



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

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April 11, 2021
Second 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.

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Prayer requests to:

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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



St. Thomas the Apostle gets a bad rap. He was one of the twelve chosen by Christ to accompany him. Tradition has it he traveled east to proclaim the Good News. The Church in India traces its origins back to the work of this great missionary. However, we see him largely from today's Gospel as one lacking faith. Hence the nickname, Doubting Thomas.

Let's be clear, he is hardly the first of the disciples to express skepticism in Christ's resurrection. They are not convinced by the testimony of Mary Magdalene regarding the Risen Lord. The disciples on the road to Emmaus have heard the news and are still leaving Jerusalem to get on with their lives. If Thomas is a "doubter", he certainly has lots of company among Jesus' followers.

Besides, why does his reaction surprise us? People are not resurrected. Such things do not happen. The death of Jesus appeared to share the finality of every single human death. The real story is not Thomas' unbelief but Jesus' great desire for him to believe. He is more than willing to do whatever will enable Thomas to come to faith. If it takes touching his wounds, so be it.

Thomas' eventual faith is a catalyst for all who will follow. Jesus states, "Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe." That is us. Thomas acts as a foil for Jesus' blessing upon all the Christians who have followed after him. Rather than fixating on a moment of doubt, we celebrate our faith in the Risen Lord.

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

Our Paschal Candle - Unity in Diversity

The St Francis Xavier Community is committed to being an anti-racist parish. To this end, the Paschal Candle this year is reflective of that reality. The candle is representing Christ, who is the Light in our darkness, the beginning and end of all things. The cross adorning the candle is surrounded by a stylized version of an Indigenous American symbol representing unity in diversity. Our commitment as a parish community is to be an anti-racist parish; to stand in solidarity with those who are poor, marginalized, and unjustly treated by a culture of racism and ethnic hatred in all its forms. Therefore, a more fitting symbol could not be found to better express our desire to be one with our fellow citizens in the midst of the struggle for respect, equality and equanimity.

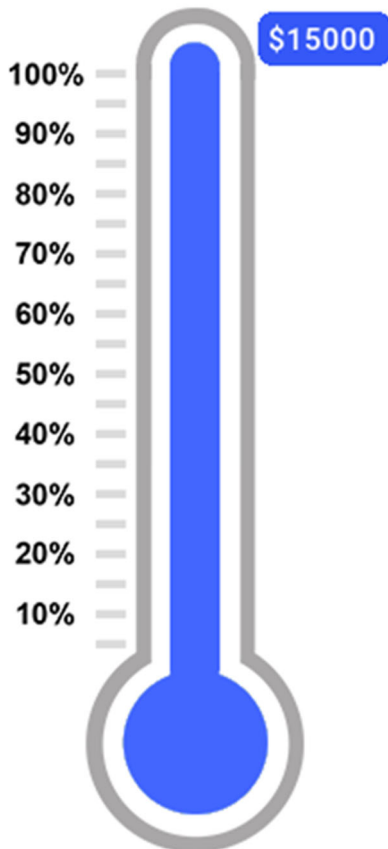
Surrounding the cross is the symbol of the waters of life, the moon and the cosmos which God has created, and from which we draw our daily life and hope. From the waters of our baptism we are born into a new creation. The God of our life and daily sustenance continues to surround us with the beauty of this creation in all its forms.

At the Easter Vigil we remember our journey of faith, and along with the catechumens and the newly baptized we enter into the Life and Light of the Crucified One, rising with Him anew on Easter Sunday.

Two creative, talented parishioners have crafted this candle; to them we are deeply grateful.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Goal: \$15000



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Thank you from the Outreach Program!

We are so excited to announce that the Outreach Program’s Beyond 2020 Campaign has reached its goal of \$15,000! The Brown Sisters Foundation will provide a matching grant of \$15,000 which will allow us to hire a part-time Mobile Outreach Coordinator who will explore the opportunities for expanding our work into the wider community. On average, the Outreach Program assists about 3,400 people a year, helping the community obtain about 2,200 Missouri IDs and 1,700 birth certificates per year.

Our work is never finished, so we are thankful to have the opportunity to expand our ministry in hopes to make a significant impact on the wider community. Thank you so much for your generous support; we truly could not have done it without 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. 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!

**COLLEGE CHURCH - FAIR-TRADE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
ST. PETER CLAVER, PUNTA GORDA, BELIZE**

PROGRAM BEGINNINGS

The Student Scholarship Program at St. Peter Claver parish began in 2013 when Lou McCabe, SJ was the Pastor. Fr. McCabe developed the Program as a way to recognize and repay the parish catechists who provided so much time and talent to the Parish with no compensation. As a solution to this, he created a scholarship program for the children of the catechists who completed 8th grade and wanted to go on to high school but did not have the financial means. This priority of selection for the high school Scholarship Program continues today, now through the Pastoral leadership of Fr. Matt Ruhl, SJ and the Program Coordinator, Ms. Olive Woodeye, a parishioner volunteer.

There are currently 27 students receiving scholarships, 2 of them through the recent sponsorship of our Fair-Trade sales at College Church. All of our funds for the current two scholarships come through the proceeds from our Parish Fair Trade sales. In addition to these two parish scholarships, we are now extending the opportunity for direct sponsorship of students by parishioners.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & GUIDELINES

The Scholarship Program is coordinated through our Sister Parish of St. Peter Claver in Belize and through the supervision of Ms. Olive Woodeye. It is well organized and has specific requirements and guidelines for scholarship application and for retention. It is designed for boys and girls in all four high school years, Forms 1-4. The parents are interviewed and have an application process and a contract that they must sign for their child to participate. They also require 20 hours of service from each student each year. Their report cards are reviewed each quarter and Ms. Olive monitors and advises them on grades and other needs they may have. If they don't fulfill the terms of the student can no longer participate nor receive scholarship funds.

Overall, it costs \$225 USD to sponsor one student per year. Of that total, \$200 goes for school fees, books, uniforms and supplies; \$25 goes for food and drinks for lunch. There are a few variances per year, i.e. Form 1 students have a registration fee, need 2 new uniforms and sometimes new books that cannot be recycled; Form 4 requires a graduation fee.

To sponsor a student for all 4 years of high school costs \$900 USD. This would be used for the same boy or girl all four years as long as they meet all the Program requirements annually. If a student does not complete all four years, the sponsor would be informed and a new student in need would be selected and benefit from their sponsorship. There are 30 schools in the Toledo district where St. Peter Claver is located, the poorest district in Belize. There are many students awaiting sponsorship for high school! School typically begins in August but this year due to Covid they hope to start by mid Sept. in 2021. Scholarship interviews and selection takes place over the summer.

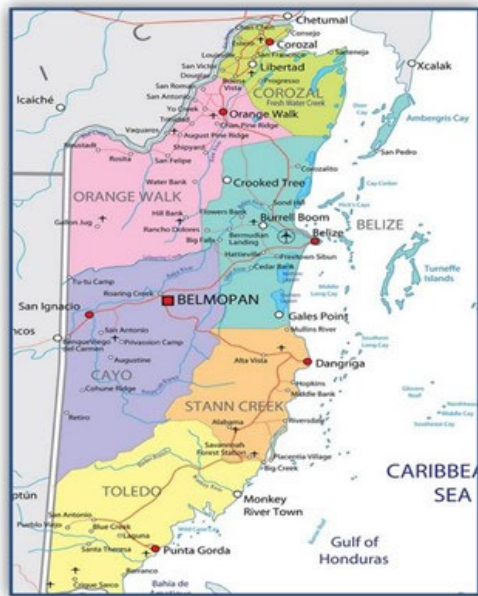
If you are interested in sponsoring a student or have questions about the scholarship program, please contact committee chair Lisa DeLorenzo at delorenzo@sbcglobal.net.

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Toledo Educational Facts & Map



Punta Gorda is the main town and capital of the Toledo District.

Education in Belize is compulsory between the ages of 6 and 14 years for primary education. In 2001, 93.2 percent of children ages 5 to 14 years were attending school. Secondary schools and apprenticeship and vocational programs can only accommodate half of the children who complete primary school.

About three-fourths of primary school students do go on to secondary schools, though not all graduate.

Some of the more needy schools, with untrained teachers and few books or equipment, are in the far south. One study found that lack of supplies was a major problem for schools in Toledo, and that about one-half of the teachers in the district had no educational training beyond high school.

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 Strode
 Executive Director – ArchCity Defenders

The event is free. Please click to register: 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.



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.

April 11, 2021

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

April 18, 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.

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
- Resilience Speaker Series
- Green Dining Week
- Socially distanced volunteer opportunities
- Film "Invisible Hand" and virtual discussion
- 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.

Kiss the Ground is a new film about how regenerating the world's soils has the potential to rapidly stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. You can watch the trailer and register to view the film here:

<https://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/featured-film-kit>

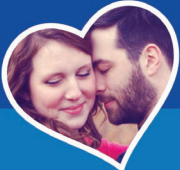
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