



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
Kansas City's Jesuit Parish  
1001 East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64110

## SFX UPDATE – March 26, 2021

### All are welcome at St. Francis Xavier Parish

#### Do you have friends who might enjoy our wonderful parish?

If so, please consider sharing these weekly updates with your friends and family. Also, invite them to:

- Watch our Mass live on our [YouTube channel](#). Please subscribe to our channel.
- follow our [St. Francis Xavier Facebook page](#) and [Justice & Life Facebook page](#).

**Sign-ups to attend Mass are open through Pentecost, May 23:**

**[CLICK THIS LINK TO REGISTER FOR MASS](#)**

#### PASTOR'S CORNER

**Song of the Week:** [Palm Sunday Processional](#)

We begin Holy Week this Sunday with Passion Sunday more commonly called Palm Sunday. The song above will be our Gathering Hymn. I hope you are able to join us in person or via YouTube for our Holy Week liturgies. Because much of the Easter Vigil is in darkness or very low lighting, we will not be streaming that liturgy.

#### Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday:	Mar 27-28,	4:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m. respectively
Holy Thursday:	Apr 1,	7:00 p.m. (will be live-streamed)
Good Friday:	Apr 2,	7:00 p.m. (will be live-streamed)
Easter Vigil:	Apr 3,	8:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday:	Apr 4,	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (10:30 Mass will be live-streamed)

**We will return to our pre-COVID weekend Mass schedule [beginning the weekend of Apr 10-11](#)**

Saturdays:	4:00 p.m.
Sundays:	8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (10:30 a.m. Masses will be live-streamed)

**We will begin with one weekday Mass per week on Wednesdays starting April 14 at 7:30 a.m.  
We will hold this Mass in the main church.**

**Any help you can provide** to help offset the extra expenses for our Holy Week and Easter liturgies will be most appreciated. We have additional expenses for musicians and environment. You can contribute directly to our SFX Liturgy Fund by clicking here: [Donate to SFX Liturgy Fund](#)

## Holy Thursday Collection

On Holy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will take up a collection for Jesuit Refugee Services. You may donate via the offertory collection at Mass, by mailing a check to the parish office made out to St. Francis Xavier with "Jesuit Refugee Service" in the memo line, or online at <https://sfx-kc.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/JesuitRefugeeService>. The mission of Jesuit Refugee Service/USA is to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. Founded by Jesuit Fr. Pedro Arrupe in 1980, in direct response to the humanitarian crisis of the Vietnamese boat people, JRS today works in 56 countries worldwide to meet the educational, health, and social needs of refugees. To learn more about the important work they do, go to <https://www.jrsusa.org/>

## Sue's News - She's Doing Great!

**If you need assistance with the following** until Sue returns:

1. To sign up to attend Mass, contact Fr. Jim at [pastor@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pastor@sfx-kc.org).
2. For SFX Food Pantry, please contact the Food Pantry at 816-381-9174 or [sfxfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:sfxfoodpantry@gmail.com)
3. For billing, donations, or information about SFX Justice & Life programs, please contact Ann Sheridan at 816-381-9165 or [asheridan@sfx-kc.org](mailto:asheridan@sfx-kc.org).
4. For SFX Update submissions and all other inquiries, please contact Peggy Beaven-Calia at 816-391-9161 or [pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org).

## Faith Formation

**Holy Saturday Prayer Walk** Children, teens, parents, adults - EVERYONE – is invited to join us for a Prayer Walk around the SFX/Rockhurst University grounds on Saturday, April 3, 9:30-10:30 am. We'll pray together, talk with each other, and "find God in all things." Meet in the SFX Parking Lot. Wear a mask. We will social distance. For more information or to let us know you'll be joining us contact [Mariann McCormally](#).

**Children's Liturgy of the Word Zoom** for children ages 5-10 continues to be offered Sundays at 10:30, including on Easter Sunday.

**Give Us This Day** Free samples of this daily prayer guide from Liturgical Press are available at the church doors this weekend. You can also find prayers, the daily readings and more at the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) website.

**Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl** It's not too late to make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world – and learn something at the same time! Go to [CRS Rice Bowl](#) to learn more about the humanitarian aid efforts funded by our small sacrifices. Please return your Rice Bowl donations in a sealed envelope marked "Rice Bowl" to SFX on Easter OR mail a check to the parish office.

**As Catholics we are called to learn about, respect and love** those who are different from us. This is especially important in an increasingly complex, multicultural and interconnected world. Read how St. Aloysius, a small Jesuit elementary school in Harlem, is doing just that: [Teach More Than Tolerance](#)

**Passover for our Jewish brothers and sisters** begins at sunset on Saturday, March 27. Passover is an 8-day festival that commemorates the ancient Israelites' Exodus from Egypt and celebrates freedom and redemption. Learn more [HERE](#).

**Holi for our Hindu brothers and sisters** begins at sunset on Sunday, March 28. This two-day spring festival of sharing and love, is called “the festival of color.”

Learn more about the many faiths practiced by people in Kansas City here: [The Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council](#).

### **Bloodmobile at St. Francis Xavier: Save the Date!**

We'll have a Bloodmobile here on Wednesday, April 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. Our goal is to collect 20 units or more. The blood drive is open to the public and we'd appreciate your help in getting the word out. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](#) and enter **Sofie** to schedule an appointment.

### **Driveway Repair, Thank You**



Last Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, we had 400 square feet of asphalt repaired on the driveway between our church and JPll Commons. The repair work was done to address a large pothole where the driveway meets Troost. We can make repairs like this because of your generosity and support. Thank you for helping us our meet our SFX goals to be good stewards of our buildings and grounds, be a good neighbor, and save a few tires. Check it out!

### **Opportunities from our Apostolates and Others**

**Stop Asian Hate: A Peaceful Stand-In Against Hate Crimes for the AAPI Community.** Saturday, March 27, 4 to 5 PM, 119<sup>th</sup> and Grant Street, OPKS. Family-friendly. Signs encouraged. Masks required. For more information contact [StopAsianHatekc@gmail.com](mailto:StopAsianHatekc@gmail.com).

**Friends of Rockhurst University Library/Ladies of Charity Morning of Reflection: A Holy Week Journey** with Cindy Schmersal, Vice President for Mission and Ministry at RU. Tuesday, March 30, 10:00-12:00 noon via Zoom. \$15/per person. Registration is required. [Register HERE](#).

**Ignatian Spirituality Center** We are an Easter people! Moving from Lent to Easter is not as easy as one might think. Sometimes we rush by the Easter joy offered by Christ, our Savior. Join the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City for a short retreat to pause and notice Easter joy offered by our Risen Lord. Friday, April 16 – Saturday, April 17. You will be given input for prayer, Friday at 7:00 pm, Saturday at 9:00 am and 11:00 am, and a guided meditation and sharing on Saturday evening at 7:00 pm. To learn more, please visit [www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events](http://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events)

**Join the St. Elizabeth STEBelong Committee on a Dividing Lines Tour** to learn more about the racial divide in Kansas City. Take the ninety-minute audio driving tour of the history of segregation in our city between now and April 12 and then join in a discussion at 6:30 pm Tuesday, April 13. Go to [REGISTER for the EVENT](#) for more information and to register. [DOWNLOAD the TOUR here](#).

***Together on the journey!***

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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