




# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

 March 24, 2024



## Welcome to St. Xavier

Registered historic site founded in 1819  
Apostolate of the Jesuit Fathers since 1845  
*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*

Pastor: Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
Associate Pastor: Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
Associate Pastor: Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

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## Mass Intentions

March 25 - March 30

*(All mass times are AM)*

MON	6:00	+	Margo A. Ackerman
25	11:30	+	Charles B. Ginocchio
		SI	Healing for Mary G. & Frances A.
TUES	6:00	+	Roger Schutte
26	11:30	+	Stephen Rentschler (Birth.)
		+	Andrew Schuab
WED	6:00	+	Margo A. Ackerman
27	11:30	+	Dr. Richard Menke (1st Annv.)
		+	Stephen Kirtley (1st Annv.)
THU			Holy Thursday
28			7 PM
FRI			Good Friday
29			12 PM
SAT			Easter Vigil
30			8:45 PM

## MUSIC

### Opening:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor #498

### Mass Parts:

Mass of Creation begins at #195

### Communion:

We Remember #681

### Closing:

Take Up Your Cross #801

## READINGS

Mark 11:1-10 (Palms Procession)  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Phillipians 2:6-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47

Art: *The Entry into Jerusalem*  
Giotto (c. 1305)

## Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses

Saturday  
4 PM

Sunday  
7 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 5 PM

### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday  
6 AM, 11:30 AM

Saturday  
7 AM

### Confessions

Monday - Friday  
Noon to 1 PM

Saturday  
11 AM to Noon



**Easter Triduum**  
ST. XAVIER CHURCH

Holy Thursday – 7 PM  
Good Friday – 12 PM  
Easter Vigil – 8:45 PM  
Easter Sunday – 7 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM

*No confessions after 1 PM on Wednesday. Parish office closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.*

*Free parking for all Triduum Masses*

## Sunday Speaker Series - UAP 2

Join us for our next lunch and speakers on **Sunday, April 7**, 12 PM (lunch at 11:30) focused on UAP 2: Walking with the Excluded. We will hear from three leaders of the new Jesuit primary school in Bond Hill, Xavier Jesuit Academy: Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ, President; Kyle Chandler, Principal; and Michael Gong, Lead Teacher.

## Way of the Cross for Justice

Join us for this year's Way of the Cross for Justice, a Good Friday prayer service connecting the suffering of Jesus with the suffering brought about by injustice in our day. We will meet on **Friday, March 29**, 12 - 2 PM at the American Queen Paddle Wheel (100 Joe Nuxhall Way Cincinnati, OH 45202) along the riverfront outside Great American Ballpark and walk through Smale Riverfront Park (.5 miles), ending at the Castellini Esplanade near Paycor Stadium.

## Job Opening at St. Xavier Church

In July, our Business Director, Mary Stutler, will be retiring. We are beginning our search for a new Business Director. If you or someone you know are interested in applying, please visit [www.stxchurch.org/job-openings](http://www.stxchurch.org/job-openings) or contact the parish office at 513-721-4045.

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## Called to Compassion

Palm Sunday always snuck up on me when I was a kid. I doubt I understood the concept of a liturgical calendar back then, so I only knew that a special day had arrived when scripts were handed out to parishioners so that we could all participate in the lengthy readings. As much as I enjoyed having a speaking role, it always felt weird to utter the words, “*Crucify him, crucify him!*” Now, as an adult, though, I actually appreciate the discomfort that I experience during these readings because it assures me that God is stirring in my heart and calling me to compassion.

Somebody once told me that God comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable. As we follow Jesus through Holy Week, from his jubilant entry into Jerusalem to his agony, arrest, and crucifixion, it is discomfiting to witness the sudden shift of the crowd from adoration to condemnation. As I pray with this narrative, I wonder how often I replicate this pattern in my own life. How quickly do I become apathetic or even judgmental about my suffering brothers and sisters in order to make myself more comfortable? And while I may be aware of my personal sins, how much do I recognize my complicity in social sins that lead to prejudice, inequity, and violence?

Catholic Social Teaching affirms that a basic moral test for any society is how it treats its most vulnerable members; Pope Francis states in *The Joy of the Gospel* that “God’s word teaches that our brothers and sisters are the prolongation of the incarnation for each of us: *As you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me*’ (Mt 25:40).” So when we hear about Jesus being stripped, beaten, and mocked during the Passion readings this week, and as we cry out “*Crucify him, crucify him,*” let us remember the most vulnerable members of our society. Rather than joining in with the crowds who ridicule and abuse them, let us follow the example of Simon the Cyrenian and walk with those who endure the cross of discrimination, poverty, and marginalization.

In a world plagued by social, economic, and environmental injustices, our journey through Holy Week should prompt us to examine our own tendencies toward apathy and judgment and lead us to a deeper understanding of our role in building a more just and loving society. As people of faith, may we follow the call to compassion by recognizing the dignity of every person and embodying God’s love and mercy for all.

- Sr. Whitney Schieltz, SC  
*Associate Director of Social Mission*



**Presiders for This Weekend - March 24**

4:00 PM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
5:00 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

**Presiders for Next Weekend - March 31**

8:45 PM	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ
7:00 AM	Fr. Terrence Baum, SJ
9:00 AM	Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
10:30 AM	Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

No 5:00 PM Mass

**Tender Mercies**

If you can donate a food dish for Tender Mercies this month, please call the office or drop it off by 11 AM on **Easter Sunday, March 31**. Your help is appreciated!

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, April 23**, at 3 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel. After being stolen from her wealthy German parents and raised in the unforgiving wilderness of eastern Europe, a young woman finds herself alone in 1941 after her kidnapper dies. Please join us for a great discussion of this historical novel!

**Young Adults Group**

St. Xavier Church's Young Adults Group meets multiple times each month for socials, reflections, and days of service. To learn more, please visit [www.stxya.com/events](http://www.stxya.com/events).

**Church Decoration - Help Wanted**

For several years, Sondra Clark has been lending her time and talent to decorate and beautify our church during the various feasts and liturgical seasons we observe as part of our faith. She is stepping back from this ministry, and we are looking for a volunteer to succeed her in working with our priests and the Worship Committee to coordinate the decor of our church. If you have a gift for creativity and a love of our faith and the liturgy, please contact Fr. Jacob at [jboddicker@stxchurch.org](mailto:jboddicker@stxchurch.org). Thank you Sondra!

**Rosary Group**

Our Blessed Mother's promise to those who pray the Rosary... *"I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary."* Please join our Jesuit Parish Family as we pray the Rosary each evening from 7:30 to 8 PM. Scan the QR code for the Zoom link.

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**St. Xavier Prayer Ministry** Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish.

Tom Federle, James Morgan, Gerry McDougall, Susan Hourigan, Susan, Richard Baylis, Paul Block, Clay Holmes, Kaehn Frederick, Steve Trapp, Shannon Boyle, Barbara Deal, Peggy McWilliams, Danny Trumble, Carly Grant, Bill Hughes, Joe, Marie Sheilds, Sarah Sychi, Margaret, Jeala Youssefi, Carol Delaney, Iland, Jim Mittenzwei, Andrea Kittel, Kim B., Joseph Augustine Hengehold, Brad Sullivan, Randy DeAngelis, Andy Bailey, Emily Gear, Karen Schultz, Kim Navaro, Roger Thesing, Mary Hudson, Angie Naylor, Sandy Stanford Becker, Robert MacDougall, Mary Ann, Jim Harter, Christine Gray, Janet Thompson, Laura Damico, Eileen Lee, Molly G., Natalie Harding, Kathy Reece, Wayne Roby, Bob Ambach, Sherri Powell, Michael Hodesh, Louis Martines, David and Nancy Stewart, Shirley Alley, Sawyer, William Waters, Ray Teepen, Marguerite Kron, Bob & Marilyn Freudenberg, Maria Paz, Kathleen Allen, Marty Carter, Esther Davis, Jim Krohmer, Barbara Stewart, Douglas Meridieth, Jen Meridieth, Sophia N. Cook, Matt Fisher, Tom Wolfram, Sarah Lawler, Keith Uphaus, David Schwartz, Elaine Waters, Audrey Koester, Jeff Koester, Betty Holt, Don Sumner, Daniel Helmes, Melissa, Tim Robinson, Rosemary Kosky, Adelle Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Steve Wolter, Cynthia Hogan, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Chris Arlinghaus, Bob Wilkerson, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Karen Shaw, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Joseph Brehm, Joan Perone, Debbie Garnett, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Mary Preston, Steve, Ava Janzen, Erica Gross, David Cole, Elliot Robinson, Carol Ladwig, Mary Zleit, Nathan Barnhill, Dinah & Brad Barnhill, Maria Giesler, Laura McLaughlin, and Betty Jung.