



## **St. Francis Xavier (College) Church**

*The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis*

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**March 28, 2021  
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 5:30 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am. Please RSVP at [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org).

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: [tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass](https://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](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 [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)

Marriages: contact Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303 for scheduling and preparation information.

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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: Suspended until further notice due to the pandemic. Contact Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org).

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**Prayer requests to:**

[church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org)

Or visit [sfxstl.org](http://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](mailto:joy@canainstitute.org) for info.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

My Palm Sunday 2020 column was written in the early weeks of the coronavirus pandemic. I sought to link our situation to the particular grace St. Ignatius seeks when we pray over Christ's passion. I wrote: Confusion, grief and anguish are not difficult to express at this time. This has become our daily bread as we struggle to make sense of the COVID-19 pandemic that has turned life upside down. We confront uncertainty, fear and distress with no end in sight.

Little did I know the depths of what we would face in a year's time. This experience and other significant events have rocked our world. It is difficult to comprehend or understand all that we have been through in twelve short months.

What does it mean as we begin Holy Week in 2021? Confusion abounds in St. Mark's passion story. Disciples flee, betray, and deny Jesus. Crowds are welcoming him one day, and shortly after are shouting for him to be crucified. Fear seems to dominate. This is all too familiar.

However, there are flashes of God's grace. The unnamed woman anoints and prepares Jesus for his passion. Simon the Cyrene assists in carrying the cross. The Roman centurion recognizes Jesus as the Son of God. Faithful women who are named watch and witness to the bitter end.

We know that even in the midst of this long, painful year, God has remained present to us. This most sacred time of the Church reminds us all time is holy. The suffering and loss are real, but so are faithfulness, hope and love.

**Holy Week and Easter RSVP Reminder**

Please sign up for our liturgies for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday on our website, [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org).

In order to keep everyone safe, we will have limited seating in the church. We will stream the Mass in our ballroom if we need an overflow room for any of these services. (As of this writing, the church is full for the 10:30 am Mass and there is a chance you may be seated in the ballroom if you wish to attend that Mass. There is still space in the main church for the 8 pm Easter Vigil and the 8 am Easter Sunday Mass.)

For those who would like to join us from home, we will also livestream all the Triduum liturgies and the 10:30 am Easter Mass.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### Lenten Scrutiny Rites

The season of Lent invites all Christian to reflect upon Baptism. For those to be baptized, the church offers special prayers on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent to assist them in looking into their hearts so that they may surrender more fully to God. The scrutiny rites have a two-fold purpose: First, they are to "uncover then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful." We pray that they may have a clear self-understanding so that they may know their need for God. Secondly, the rites are "to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good." These prayers also ask God to help them recognize the gifts and virtues that are within them.

This year we have three people who are ready to receive the sacraments of initiation: Jennifer Koskie, Karli Williams, and Bernie Lu. Please pray for them and join them on their journey toward baptism in reflecting on your baptism as we move toward Easter.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program needs your help!

Our 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 summer 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!

For more information, email Julie Kilian at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto:julie@sfxstl.org).



**Lenten Liturgy Schedule (RSVP on our website, [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org))**

<b>Passion Sunday</b>	March 27-28	Masses 5:30 pm; 8:00 and 10:30 am
<b>The Sacred Triduum</b>		
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	April 1	7:30 pm
<b>Good Friday</b>	April 2	3:00 pm
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	April 3	8:00 pm (no 5:30 mass)
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	April 4	8:00 and 10:30 am



We are continuing to collect **reflections on Lent** on our website. Please submit your reflection to [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org) and visit <https://sfxstl.org/lent-reflection> (password: Lent) to read reflections from fellow parishioners.

**Virtual Stations of the Cross**

Our friends at St. Louis University's Campus Ministry recorded Stations of the Cross with reflections in light of the pandemic and other human sufferings. Find the Stations here: [https://youtu.be/k-GUXS\\_0nls](https://youtu.be/k-GUXS_0nls)

**The Second Station**

JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS



Jesus, the poor one, bears the burden of his people. Carrying the cross, he carried them; he carries us. The cross is the whole history of hate, violence, rejection, and war. In accepting the cross, Jesus takes up the misery of humanity. The cross becomes God's complaint—there is no justice, mercy, or peace when the children of earth are despised, despoiled, and made to endure indignity.

We each have a different cross to carry. We carry our crosses with us every day. Some people know the crosses we bear. Some have no idea what we carry. But the one person who knows every cross you carry, first took up the cross for you. Jesus took up his cross so that you could have salvation. Jesus is always going to be taking up your crosses as long as you give them to him. We must be willing to open our hearts. Be not afraid, Christ is with you, especially during this time of uncertainty. Jesus is with us through everything. It may be hard for us to see him, but he is there, ready and willing. God is with you always.

*We adore you, Christ, and we bless you. By the power of your holy cross, you will heal the world.*

- Claire Brennecke, School of Education '21

**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/Spiritually 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](mailto:thianguyen29@gmail.com) by March 30. Thank you.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY**

**Racial Justice and the Way of the Cross:  
A Lenten Racial Justice Journey**

**Week Seven**



The College Church Racism & Reconciliation committee invites you to participate in a Lenten Racial Justice Journey with the theme "Racial Justice and the Way of the Cross." In addition to a daily offering of articles, podcasts, or videos to help guide your Lenten prayer and reflection, this year we are also offering reflections from College Church community members on each of the fourteen stations of the cross as they relate to racial justice. A variety of materials are offered for you to choose those that best guide your path.

Prayer cards featuring artwork from Kelly Latimore, a racial justice examen, and prayers for racial justice will be available at the back of the church at the start of Lent, as well as electronically. Visit [sfxstl.org/race-reconciliation](https://sfxstl.org/race-reconciliation) for more information or to sign up for email alerts.

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Sunday March 28	Monday March 29	Tuesday March 30	Wednesday March 31	Thursday April 1	Friday April 2	Saturday April 3
<p><b>Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man</b></p> <p>Video 7:24</p> <p><a href="https://tinyurl.com/y2d36jo">https://tinyurl.com/y2d36jo</a></p>	<p><b>What Can Black Parents Possibly Tell Their Kids Now About Staying Safe?</b></p> <p>Article</p> <p><a href="https://tinyurl.com/ydbzkhhx">https://tinyurl.com/ydbzkhhx</a></p>	<p><b>Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III-The Cross and the Lynching Tree-A Requiem for Ahmaud Arbery</b></p> <p>Video 22:45</p> <p><a href="https://tinyurl.com/y8awlfoz">https://tinyurl.com/y8awlfoz</a></p>	<p><b>13. Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross</b></p> <p>Reflection by Sandra Spencer</p> <p><a href="https://tinyurl.com/y4228lo7">https://tinyurl.com/y4228lo7</a></p>	<p><b>Holy Thursday</b></p> <p><b>Ubi Caritas</b></p> <p>Video 3:07</p> <p><a href="https://tinyurl.com/737bhcrb">https://tinyurl.com/737bhcrb</a></p>	<p><b>Good Friday</b></p> <p><b>14. Jesus is Laid in the Tomb</b></p> <p>Reflection by Carlita Logan</p> <p><a href="https://tinyurl.com/2xctsm9">https://tinyurl.com/2xctsm9</a></p> <p><b>A Decade of Watching Black People Die</b></p> <p>Podcast 22:00</p> <p><a href="https://tinyurl.com/y75qdtgx">https://tinyurl.com/y75qdtgx</a></p>	<p><b>For a Church That is Unafraid to Welcome Black People</b></p> <p>Article</p> <p><a href="https://tinyurl.com/394t4acd">https://tinyurl.com/394t4acd</a></p>

Contact Christine Dragonette at [christine@sfxstl.org](mailto:christine@sfxstl.org) with any questions or suggestions. We'd also love to hear your reflections as you participate throughout Lent. Please feel free to reach out!

### 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/blakestrode](https://tinyurl.com/blakestrode)

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](mailto:carlgreiner.stl@gmail.com).

### COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Find out if you are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine by visiting [mostopscovid.com](https://mostopscovid.com) or calling 877-435-8411.

If you are in one of the eligible groups for getting a vaccine appointment, here are some numbers that could be useful:

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.

## 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](http://sfxstl.org) under Social Ministry or [sfxstl.org/circleofcreation](http://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation).

### March 27-28, 2021

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

### Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

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

*The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed. RSVP at [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org).*

### Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to [church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org) before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

## Pastoral Council Update

The Pastoral Council's role at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church is to advance the parish's mission by giving guidance and advancing the common good of parish members through discernment. Along with Katie and Fr. Dan, we meet with commission chairs monthly to discuss updates from the various ministries at College Church and offer a flexible platform to discuss each commission's works to advance our mission and foster relationships both within the parish and in our communities, including the North City Deanery, the Greater St. Louis area, our sister parish St. Peter Claver in Belize, the Society of Jesus, and the Catholic Church.

This is the first of monthly updates we have started for the parish to offer transparency about our meetings. Along with other topics in February and March, we discussed:

Upcoming plans to continue keeping our parish safe during Lent, and Lenten spiritual opportunities for the parish.

Creation of our Transition Team led by Aimee Whitman. The team will help lead us through our transition to a shared governance model at College Church. They are developing a process focused on learning from experts, listening, prayer, and discernment.

The Anti-Racism team's ongoing work with Crossroads to move us along the spectrum of institutional anti-racism.

The latest updates from the newly formed Pastoral Care Commission, previously a committee under Parish Life. Pastoral Care supports parishioners through prayer and action with recently began charism with parishioners who are living with Alzheimer's, and their caregivers, as well as helping families who have experienced miscarriage.

Our recent visit from the new Jesuit Provincial, Fr. Tom Green, and discussions with Archbishop Rozanski have been good, and each leader has shown support for College Church's plans to transition to a shared leadership model between the church and the laity.

Want to contact the Pastoral Council? Email [sfxpc@sfxstl.org](mailto:sfxpc@sfxstl.org).



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