Kim Davis
PROJECT READ & FEED (Claver House)



Denise Lieberman
MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION



Keynote Address
Fr. Fred Kammer, SJ

TUESDAY, APRIL 27 | 7:00 - 9:00PM | ZOOM



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Circle of Creation Green Corner

April is Earth Month!

Earth Month 2021 schedule from Earth Day 365

<https://earthday-365.org/earth-month-2021/>



Thank you to all who took part in the Great Rivers Greenway Trash Bash in White Birch Park in Hazelwood!



April 24-25, 2021

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

May 1-2, 2021

Saturday	
5:30 pm	TBD
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. White, S.J.
10:30 am	Most Rev. Mitchell T. Rozanski (Confirmation)

The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed. RSVP at sfxstl.org.

Bulletin Articles

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



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

When those in the world see us, see the Church, what do they see? How do they define us? Through our deeds and our actions, through the impact we make on others' lives. And so, when Jesus announces to the world that He is risen, he does not do it through seeking attention. No, he does it through an act of charity. Through the healing of someone in need, giving of Himself and His gifts so that those who need it most may receive God's grace and mercy.

That leads Peter to proclaim, "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:8-12) When we show God's love to others, the joy is contagious. The Good Shepherd knows to lead His flock to where they will prosper, and all He asks is that we follow His holy will. We give of ourselves because He provided the ultimate sacrifice, we love others because His boundless love fills our cups until they are overflowing.

Through our collective support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, we can proclaim with one voice, Thy Will Be Done. The past year has brought considerable challenge and hardship to so many, but your generous support of the Appeal helped provide hope and support for our parishes and our entire community. Please, help our Church continue to make a positive impact in the lives of those who need it most. You can visit aca.archstl.org to learn more about how the Appeal uplifts the lives of those we serve. You can also visit sfxstl.org/annual-catholic-appeal to learn how the ACA impacts College Church and the North City Deanery.

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