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**March 7, 2021
Third Sunday of Lent**

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 Edelmant 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 Edelmant at terry@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



Fasting has deep roots in our faith. Fasting refers to a complete or partial refrain from food. Catholics fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, though we are encouraged to fast in some form all Lent. Technically, not eating meat on Fridays is abstinence rather than fasting.

OK, so much for definitions. Why do we do this? Historically, fasting was practiced as an ascetical tool for Christians. To moderate or deny ourselves food recognizes the human tendency toward indulgence. Most of us enjoy the abundance that comes from living in the wealthiest society in the world. Fasting makes us aware of the incredible food resources we so often take for granted.

The pandemic has shined new light on this spiritual practice. The coronavirus has exposed the injustice of the food industry. Those who harvest our crops, work on farms, and labor in meat-packing plants are overwhelmingly undocumented people. They face unsafe working conditions, low wages and exposure to the pandemic. The same is true for those laboring at the local super market. Put bluntly, our sisters and brothers put themselves at risk so we can have food on the table.

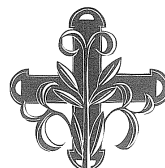
Eating is one of the few things we all do. The Church is wise to have us reflect on this. Food is a justice issue just as surely as education and housing. A communal commitment to fasting and abstinence is a great benefit for it sharpens our attention. It can help us live the great commandment: to love God and our neighbor.

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:

Vincent Hillery (father of Melania Hillery)

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



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, March 11 from 7:00 – 8:45.

The Racialization of America – Housing Discrimination
Presenter: Jeff Schulenberg
Facilitator, Peace and Justice Commission Sacred Heart, Valley Park



The event is free. Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlqcO-orzopHdBTYD6O9dk2mbBjJERDspZ5>
(or find the link at sfxstl.org under the heading “Hiding in Plain Sight”)

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.

Online Lecture on The Jesuit Plantation Project

March 10, 2021
3:30 - 4:30 CST

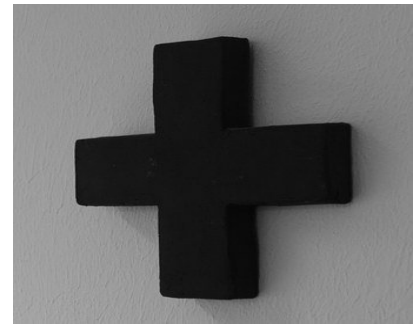
Modeling the Past: The Jesuit Plantation Project as a Case Study in Data-Driven History
Presented by Sharon Leon, Ph.D. as part of the Digital Humanities Lecture Series at the University of Missouri-St. Louis

This presentation will share the lives and experiences of the people enslaved by the Jesuit order in Maryland, while at the same time raising some considerations for the ways that historians should think about their approach to data-driven work.

The event is free, but registration is required: https://umsystem.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvfu2sqzopHtyTNUXsRnhT0_D_TEie3TqZ

The Disciplines of Lent

Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps." (Lk 9:23)



In response to this call, the Church for centuries has invited Catholics to make the season of Lent one of repentance for sin and a renewal of our baptism. **Baptism and penance** are the two foci of the season. We journey with our catechumens as they prepare to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. We embrace the traditional spiritual practices of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving** in order to deepen our own discipleship.

Prayer is the way each of us grows in our relationship with God. Consider adopting the Ignatian practice of praying with the examen (use the *Racial Justice and the Way of the Cross* booklet prepared for us this year); pray the Stations of the Cross to connect with the deep suffering of so many of our brothers and sisters today; commit to more daily prayer time. And remember to journey with catechumens and candidates throughout the Church as they prepare for full incorporation into the Easter mysteries.

Fasting helps us remember that we are ultimately dependent, not on food or ourselves, but on God.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting for those 18-59. Fasting means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing in between. Our communal fasting manifests our collective commitment to putting God first in our lives.

Almsgiving is a means for us to concretely respond to those who are in need. Giving can include material gifts as well as gifts of the spirit. Ideally, whatever we choose is given not from our excess, but in a way that is sacrificial and makes us do without.

Lenten Liturgy Schedule

<u>Passion Sunday</u>	March 27-28	Masses 5:30 pm; 8:00 and 10:30 am
<u>The Sacred Triduum</u>		
Holy Thursday	April 1	7:30 pm
Good Friday	April 2	3:00 pm
Easter Vigil	April 3	8:00 pm (no 5:30 mass)
Easter Sunday	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 and visit <https://sfxstl.org/lent-reflection> (password: Lent) to read reflections from fellow parishioners answering the questions, " How does it feel to begin Lent this year? What does community – conversion – discipleship mean to you? How do the Lenten Scriptural themes of desert, fasting, living water, restored sight, new life take on fresh meaning for you? What is the cry of your heart? What is it you seek?"

**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.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

Week Four



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 for more information or to sign up for email alerts.

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Sunday March 7	Monday March 8	Tuesday March 9	Wednesday March 10	Thursday March 11	Friday March 12	Saturday March 13
<p>Seven Strategies to Helping You on Your Anti-Racism Journey</p> <p>Article</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/y29nejmb</p>	<p>4. Jesus Meets His Mother</p> <p>Mothers of Black Americans Killed By Police Speak Out: 'Nothing's Changed'</p> <p>Article</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/y5rkzbpq</p> <p>Reflection by Mary Mondello</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/3ycyucgh</p>	<p>Antiracist Action and Becoming Part of the Solution</p> <p>Article</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/y9cq89jd</p>	<p>5. Simon of Cyrene is Forced to Carry Jesus' Cross</p> <p>Reflection by Mary White</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/vxesdrf</p>	<p>Civil Rights Pioneer Ruby Bridges-Activist for the Modern Era</p> <p>Video 8 min</p> <p>https://youtu.be/GcZsxu_TBrC</p>	<p>6. Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus</p> <p>Reflection by Angela Pancella</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/bxuvintz</p> <p>Video 25:03</p> <p>https://youtu.be/2Q97pXZE2g</p>	<p>Redlined-A History of Housing Discrimination</p> <p>Video 15:08</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/7tisrdgp</p>

Contact Christine Dragonette at 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!

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MARCH 15: MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NC

MARCH 22: TOURO SYNAGOGUE
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Circle of Creation Green Corner

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on the Midwest Recycling Center website for dates, locations, schedules, what they accept, and fees which may apply to particular items.

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

March 6-7, 2021

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

March 13-14, 2021

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

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.

Communal Lenten Formation Activity

There is a long tradition of adopting a special practice for Lent in order to make a more generous offering of ourselves to the Lord in this season. As an expression of our communal desire to be formed more deeply by the Lord—not only as individuals but as a parish—we propose that we adopt this common Lenten practice again this year *as a parish*, but through virtual means. Think of this as something you can do, not just for yourself, but for the parish, and even for the whole Church.

| What We're Proposing | The idea is to reflect together in small groups on the scriptures for the previous Sunday as a way of entering more deeply into our weekly encounter with the Lord in the Mass. Each week you will receive an email with a brief background to the scripture passages to help you better understand the passages. *What makes this gospel passage "good news"? What new horizon do these scriptures open for me personally and for our parish? How do I sense it forming me more profoundly in the love of God?*

| We invite you to sign up | Sign up by sending your email address to the Adult Faith email of sfxAdultFaithFormation@gmail.com and we will provide you with the Zoom link to join this meeting. We will meet every Monday evening at 7:00 during Lent for about 45 minutes. There will be prayer and brief introduction to the passages. The larger group will be broken down into small groups for more intimate sharing. You will be provided reflection questions each week prior to the meeting.

| Would You Like to Facilitate a small group? | If you are available to serve as a facilitator of one of these groups, please email Joe Milner joe@sfxstl.org No special expertise is required.

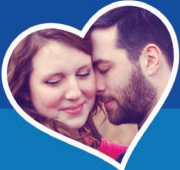
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