



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
Kansas City's Jesuit Parish  
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## SFX UPDATE – March 18, 2022

All are welcome at

[St. Francis Xavier](#)

[SFX YouTube Channel](#) [SFX Facebook Page](#) [SFX Justice & Life Facebook](#)

## Effective 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.
- Miss Mariann and Miss Sara will continue to mask for Children's Liturgy of the Word.
- If you come to the office for an appointment, please bring a mask with you and wear as appropriate.

### Pastor's Corner

**Reconciliation Service: Monday, March 21 at 7:00 pm.** We will be having a Lenten reconciliation service this Monday evening. There will be 6 confessors available. Let us come together to prayer for healing and reconciliation with one another, and God.

If it has been a while since you have been to confession, here are two videos below. I have found them helpful to refresh myself. It's been a long time since I've been to confession. 😊

[Busted Halo: Confession 101 - What is it & how to do it - Part 1](#)

[Busted Halo: Confession 101 - What is it & how to do it - Part 2](#)

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:Jim.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.



Thank you to the 32 people who attended last week's Justice & Life Stations of the Cross and the Rosary of Modern Sorrows. Due to the weather, we will NOT have a Public Witness, **but we WILL offer Stations of the Cross TODAY at 4:30.** The Stations have been written to reflect both Jesus' passion and the struggles of the Ukrainian people. Come to the church at 4:30 today to reflect and pray.

**AND**

**April 1** – Mark your calendars, bring your family and friends, and plan to attend any or all of the following:

4:30-5:30 pm – Public Witness (weather permitting)

5:30-6:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

6:00-6:30 pm – Simple supper in Xavier Hall (fish, cole slaw, mac and cheese, and desserts)

6:30-8:30 pm – Watch *Jesus Christ Superstar* in Xavier Hall

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

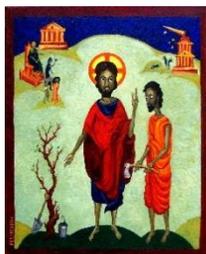
We will have a second collection this weekend: Easter Flower Offering. Your donations help us purchase flowers and other items to beautify our church for the Easter season. If you prefer to donate online, please go to [St Francis Xavier Liturgy Fund](#). Thank you for your generosity!

**Lenten Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.** This Lent we are encouraging all SFXers to pray the Examen every day (go to [Jesuits.org](http://Jesuits.org) to learn how). We also encourage you to participate in Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl ([CRS Rice Bowl](#)). Our small sacrifices can make a big difference in the lives of others.

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

- Kirk M. Whittaker, 34, on March 14
- John M. Sola, 45, on March 9

**Snack & Spirituality 2022 continues Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:00 pm in Xavier Hall** March 23, 30 and April 6. Our theme this year: **“The Good News of Lent: Praying the Sunday Gospels.”** We will use art to help us reflect more deeply on our faith. If you missed this week’s reflection on **The Parable of the Fruitless Fig Tree**, you can watch the video from Loyola Press we viewed [HERE](#). Join us next week for snacks, plenty to learn about **The Return of the Prodigal Son** and good fellowship to share! Masks are optional for those who are vaccinated. Unvaccinated people are required to wear masks. For more information, 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.

#### **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.

**HeART and Soul continues the first Tuesday of the month** April 5 11:00 am -12:30 pm on Zoom. Space is limited to 12. Registration deadline is Friday, April 1. For more information or to register to receive Zoom link and supply packet contact [Mariann](#).

**One More Scoop Ice Cream Truck next Sunday, March 27 after 10:30 Mass.** Last fall our “SFXcellent Walkers and Runners” raised a lot of money for Catholic Charities Outpace Poverty Walk – and we won a visit from the OMS Ice Cream Truck! The truck will be here next Sunday, after the 10:30 Mass. Pray for good weather and plan to join in the fun. And if you have been part of the SFXcellent Walkers and Runners team in the past – **wear your t-shirt** on March 27!

**Confirmation Rite of Covenant** next Sunday, March 27 at 10:30 Mass at SFX followed by rehearsal for candidates and sponsors at 1:00 at Visitation. Please continue to pray for our young people who will be confirmed on Wednesday, March 30.

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**RIM (Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants) Committee Update** - Our RIM committee met and unanimously approved going forward to settle an Afghan family in a home through collaboration with the Jewish Service Committee (JVS). We will need the help of the parish to accomplish this. A Sign-Up Genius link is available in the SFX Update for household items needed. Please do NOT drop off things at the parish! We don't have space to store it. Watch for more information soon!

**The Education of Corporal John Musgrave** – We had a great series of discussions in February over this wonderful book. Parishioner Gail Fein traveled to Viet Nam and will share her scrapbooks and memories of the visit to add greater perspective of Viet Nam, then and now. Join us this Sunday, March 20 in the Romero Room from 9:00-10:15. All are welcome. For more information, contact Sue.

**Our parishioners have the BEST Ideas!** When you donate to Social Ministries, we can help people not *just* with food but with many extras, like birth certificates, ID cards, gas, and some medicines. This week I was approached by a parishioner who suggested we do more for our neighbors by buying them a tank of gas. *What a GREAT idea!* We are looking for a volunteer for Fridays who would be willing to come sit at SFX from about 10:30-12:00 and then follow our clients up to the gas station and top off their tank. If you would be willing to help, please contact [Sue](#). If you aren't able to give the time, consider donating to [Social Ministries](#) to ease the pain at the pump for our neighbors in need and keep the gas flowing in our Justice & Life ministry. Thank you!

**ACTION ALERT: Missouri Voters:** Contact your [Missouri State Senator](#) and tell them to vote **NO** on allowing guns and concealed weapons in churches and on buses. The bill passed this week in the House and has moved to the Senate. Want to talk to Mike Parson directly about this or other issues? Call him at 573-751-3222.

**EmbRace Recommends: Kansas City G.I.F.T.** - This philanthropic organization works to raise money for black-owned businesses situated in “historically redlined areas of Kansas City.” G.I.F.T. is seeking 15,000 people to make monthly \$10 donations. That money will be used to seed startups, create jobs, and close the wealth gap between Black and White Kansas Citizens. The group supplements the financial support with a year’s worth of legal, accounting, and marketing coaching to grantees. For more information, visit [Home | Kansas City G.I.F.T. \(kansascitygift.org\)](#).

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## 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.

**Montserrat: A Vigil with Inigo of Loyola** Thursday, March 24, 2022, 7:00-8:00 pm. 500 years ago on March 24, 1522 Inigo of Loyola spent the night in vigil before Our Lady of Montserrat on the eve of the Feast of the Annunciation. The Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City invites us to join in an hour of reflection and prayer on this significant moment in the life of Inigo and gather inspiration for our own pilgrim journey. Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 23. Go to [Montserrat: A Vigil with Inigo of Loyola — Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City \(ignatiancenterkc.org\)](#) to sign up.

**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. For more information contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)).

**Veronica's Voice** – [Veronica's Voice](#) reached out to us to share their mission - To empower women to exit from, to prevent the entry into, and to end all demand for prostitution-sex trafficking in the United States through survivor leadership – and their needs. Check out their website to see the good work they do. You can also support them through their store: [Shop a Just Cause | Veronica's Voice | United States \(veronicasvoice.org\)](#). Their products would make great Easter and Mother's Day gifts!

### Lenten Blessings!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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