



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

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Saint Francis Xavier College Church

December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:15 pm Anticipation of Sunday

5:30 pm beginning Jan. 6, 2018

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 4:30 pm

Monday - Friday

7:15 am, Noon, 5:15 pm

In the Chapel of Our Lady located in the lower level.

Saint Louis University Campus Ministry:

Sunday: 9:00 pm (when the University is in session)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday: 10:45 am through Noon Saturday: 4:00 pm through 5:00 pm

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 FAX: 314-977-7315 E-MAIL ADDRESS: church@slu.edu

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.

<u>Bulletin Notices:</u> must be submitted to <u>marykay.horan@slu.edu</u> by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

<u>Infant Baptisms:</u> contact Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ at 314-977-7301 for scheduling and preparation information at least 45 days in advance. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12:00 pm.

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.

<u>Funerals</u>: contact Fr. Dan White, SJ or Sister Carolyn McWaters, RSM. To notify the parish of a funeral for a family member not at the College Church, please contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or church@slu.edu.

Disability Access: Our church has an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

<u>Parish Registration</u>: Available online at collegechurch.slu.edu or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions, contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304.

Religious Education: Available for kindergarten through eighth grade. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Ages 3-6 use the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Contact Angie Doerr at 314-977-7302 or angeline.doerr@slu.edu

<u>Liturgy of the Word for Children:</u> Celebrated weekly for children in kindergarten - seventh grade at 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Childcare is available for children ages six months through pre-kindergarten during the 10:30 am Mass in the Parish Center Nursery. Contact Angie Doerr at 314-977-7302 or angeline.doerr@slu.edu.

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Geri Greger

Lisa Zimmerer

Pat March

Liz DeRum

Wayne and Tuck Loui

Cheryl Rauschenbach

Delores Garrido

Kathy Fitzgerald

Mary Beth Erickson

Nancy Partridge & service dog Glider

Maryann Cochran

Ann Koolman

loe Lynne

Catherine Walz

Theresa Poetz

Mary Io Munkel

John and Colin Martin

Tom Reilly

Monica Gunn

Neil Kielty

Carol Williams

Pat Darcy

Linda Riek

Paul Hanson

Betty Will-Bower

Mary Geary Dunn

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Call Mary Beth at 314-977-7304 to add or remove names.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

elcome to the shortest possible Advent season. Since Christmas is on a Monday, the fourth week of Advent lasts less than 24 hours. So just in case you need more anxiety at this time of year, it seems we have to hurry up and do Advent. Thus, we might be tempted

That is not, of course, the answer. Saint Peter reminds us today, "that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day." Time means nothing to the One who exists outside of time. Days and weeks and years are no matter to God.

to try to maximize every single minute of the season.

The point is not how long but how well we prepare for the Messiah. Keep in mind the great themes of Advent: readiness, watchfulness and doing the good works of God. Our spiritual anticipation should not make us worried or anxious. Rather, it brings a welcome focus to our lives. It helps to clear away the clutter and distractions that can often overwhelm us. An abbreviated Advent remains an essential time to direct our lives toward the one light that shines in the darkness.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

We invite those who are interested in joining fellow parishioners in silent reflective prayer while gathered with others. We meet through the Contemplative Outreach of St. Louis and meet the third Sunday of the month. Next meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 17 at 9:15 am in Room 14 in the Parish Center. Interested in discovering more? Please join us! For more information, contact Mary Fitzgerald 314-223-0316.



To sustain the future of the College Church,

I submit my offertory **Online**.

If you give on-line, please take this card when you enter church. Place in the collection basket when it comes around to show your financial support of College Church.

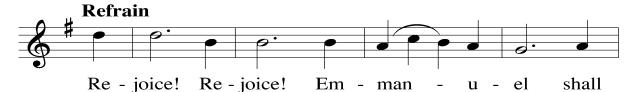
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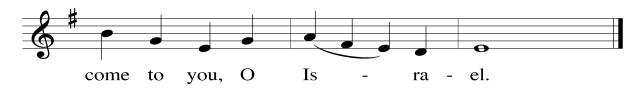
INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: Come, Emmanuel

Tony Alonso







LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Dismissal for Liturgy of the Word

Gather 324

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85, Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness

Gather 62

Gospel Acclamation: Advent Alleluia

Luke Mayernik



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Intercession Response: Come Quickly, Lord

Huck, Alonzo



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts: A Voice Cries Out Gather 416

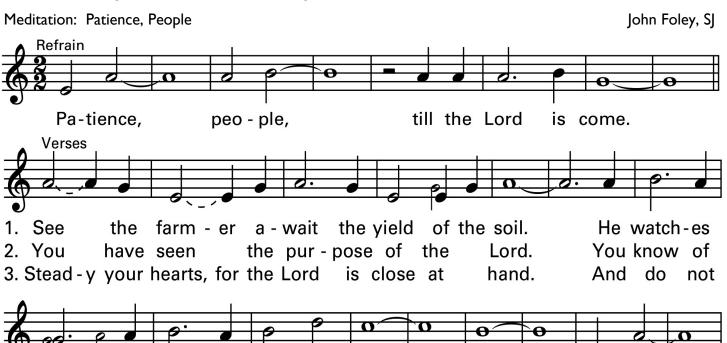
Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations: Mass of Light Gather 361, 362, 363

COMMUNION RITE

Breaking of Bread: Lamb of God - Mass of Light

Communion Song: Creator of the Stars of Night

Gather 420





win - ter and it in in spring rain. 1. his com-pas - sion and Pa-tience, his mer Cy. 3. grum - ble, a-gainst the one oth er.



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CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Song: Prepare! Prepare!

Gather 398

ADVENT REFLECTION MATERIALS

There are still a few Advent materials available along with a variety of books on Ignatian Spirituality, prayer, and the writings of Pope Francis. They are available in the Lower Hall after the Sunday morning masses.



I Want to See is a new book by Fr. Roc O'Connor, SJ, who was with us a couple of years ago. He addresses finding joy, hope and peace through facing our blindness and fear. Barking at the Choir, is a new book by Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, that highlights the importance of kinship. Hope For Common Ground by Julie Rubio addresses the divisions in the church and finding common ground in the church. Falling in Love ... Finding God by parishioners, Bridget Brennan and Jerry Shen examines the insights that Ignatian Spirituality can offer for relationships.

Daily reflection books for year are available including <u>Sacred</u> <u>Space for 2018</u> and homilies from Pope Francis. If you would like to reserve a copy for pickup at another time, please email Joe Milner, joseph.milner@slu.edu with the title you would like.

WHO ME? STUDY SCRIPTURE & ITS MEANING FOR MY LIFE WITH A GROUP OF ADULTS?

Do you want to explore Sunday scriptures and find out what they might say to your daily personal relationship with Christ Jesus? Well, we've got just the group for you! Called *Dialogue with the Word*, it takes place on Sundays after 8:00 Mass (about 9:30) to about 10:20. This way folks can do this *after* the 8:00 or *before* the 10:30 Liturgies. No preparation needed. Just come as you are! Teens welcome, folks fresh from RCIA welcome!

Facilitators are Lea Koesterer, Steve Gilbert, and Carla Mae Streeter, OP. Contact Carla Mae Streeter, OP (Coordinator) for more information at street-er@slu.edu or 314-256-8882.

OPENINGS ON THE SFX PASTORAL COUNCIL:

he St. Francis Xavier (College) Church Pastoral Council is a group composed of the pastor and twelve active, adult parishioners who meet regularly to deliberate, reflect, and make decisions on a variety of issues related to the operations, programming, and spiritual life of the parish. The Pastoral Council provides support and direction to the various parish Commissions and Committees, and is generally charged with making sure that all activities support the parish's Mission. There will be at least two openings on the Pastoral Council starting in January 2018. Council members serve for a three-year term with the option to serve a second term. The group meets one Saturday morning per month, and also participates actively in various special events throughout the year. A parishioner may nominate another parishioner, or nominate himself/herself.

Nominees will be asked to submit a short statement explaining their interest in serving on the Council answering the following three questions: (I) What has drawn you to SFX College Church, and what are your hopes for the future of the parish? (2) What background and experience, either professional, personal, or as a parishioner, would you bring to the Council and how would you apply it? (3) Can you commit to regular attendance and participation at Council meetings and, from time to time, assisting with special projects or events?

If you are interested in serving, would like to nominate another parishioner, or would just like more information, please contact Council chair Jeff Leonard at jeff.leonard@me.com or Fr. Dan 314-977-7310, dwhite6@slu.edu.

SACRED ADVENT RETREAT

Embrace the Advent season as a sacred space from the ease of your e-mail inbox. Sacred Advent is a daily e-mail prayer break during a busy season. Each day invites you to a step-by-step progression of praying with a Scripture reading and related points of reflection.

The messages also include suggestions for further exploration of Advent themes through additional online articles and prayers. Based on the writings of Sacred Space—the trusted online prayer site by the Irish Jesuits—Sacred Advent will make this Advent a season filled with sacred moments.

Sign up to receive the daily messages from the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017, through the Christmas season. The messages will come from the Year in Our Church from Loyola Press. Sign up is available at: https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent



MASS TIME CHANGE

Beginning Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 the Mass in anticipation of Sunday will change

FROM 5:15 TO 5:30 pm.



Last months Grand Night Gala was truly a glorious evening. The Coronado ballroom looked wonderful. The crowd was supportive and enthusiastic. This year's Gala was, in all respects, a celebration for the entire SFX community. We raised \$116,000 in support of College Church.

Susan Werremeyer and Bridget Collins, who served as this year's Gala co-chairs, were instrumental in providing the leadership we needed to organize this immense effort. Special thanks are also due to Wade Baughmann, Erin Tkachk and Kate Shaw for their hard work with acquisitions, volunteers and set up.

Below are some photos of the evening. You can find more on our website, sfx.org



SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Giving Tree 2017 - LAST CHANCE!

Once again, Social Ministry is sponsoring a Giving Tree. You will notice a Christmas Tree near the front of the south aisle decorated with paper ornaments. To participate, simply take an ornament and purchase the listed gift, wrap it, and bring it to the Parish Center by Monday, December II. Please do NOT leave your gift under the tree in church. These gifts will be distributed to our guests who come to the Outreach Program in mid-December.

Please consider checking out the Giving Tree in these next couple of weeks. With the cold of winter approaching, our guests experiencing poverty and homelessness will be grateful for your gift.

Contact Christine Dragonette with any questions at dragonettecm@slu.edu or 977-7309. Thank you!

Social Ministry Commission Seeking New Members in 2018

Do you consider social justice an integral part of your faith? Are you interested in helping our parish move forward in our service, justice, and peacemaking efforts? The Social Ministry Commission invites you to consider applying for membership.

We are especially interested in people who are interested in our four current goals (summarized here):

- ◆Build a culture of anti-racism in our parish
- ◆ Participate with community partners in the creation of a regional plan for State ID and birth certificate access, while continuing advocacy work in the realm of photo ID requirements for voting
- ♦ Maintain and grow partnerships that allow us to better carry out the work of Social Ministry
- ◆Partner across College Church ministries to help engage children, families, and young adults in service and justice work

For more information about being a part of the Social Ministry Commission, or to request an application, please contact Christine Dragonette at christine.dragonette@slu.edu or 977-7309.

Applications will be due in mid-January.

Social Ministry Annual Christmas Appeal This Weekend and Next December 9-10, 16-17

Today at Mass, you will hear parishioners share their experiences volunteering with College Church Social Ministry and request financial support for our programs. The majority of funding goes to our Outreach Program, which is the only program in the region providing ongoing and large-scale assistance with State ID cards and birth certificates. This and our other programs rely on your support in order to continue and grow.

Part for June Conference Conferen

The second collection this weekend and next, December 16-17, will go directly to Social Ministry. Please consider making an end of year donation to support our work. Thank you for your generosity!

LITURGICAL CORNER

Liturgy Updates –Ongoing liturgical education is a must for God's people. Our Liturgical Commission has that as one of its primary goals. Beginning today and extending periodically over the next several months we will include a series of eight bulletin inserts called "The Mystery We Celebrate". They are designed to both review what we may already know about the mass, as well as deepen our understanding and invite our fuller participation. Copies will be available in the vestibule for a few weeks after each insert, in case you are absent on a Sunday they are included. We hope they will be educational and inspirational.

Preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The parish's communal Reconciliation Service will be held next Saturday, Dec 16. Jesus tells us in Matthew 25 that in the end, each of us will be examined in love. So it stands to reason that any examination of our spiritual lives would benefit from some honest reflection on the quality of our loving. The four main areas of relationality in our lives are God, self, others and Earth. So we might prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation by asking ourselves:

How do I allow God to love me...and then how do I respond to that tremendous love? Do I consciously strive to connect with God in prayer and to deepen my relationship with God – individually and communally? How could I do better?

What is the nature of my self-love? Am I selfishly wrapped up in my own needs and wants, or do I recognize myself as one of God's beloved sons or daughters, gifted and asked to share myself for the good of the world?

What is the quality of my relationships...in family, in the workplace, in the various groups to which I belong? In what ways do I try to see and serve Christ in those who are poor, sick and marginalized? Do I recognize God's handiwork in the created world? Am I a responsible steward of Earth's resources, doing my part to make a sustainable world for future generations?

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE February 3, 2018



Featuring Curtis Martin, Fr. Godwin Olugbami, Dr. Scott Sullivan and Michael Cumbie

Visit catholicmenforchrist.org to register.

CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE - Saturday, March 10, 2018

Featuring Sr. Virginia Joy — Sisters of Life, Mary Beth Bonacci and Gloria Purvis Visit **catholicwomenforchrist.org** to register.



REGISTER NOW!

Limited Seating Available Touhill Performing Arts Center (UMSL)

Questions? Call the Office of Laity & Family Life 314.792.7183.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DECEMBER 12, 2017

Our Lady of Guadalupe

1115 S. Florissant Rd 63121

314-522-9264

I I:00 pm Gathering (Dec. II)I 2:00 am Prayer and songI:00 am Mass in Spanish

2:00- Las Mananitas: 4:30 am prayers, dances, song, breakfast

4:30 am Rosary, reenactment

of story

6:00 am Mass in Spanish

7:00 am Breakfast9:00 am Mass in English

10:00 am Brunch





ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

College Church will celebrate the coming of Christ with these liturgical offerings:



December 16 Parish Reconciliation Service 3:45 pm

December 24 Christmas Eve Family Mass 4:30 pm

Children's Choir Prelude 4:00 pm Mass during the Night at 11:00 pm

Choir prelude at 10:30 pm

December 25 Christmas Day Liturgy 10:30 a.m. Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

10:30 am in the Church



For more information, call the Parish Center at 977-7300 or visit our website at: collegechurch.slu.edu

Complimentary Parking is available in the SLU Laclede Garage



| (| Christmas Flowers Donation |
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| | We are now accepting donations for flowers in church for this Christmas season in |
| } | nonor of the living and deceased members of the parish or your family. |
| | Please mark your donation for "flowers" and list the name(s) of those you wish to re- |
| | member. You may place your donation in the collection basket or give it to Mary Beth |
| | Erickson. At the end of the season, the flowers may be taken home by those who made |
| 2 | a donation. |
| (| Suggested donation: \$10 |
| | Please print clearly: |
| | N HONOR or MEMORY OF: |
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PRESIDERS

Dec. 16-17

Saturday

5:15 pm Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ

10:30 am Fr. Dan White, SJ

Dec. 23-24

<u>Saturday</u>

5:15 pm Fr. Dan White, SI

<u>Sunday</u>

8:00 am Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ

10:30 am Fr. Mike Tueth, SI WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14;

Lk 5:17-26

Zec 2:f14-17 OR Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, Tuesday:

10ab; Judith 13: 18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

OR Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40: 25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 10;

Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-

13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Is 48:17-19; Ps1:1-2,3,4 & 6, Mt11:16-19 Friday:

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19;

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-

54; IThes 5:16-24; In 1:6-8, 19-28



Voices of St. Alphonsus

presents a

Christmas Celebration Concert

Sunday, December 17, 2017 4:00 - 6:00 PM

at St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Catholic Church

Free General Admission





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Very Rev. Richard M. Potts, C.Ss.R., V.F., Pastor



DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT COLLEGE CHURCH!

Our Christmas and Antique Note Cards of the College Church are available for purchase in the Parish Center. The boxed Christmas

cards, contain 15 cards of three different designs; two from our beautiful Nativity window and one of our crèche. The cost for the Christmas cards is \$20/box. The antique note cards contain twelve cards of six different designs with a bit of College Church history on the back of each. They are \$15/box.

We also have window note cards for \$10, keepsake ornaments of the College Church for \$20 and our Saints in Glass book for \$35.



If you are interested in viewing or purchasing any of these items, contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-