



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
Kansas City's Jesuit Parish  
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## SFX UPDATE – March 4, 2022

All are welcome at  
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### March 4, 2022: Revised SFX COVID Policy for Masses.

- Masks are optional for those who are vaccinated.
- Unvaccinated people are required to wear masks.
- For those who are vaccinated, please consult with your medical professional on what is best for you.
- EMs will continue to wear masks when distributing communion.
- If you come to the office for an appointment, please bring a mask with you and wear as appropriate.
- Below is the average Mass attendance for February to help you decide at which Mass you might be most comfortable given the revised COVID policy.

#### February Average Mass Attendance

- 4:00 p.m. 90
- 8:00 a.m. 49
- 10:30 a.m. 197

### New Weekday Mass Schedule

**Wednesdays: 7:30 a.m.**

**Fridays: 12:00 p.m.**



**Public Witness for Ukraine TODAY at 4:30-5:45 at SFX** – Bring your signs, park in our lot, and gather on Troost to show our support for the people of Ukraine. We will witness from 4:30-5:30 then hold a prayer service from 5:30-5:45. All are welcome!

#### Pastor's Corner

Let us all **pray for peace** for the people of Ukraine and wherever there is violent conflict. In war, it is always the most vulnerable who are affected. As you look at our leaders, remember those who remain silent or praise dictators which encourages such naked aggression and destruction.

<https://www.jesuits.org/stories/pray-and-act-for-ukraine/> Includes a very nice prayer  
<https://jrs.net/en/news/jrs-is-extremely-concerned-about-the-situation-in-ukraine/>  
<https://jrs.net/en/news/ukraine-jrs-in-action-to-welcome-refugees/> Includes button to Donate Now, Help Us Respond to the Crisis in Ukraine.

Song: [Prayer of St. Francis - Sarah McLachlan](#)

There will be a mandatory **training session for all servers Saturday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m. The training will last approximately 2 hours.** Servers need to be at least 10 years old. If you think you'd like to be a server, please contact Fr. Jim. [pastor@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pastor@sfx-kc.org) we would like to start having our young servers again at 10:30 a.m. Masses. All servers must be fully vaccinated.

### **Easter Flower Special Collection March 19-20**

We will have a collection to purchase flowers for Easter. Thank you for the generosity you always demonstrate!

**We continue to pray for all Kansas City Metro homicide victims** at our weekend liturgies. In a special way we remember:

- Sheryl Turley, 38, March 1
- Unknown Man February 27
- Lenexa victims

We plan to build a dedicated raised bed for these victims when the weather warms up. If you can help, please contact [Sue](#).

**Lenten Challenge: Pray the Examen EVERY DAY** There are many ways to pray the Examen. Check out [The Ignatian Examen](#) from Jesuit.org for examples.

**Soup & Spirituality** is a 40+ year Lenten tradition at St. Francis Xavier. Save the date: **March 16, 23, 30 and April 6** to explore "The Good News of Lent: Praying with the Sunday Gospels." Our Adult Faith Formation Committee is still discerning the best way to present this year's program given the high rate of COVID transmission in Jackson County right now: **in person, with soup? in person, but no shared meal this year? on Zoom?** We want to hear from you! Please contact [Mariann](#) with your thoughts.

**March is Women's History Month** and Catholic women are still making history. Check out [Catholic Women Preach](#) to hear a reflection on the Sunday readings. This week Melissa Cedillo speaks of the Temptations of Jesus and the importance of grounding our activism and politics in human dignity. Melissa currently works at National Catholic Reporter as the Latino Catholics Fellow.

**Did you miss the Ignatian Year Pilgrimage Stop in St. Louis?** Click [HERE](#) and scroll down to hear **Mary Boudouin's** presentation, "Known by Name." Mary is the UCS Provincial Assistant for Justice and Ecology.

**Mom's Group?** A couple of our young moms have asked about our establishing a group for mothers of young children. We've had 25 baptisms (!) here at SFX in the past two years. We even might be able to wrangle some of our teens and older folks to help care for the children so you moms can really visit! If you'd be interested in getting together (on Zoom and/or in-person) with your babies and toddlers (or helping with childcare), please contact [Mariann](#).

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** continues to be offered on Zoom at 9:45 am Sunday mornings and in-person during the 10:30 Mass. Please contact [Mariann](#) for Meeting ID, Passcode, and link.

**Confirmation 2022 News** Our retreat afternoon is **Sunday, March 6**. Candidates will gather at the Parish Offices at 2:00 pm. Sponsors will join us in the Church at 4:00 pm. And we will conclude by joining the Rockhurst University Student Mass at Mabee Chapel in Massman Hall at 6:00 pm. Please continue to pray for our young men and women as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on March 30: Cecilia Antista, Joe Brown, Alice Coates, Jesse DeLira, Luke Hull, Luke Huntley, Erin Kaye, Margot Keitges, Luca Nicotra, Zander Nicotra, and Michael Udo.

### **Soul Food Tuesday**

Tuesdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon on Zoom. March 8 and 22. All are welcome to join this study/prayer group. This month, in honor of Women's History Month, we'll be looking at Catholic women theologians and preachers in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) for more information. Zoom Meeting ID: 857 9120 6233 Passcode: 112866.

### **Prayer Walks: Third Saturday of the Month**

**March 19, April 16, May 21**

**9:30 am**

Mark your calendar for our monthly prayer walks. This month we'll walk the neighborhood around Church of the Holy Martyrs, 78<sup>th</sup> and Paseo, Kansas City's Vietnamese Catholic Community. Share faith with parishioners (young and old!), build community, and find God in all things, east and west of Troost. Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

**Happy 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** On Saturday, March 12, we celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier (and Teresa of Avila, Philip Neri, and Isidore the Farmer). Woohoo! There will be a Eucharist livestreamed around the world from the Gesù Church in Rome. 10:00 am Kansas City time. Join at [Eucharist for the 400th anniversary of the canonisation | Ignatian Year \(ignatius500.global\)](#).

**Justice & Life Stations of the Cross and Rosary of Modern Sorrows – Friday, March 11 and Friday, April 1 at 5:30 pm.** In lieu of a Justice & Life Retreat (originally scheduled for March 5) we are raising awareness of the many injustices that plague our world through these traditional and beautiful Lenten prayer opportunities. Mark your calendar and bring your family to pray with us. Depending on attendance and commitment on March 11 we will assess whether it is feasible to offer food on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Depending on the situation in Ukraine next week, we may precede the Stations and Rosary with another Public Witness. Watch your email and next week's update for the latest information.

**EmbRace SFX Committee meets THIS Sunday, March 6 at 9:00 am in Xavier Hall** – Join us Sunday morning "between the Masses" as we meet to educate ourselves and our parish about the effects of systemic racism and advocate for meaningful change. New members are ALWAYS welcome!

**Be the Bridge - A few spots remain for our Be the Bridge Zoom group on [Monday evenings](#)** Last year in our parish survey, over 80% of respondents believed that we at SFX should focus on racial justice. This 5-week program is designed for white people to explore their biases, white identity, and privilege so as to better build bridges of reconciliation and justice. There is a [workbook](#) that you can purchase and download for \$10 online; if funds are an issue, SFX will purchase it for you. Contact Sue for more information.

- **EmbRace recommends:** Attending our meeting THIS Sunday, March 6 at 9:00 am in Xavier Hall and February might be over, but that doesn't mean we have to stop celebrating Black History. The American Jazz Museum and The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art both have activities running through March. Check out Visit KC for more details.  
<https://www.visitkc.com/.../celebrate-2022-black-history-mont...>

**RIM (Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants) meets NEXT Sunday, March 13** in the Romero Room at 9:00 am. New members are always welcome to join this active group who advocates for justice locally and nationally for those fleeing violence and oppression. Contact [Sue](#) for more information.

### FROM OUR APOSTOLATES and FRIENDS

**Ruben Garcia, Founder of Annunciation House in El Paso is coming to KC!**  
**Tuesday, March 22, 2022 - 7:30pm**  
**Arrupe Hall auditorium**

**“Refugees at the Door—Whoever Saves a Life, Saves the World Entire”**

Rockhurst University alumnus Ruben Garcia, '69, has dedicated his life to being for and with migrants, immigrants and refugees near the Mexican border. This talk will challenge its audience to envision what it means to work for justice and embody Catholic social justice teaching. Please register [here](#) to attend in person and to reserve a space in the auditorium. Sign up [here](#) to receive the online link.

**Angels Unawares** - After completing his 16th year as president of Rockhurst University, Rev. Thomas B. Curran, S.J., will step down from his role at the close of this academic year, June 30, 2022, Fr. Curran's legacy of humble service to others will be honored with a replica of “Angels Unawares,” a sculpture by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz depicting 150 refugees from different places and periods and inspired by the experience of encountering the divine in the stranger. The statue will be located outside of Arrupe Hall once installed in Spring 2022. Do you have an angel in your life that you would like to honor? For a gift of \$250 or more to mission programs at Rockhurst University, your angel's name will be listed on a memorial plaque outside of Arrupe alongside the “Angels Unawares” sculpture. We invite you to honor an angel today. Please [visit this link](#) to make your gift today. To learn more about this piece of art, visit [www.angelsunawares.org](http://www.angelsunawares.org).

**First Friday Virtual Prayer Service for Death Penalty victims** – On the First Friday of each month, Catholic Mobilizing Network holds a Virtual Prayer Vigil to lament upcoming executions and bear witness to the inviolable dignity of all human life. These virtual spaces offer a place to pray together as a faith community in response to the injustice of the death penalty. They include time for guided prayer, petitions, Scripture reflections, and contemplative silence. The First Friday Prayer Vigil is scheduled **TODAY** Friday, March 4th at 1:00pm CST. The Scripture reflection will be offered by Sr. Anita Baird, DHM. Register at: <https://catholicmobilizing.org/first-friday-vigils>

**Dialogue Institute “16th Anniversary of Dialogue and Service”** March 17, 6:30-8:00 pm. Keynote speaker: Dr. Craig Considine “Living Hope, Faith and Community in a Fractured World.” Music, breakout rooms, videos from children and teens. **Our Muslim brothers and sisters at The Dialogue Institute have been our partners** for our annual Iftar dinners during Ramadan and joined in our 9/11 Commemoration earlier this year. The Institute grew out of the need to address the question, “How can citizens of the world live in peace and harmony?” The Institute aims to eliminate or reduce false stereotypes, prejudices and unjustified fears through direct human communication. For more information and tickets go to [Dialogue Institute - Kansas City](#).

**Journey to New Life Fundraiser: “Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day”** Saturday, March 26, 7:00 pm at Visitation Church (5141 Main). Free, but donations will be accepted for Journey to New Life which works with formerly incarcerated persons to help them successfully reintegrate into the community. This one-woman show about the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement has been touring the US since May 1990 and has been presented internationally (Pastoral Associate Mariann McCormally has seen it at least five times and will see it again!).

### **Lenten Blessings!**

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

**See something that interests you? Contact us:**

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