

SFX UPDATE – Friday, September 4, 2020

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In honor of the Labor Day holiday, our parish office will close at 1:00 p.m. today, Friday, September 4 and reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8.

MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday, 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Masses

Starting this month, we are using Eventbrite for Mass sign-ups. To sign up for either Mass, please click [here](#). You do NOT need to bring a "ticket". 😊

- If you would like to be trained to serve as a volunteer at either the 4:00 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. Masses OR if you would like to be a **Covid Volunteer Coordinator**, please contact Fr. Jim or any staff member.
- If you are still not ready to come back to Mass, please subscribe and watch the 9:00 a.m. Mass on our **YouTube channel: St. Francis Xavier – KC**. It is live-streamed each Sunday and available throughout the week. *Thanks for your grace last week as we navigated yet another learning curve—that of having our camera freeze just before Mass.*
- **Music** – Check out our website for a [list of songs](#) that will be played at Mass this weekend!

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Children's Liturgy of the Word is happening via Zoom for children ages 5-10 on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Please contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) for more details and for the Zoom login and password.

First Reconciliation/First Communion Prep and **RCIA** will begin the week of September 20. Contact our Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) for information and registration materials.

Fr. Jim wants to get to know you! It's so hard to get to know a new pastor during this pandemic, but if you would be interested in joining Fr. Jim and other parishioners on a "Get to know the Pastor" Zoom meeting, click [here](#) to choose your preferred meeting times and dates. Fr. Jim will contact you and others who sign up to set up a time and date to meet.

Voter Registration – A group of SFX parishioners is spearheading voter registration drives and assisting people who want to register and update their registrations. If you would like to be a part of this most important effort, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org. Our time is limited, so please act now!

Public Witness for Racial Equity – Join us **next Friday, September 11 from 4:30 - 5:40 p.m.** as we stand on Troost in support of racial equity and remember key events in Black history as well as the momentous attack on the Twin Towers. Bring your signs (or borrow one of ours) and continue the call for systemic change. This ongoing event is held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

Early Registration for Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice ends September 15-- October 19-26, 2020 – This year's theme is *Prophetic Resilience: Breaking Down, Building Up*. Since the Teach-in is virtual this year, it is both cheaper (only \$35 if you register by September 16) and it is longer – a week vs. a weekend! Speakers include Fr. Bryan Massingale, Fr. James Boyle, S.J., Sr. Simone Campbell and many others! Contact Sue for the registration code and more information.

Soup & Spirituality – COVID Style

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 7:00-8:00 pm

“We Find God When We Find the Poor” with Doug Langner from One City Cafe

Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163 for Zoom Meeting ID and Password).

We are re-imagining and rescheduling our Lenten Soup & Spirituality speaker series. Join us for this interactive workshop on Zoom with Doug Langner, site director for One City Café at 39th and Troost (part of Bishop Sullivan Center).

Health Committee Offerings –Mark your calendar and plan to attend a series of Zoom meetings sponsored by the Health Committee. Each Monday meeting will take place from 7:00-8:15 p.m.

September 14 –Linda Ward, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from the Center for Practical Bioethics will present on **Advance Directives**. Prior to the meeting, download the Caring Conversations booklet she will be referencing by going to

<https://www.practicalbioethics.org/resources/caring-conversations.html>

September 28 – Parishioner and retired Hospice & Palliative physician, Nancy Seibolt will talk about **end of life care**.

October 12 – Attorney Chris Morgan will discuss **legal documents** and information your family will need when you become disabled or die. Free notary services will be available for any documents needing a witness.

Even if you have your documents in order, these presentations are great conversation starters for your family discussions.

JOIN EVENTS WITH OUR JESUIT PARTNERS

“Creating a Home for All” Rockhurst University is sponsoring a Racial Injustice Panel Discussion **Wednesday, September 9, 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm**. Panelists include Dr. Leslie Doyle, Chief Randy Hopkins, Carolina Cruz, and Sly James. Registration is required. Go to <https://www.rockhurst.edu/events/09-09-2020/creating-home-all-panel-discussion-race-and-justice-0>.

“How to Be an Antiracist: The 2020 Election & Beyond” St. Louis University is sponsoring a talk by author, historian and scholar of race in America Ibram X. Kendi **Thursday, September 10, 6:00 pm**. The event is free, but registration is required and limited to 1000. Go to <https://www.slu.edu/news/2020/august/ibram-kendi-doerr-lecture.php>

SFX will begin a **book discussion** at the end of the month on *How to Be an Anti-Racist*. Discussions will take place on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m., beginning September 30 and October 1. Order or download the book today! Click [here](#) to sign up to attend! For more information or to be signed up, contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

Fall 2020 Virtual Virtuoso Concert Series: St. Ignatius Parish in San Francisco is offering live concerts on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm (**Pacific Daylight Time**), Aug 27-Oct 1. For more information click the link below

<https://www.stignatiussf.org/event/fall-2020-virtual-virtuoso-concert-series>

If you are not able to listen to it live, they do post the performances on YouTube later.

Thanks for reading! May you be abundantly blessed for your labors and may we continue to labor together to build God's kingdom. God bless you!!

Ann, Becca, Fr. Jim, Fr. Steve, Mariann, Peggy, and Sue