



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

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April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of the Lord

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 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.

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

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

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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- Mary Lou Ampleman
- Michael Anderson
- Margaret Baughman
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- Mary Bruemmer*
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- Linda Castillon*
- Marcie Corwin
- Marsha DeDonder
- Fay Efken*
- Diane Flynn
- Monica Gunn
- Jessi Haselhorst
- Paul Hanson*
- Mary Jane and Butch Henning*
- Laura Kaiser and Family
- Terry Kippenberger*
- Carlita Logan
- Karena Menard*
- Suzanne Mondello
- Nancy Partridge* & Glider
- Mark Roddy*
- Joan Rice
- Dennis Saunders*
- Jennifer Saunders*
- Fr. Gary Seibert, SJ*
- Tom Shen
- Louis M. Sherrock
- Colleen Starkloff
- Judy Taylor*
- Julia Williams
- Lisa Zimmerer*

* Long-term

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



Happy Easter on this glorious day! May the hope of new life in the Risen Lord be with you all.

It is impossible to celebrate this Easter without recalling this time last year. Christians around the world could not gather to commemorate the death and resurrection of Christ. We were stuck at home, and unable to come together as a community. I would never have imagined anything that would keep College Church from celebrating the Easter Triduum. The last year or so has been a profound experience of the tomb. Death, sorrow, isolation, and fear have been our constant companion.

The Gospel accounts of the resurrection never ignore the suffering and death of Jesus. His death was real. The Risen Lord retains the marks of the crucifixion as Doubting Thomas discovers. The Passion was not a bad nightmare that now we can all forget.

Easter proclaims the triumph of life over death. The love of God is stronger than the tomb. That is the joy we proclaim. But it is ok if we struggle to understand or feel this. The followers of Jesus did too. The Easter season lasts a long time. We need it to enter the depths of the essential truth of our faith. Suffering is not forgotten but transformed. Easter joy and hope does not deny all we have been through the past year. They are the fruits of the faith that Christ's peace is always with us.

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:

Kunjunjamma Jacob (Tanya Britto's grandmother)

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



YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Invitation to Volunteer in College Church Religious Education Classes

The College Church Religious Education program is looking for adults to be catechists or aides for children ages 3 through Grade 8. Full-time catechists and aides are offered free tuition for their children in the youth faith programs. The curriculum is based on the Ignatian tradition of finding God in all things and service to others. In addition to classroom activities, older grades do service work as part of their instruction.

Our classes meet most Sundays from September through mid-May at 9:15 am. Classes are held in the Parish Center and in Davis Shaughnessy Hall. Experience is not required and ample training and support will be provided. For more information, contact Terry Edelman at terry@sfxstl.org. All catechists must be in full compliance with the Safe Environment Program.



Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program needs your help!

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program (which is its own Religious Education program) continues to grow and we need more catechists, so that we can serve more children!

There are two direct ways you can help: consider serving as a catechist in this ministry or help us by funding the costs of catechist formation. The training will begin this Fall and finish in May 2022. It can be described as a long, working retreat. The tuition for Level I training is \$500.00 plus the costs of books; our hope is that we raise sufficient funds so that cost is not an obstacle to being a part of this beautiful ministry. Please keep this ministry in your prayers!

If you would like to donate, you can find the link to do so at <https://sfxstl.org/youth-faith>. For more information, email Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Rejoice!

Jennifer Koskie, Bernie Lu, and Karli Williams received the sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil.

Adrienne Brammeier, Amanda Gonzales, Grant Hartley, Christine Sinicrope, and Adam Wilke were received into full communion with the Catholic Church as they renewed their baptismal commitment and were confirmed.

Kathleen O'Sullivan and Lesly Aguilera completed their Christian Initiation with the sacrament of Confirmation.

Please pray for them in the coming weeks as they participate in the Eucharist and become integrated into the College Church community.



Easter Reflections

For those who appreciate the Little Blue Books of Advent and the Little Black Books for Lent, there are Little White Books with daily reflections for the Easter season. A limited number are available. If you would like one, please contact Joe Milner at Joe@sfxstl.org

Please help us celebrate Mary's month

"Month of Mary" - The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. To help us celebrate, the Liturgy/Spirituality sub-committee of the parish's Anti-Racism team is gathering Marian images and music to share during the month of May. To help us expand our appreciation of cultural diversity, we especially welcome other cultural images of Mary which may be significant to you.

We invite parishioners to share a Marian image or song that is meaningful to you. We envision creating a brief video that includes the images and music offered by our collective parish members. Also, if you're willing to share a few words about what you submit, please let us know if you'd be open to being interviewed.

Please send pictures, music, videos, and website links to Thi Nguyen at thianguyen29@gmail.com by March 30. Thank you.

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. Because of Easter, we have extended the first deadline to April 6, for delivery/pick-up on April 11. The next deadline is April 13, for delivery/pick-up on April 18.

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, April 15 from 7:00 – 8:45 pm.

Race, Policing and Criminal Justice

Presenter: Blake Strobe

Executive Director – ArchCity Defenders

The event is free. Please click to register: tinyurl.com/blakestrobe

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



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

Pastoral Care Committee Update: Care for Families Experiencing Miscarriage/Death of a Child at Birth

The Pastoral Care Committee would like to introduce a new focus area for our ministry. We are exploring ways to offer resources and support for mothers, fathers, grandparents, and families who have experienced the loss of a child due to miscarriage or the death of a child at birth. We want to support our parishioners who have experienced these losses. We will provide resources and prayer through the Pastoral Care Committee when needed. Please call Joan at 314-962-2833 for further information and connection.

Circle of Creation Green Corner

Abstaining from eating meat on Fridays has been our practice during Lent. Eating less meat can be a moderate sacrifice that significantly benefits our Earth and all her children. Our home planet is a life-sustaining gift from our gracious God. After Easter we can choose to continue abstaining from meat once a week or maybe a second day each week, or even more. For information on how eating less meat has an important environmental impact, please see *The Diet that Helps Fight Climate Change*:



<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1737570466430548>

Visit the Circle of Creation Green Corner anytime on sfxstl.org under Social Ministry or sfxstl.org/circleofcreation.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

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

April 11, 2021

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

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.

More Green Corner News:

Earth Month 2021 schedule from Earth Day 365

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

Many ways to celebrate and support the Earth Month/Earth Day activities.

- Earth Day Celebration Kits
- Socially distanced volunteer opportunities
- Resilience Speaker Series
- Film "Invisible Hand" and virtual discussion
- Green Dining Week
- Community Science using the Marine Debris Tracker mobile app

Another volunteer opportunity:

Great Rivers Greenway Confluence Trash Bash 2021

<https://greatrivergreenway.org/event/save-the-date-confluence-trash-bash/>

Collect trash with your own safe pod of people at a site of your choosing. See information on locations and registration at the above link.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Find out if you are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine by visiting mostopscovid.com or calling 877-435-8411.

City of St. Louis COVID-19 Hotline: 314-657-1499

Missouri State Department of Health and Human Services Hotline: 877-435-8411

SSM Health: 314-955-9600

Mercy South: 833-364-6777

If you have a primary care doctor, be sure to check also with their office, as they may have access to the vaccine.

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