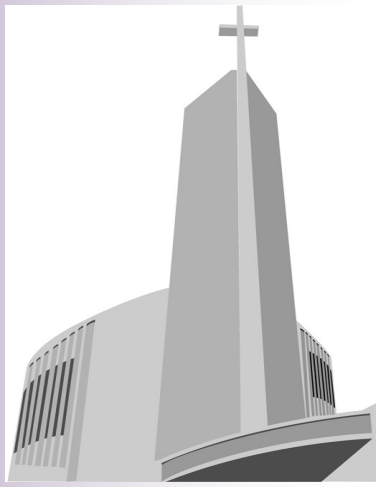


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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

NOV 28/29, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00pm Mass
Sunday	9:00am Mass

FOR PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT 816-523-5115

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Infant Baptism, First Eucharist, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, Adult Catechumenate (RCIA)

Mariann McCormally 816-381-9163

Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Eucharist to Homebound or Hospitalized

Fr. Stephen Yavorsky, S.J. 816-381-9162

Marriage

Fr. James Caime, S.J. 816-381-9169

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday By appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday Currently Suspended

Centering Prayer Group 3rd Monday Monthly
Rebecca Thompson crt98@everestkc.net

Choir & Choir Practice Wednesday, 7:30–9:00pm
Laura Worms, 816-942-5918 or r.worms@sbcglobal.net

Community Garden Peg Hornsby
765-748-4135 or peghornsby@gmail.com

Cub Scouts Suspended At SFX
Steve Livingston 816-444-6721

Gospel Non-Violence

Peg Burns pegburns00@gmail.com

Ignatian Spirituality

Stephanie Hudson 816-381-9168

Food Pantry

By Appointment 816-381-9174

SFX-Adult Faith Formation 1st Tuesday Monthly
Cathy Daly cdaly18@gmail.com

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 12:00pm

NOTE: For holiday bulletins, submit at least 5 days earlier.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR MISSION

St. Francis Xavier Parish is a Roman Catholic, Jesuit community of faith called together by God to experience Jesus Christ in His Word, in the sacraments of the Church, and in each other. We, as the body of Christ, joined in Baptism and inspired by the grace of the Holy Spirit, enrich our faith through prayer and worship, spiritual formation, intellectual rigor, diversity of membership, hospitality and fellowship, attention to family life, and concern for social justice. Guided by the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola, we strive to use our many gifts for the greater glory of God.

◆ STRONG BLESSINGS ON FELIX HUGO ROSE

(Son of Mark Jason Rose and Nicole Marie Hutton) who was baptized Saturday afternoon. May he, his big brother Gus and all children everywhere have what they need to learn, grow and thrive during this time of pandemic.

◆ ADVENT RESOURCES FROM THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

Watch your email inbox for a packet of resources from the AFFC each Saturday of Advent (November 28, December 5, 12, 19). We encourage all parishioners to pray with these "Art & Faith" resources from ignatianspirituality.com, watch the recorded witness talk by an SFX parishioner, read the Sunday Readings before attending or watching Mass online, and take part in the suggested activities. Don't see the email? Check your junk/spam folder or contact Mariann mccormally@sfx-kc.org.

◆ CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Christmas Eve 4:00 Mass will look different this year – that's for sure. But we'll still need greeters, ushers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, etc. Please contact Mariann mccormally@sfx-kc.org if you plan to attend (and don't forget to register for Mass on EventBrite!). We'll be working out the details in the days and weeks to come to keep everyone safe and healthy.

◆ ANTIRACISM AT SFX

Still want to educate yourself and work for systemic change? SFX is forming an Anti-racism ministry designed to assess ways to make our parish more inclusive and anti-racist. Using the highly successful Crossroads Antiracism Training Program, we will assess the racial climate of our parish and design targeted efforts to increase diversity and inclusivity in our parish and in our community. Contact Sue for more information.

◆ VISITORS, YOU ARE HOME!

Welcome to a great parish community. If you would like to become a part of St. Francis Xavier Parish, please fill out a registration form found on our website, www.sfx-kc.org.

◆ IT'S CHRISTMAS BASKET TIME!

Thanks to those who have already dropped off food and gift cards or sent in monetary donations! We already have 70 families signed up and we have several new families requesting help this year. You can drop off donations when you come to Mass or during business hours Monday-Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Here's what we need:

- 14-16 oz cans of corn
- green beans
- fruit cocktail
- pears
- peaches
- cranberries
- pineapple
- yams
- boxed stuffing mix
- gravy packages (**no jars**)
- Jello
- marshmallows
- cake mix
- cake frosting
- \$25 Aldi cards

We will be distributing Christmas baskets on December 17-18 from 9:00-1:00 and we will need people to sign up to drop off turkeys on both those days. To donate a turkey, please sign up [HERE](#). If you need us to come pick up your donation, email Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

◆ HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

If you are interested in helping with an upcoming interfaith building project, please contact Jude Huntz at jhuntz@habitatkc.org or Sue Robb.



◆ **HELP SFX THROUGH YOUR AMAZON PURCHASES –**

If you shop on Amazon, please consider making St. Francis Xavier your designated charity. It is easy to sign up. Go to smile.amazon.com and below the search bar, type in **St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**. (Make sure you select our church in Kansas City.) Each time you shop, visit smile.amazon.com (not just amazon.com). That is the only way purchases are credited. Thank you.

◆ **END OF THE YEAR APPEAL**

You may have recently received an end-of-the-year appeal at your homes from Catholic Charities. This is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the time, talent, and treasure you have shared over the past year. With 2020 quickly coming to a close, you still have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. This has been an especially tough year for many who could use our help. If you did not receive a mailing, please contact Patrick Savageau, Donor Stewardship Specialist, to make a donation at 816-659-8243 or psavageau@ccharities.com. We would also ask that you consider making this a monthly gift and check to see if your employer would be willing to match your donation.

◆ **SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!!!**

Do you have any Good News you'd like to share with the parish? If so, send information and pictures to Peggy at pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org.

◆ **Please remember**
St. Francis Xavier Parish
when estate planning
and in your will.



◆ **CLICK HERE TO JOIN**

**SUNDAY, 9:00AM MASS AT SFX,
LIVE-STREAMED ON YOU TUBE.**

**Sunday Mass at 9:00am is live streamed on our
SFX You Tube channel**

"St. Francis Xavier – KC".

Please also subscribe to our channel.

Your feedback and comments are welcome.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PART I
BY GAIL FEIN

The appearance of Our Blessed Mother to Juan Diego is one of most fascinating in the Western Hemisphere. The Basilica on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico City, Mexico, is one of the most popular Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world. It is the world's third most visited sacred site! Because of its close proximity to the United States, it is very accessible to Catholics living here. At least one of the members of our Marian Devotion Group has been there and perhaps some other SFX parishioners have as well.

To my surprise, the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe begins in the medieval kingdom of Castile in Spain! A statue of the Virgin of Guadalupe is said to have been carved by Luke the Evangelist. When the Moors took Seville in 712, legend has it that the priests fled north, but not before burying the statue near the Guadalupe River! In the early 1300's, the Virgin appeared to a lowly cowboy named Gil Cordero and requested that the priests dig at the apparition site, find the statue, and build a shrine which ultimately became the renowned Guadalupe Monastery. It is where that statue is now on display. Marian devotion was brought to the Americas during the Spanish Conquest from 1519-1521. The long-standing ruler of the Aztecs, Montezuma, was defeated in 1520.

The story with which we are most familiar doesn't begin until ten years later! Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin was 57 years old. He and his wife Maria Lucia were among the first indigenous people to be baptized by the Franciscan missionaries. His wife died two years before the apparitions occurred. On December 9, Juan Diego was making his usual journey to the mission for religious instruction when he met Our Lady, who revealed herself as "the ever-virgin Mother of God." She directed him to request that the bishop build her a chapel. That same day Juan reported to her that he failed the mission because he was a man of no importance and did not convince the bishop. After the third apparition on December 10, Juan reported to the bishop that the Virgin would provide the sign that the bishop was demanding on the following day, Monday, December 11.

But on December 11 Juan Diego's uncle had fallen deathly ill, and by December 12, Juan Diego was embarrassed that he hadn't met the Virgin on Monday and felt the need to find a priest for his uncle's last rites. So he set out on a different route to avoid meeting Our Lady! She intercepted him and gently chided him for not having recourse to her!

(To be continued)

◆ FRIENDS OF ALEXANDRA'S HOUSE

As COVID-19 continues to spread, the future has never felt so unpredictable. These are challenging times for us all, and we hope you're in good spirits and health! Right now, Alexandra's House is doing everything possible to sustain daily operations and provide services to our beloved babies and families. While there's a lot of uncertainty, we know that we need to adapt fast to out changing reality. Our community needs us and we need you. Given the current situation, we have had to cancel our 2020 Bowties for Babies Gala. We look forward to resuming our annual event once it's safe to do so. Even though we will not be holding the gala, the need for support is still present. If you're able, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of Alexandra's House. This can be done either by mail or online. <http://bidpal.net/FriendsOfAH> If you're unable to donate at this time, there are many other ways you can support us! You can advocate for us by sharing our mission with a family member or friends. Even a quick mention on your social media would mean the world to us. In times like this, we're reminded of how interconnected we all are. Thank you for being part of our community. Without you, none of it is possible.

Stay safe and well,
The Friends of Alexandra's House

An Advent Prayer

Lord God, we adore you
because you have come to us in the past.
You have spoken to us in the Law of Israel.
You have challenged us in the words of the prophets.
You have shown us in Jesus what you are really like.

Lord God, we adore you
because you still come to us now.
You come to us through other people
and their love and concern for us.
You come to us through men and women
who need our help.
You come to us as we worship you with your people.

Lord God, we adore you
because you will come to us at the end.
You will be with us at the hour of death.
You will still reign supreme
when all human institutions fail.
You will still be God when our history has run its course.

We welcome you, the God who comes.
Come to us now in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Caryl Micklem, "Contemporary Prayers for Public Worship"

CALENDAR

Monday, November 30

No Activities

Tuesday, December 1

7:00pm Adult Faith Formation Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 2

9:00am Cura Community (Zoom)

Thursday, December 3

Feast of St. Francis Xavier

No Activities

Friday, December 4

No Activities

Saturday, December 5

All Day Christmas Basket Collection

9:00am Lector & EM Workshop (church)

Sunday, December 6

All Day Christmas Basket Collection

10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Zoom)

MASS READINGS

◆ NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 6

MONDAY: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

TUESDAY: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY: Cor 9:16-19/Mk 16:18-20

FRIDAY: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

SUNDAY: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

◆ MASS INTENTIONS DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Mass intentions for each month will be said at the KC Jesuit Community. With fewer daily Masses, our ability to say a Mass for a particular person on a specific date is not possible. However, a Mass will be said for the requested intention during the specified month.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

George L. Golder †

For the Deceased of the Society

Pat Palumbo †

Pierre "Pete" Guignon †

Paul, Toni & John Mannion †

Cathy Berney †

SFX Parishioners

DECEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

Lorraine Green Lee †

Pierre "Pete" Guignon †

Jack Coakley †

Toni Mannion †