

# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026



## WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

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*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

March 16 - 21

MON 16	6:00	SI	Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ SI Richard Diogo
	11:30	+	Jack Luckett ( <i>Birth.</i> ) + Berry Howe
TUE 17	6:00	SI	<i>Carolyn Hayward (Birth.)</i> + Tobias C.
	11:30	SI	Whitaker, Franks, and Shakelford Families + Douglas Lange ( <i>Birth.</i> )
WED 18	6:00	+	Leonard & Mary Brigger + Tobias C.
	11:30	+	Joe Doud + Debra Schulenberg
THU 19	6:00	+	Helen D. Williams + Les McGraw ( <i>Ann.</i> )
	11:30	SI	Noah Ohlhaut + Miss Milly O'Hara
FRI 20	6:00	+	Carl Huelsman ( <i>Birth.</i> ) + O'Connor & Whalen Families
	11:30	+	Donald Greis ( <i>Ann.</i> ) + Kaia Grant ( <i>Ann.</i> )
SAT 21	7:00	+	Gerry Merkes ( <i>Birth.</i> ) + Michael Schmidt ( <i>Ann.</i> )

## MUSIC

### Opening:

Amazing Grace #645

### Kyrie:

Roman Missal Chant #169

### Responsorial Psalm 23:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is  
nothing I shall want #1025

### Preparation:

Christ, Be Our Light #590

### Mass Parts:

#198, #200, #202, #204

### Communion:

Jesus, Hope of the World #909

### Closing:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the  
Light #593

Art: *Christ Healing the Blind*  
El Greco (c. 1570-75)  
oil on canvas  
Galleria nazionale di Parma

## 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

### Adoration & Confession

Monday - Friday: 12 - 1 PM

1st Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Saturday (Confession only)

11 AM - 12 PM

## Easter Triduum

### Mass Times

Holy Thursday, April 2 – 7 PM

Good Friday, April 3 – 12 PM

Easter Vigil, April 4 – 8:45 PM

Easter Sunday, April 5 – 7 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM

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

### Children's Mass

All are warmly invited to our St Xavier Church Children's Mass on **Sunday, April 19**, at 9 AM. Fr. Jim Ackermann will preside while St. X youth witness their faith by filling various ministerial roles. If you have children who would like to participate, please contact Mary Beth at [mfennell@stxchurch.org](mailto:mfennell@stxchurch.org) or call 513.721.4045 x1016. Donuts and beverages will be served in the Parish Center after the Mass. The whole parish community is welcome to join this joy-filled celebration.

In addition, we are excited to announce that the St. Ursula Academy Vocal Ensemble (high school students) will be singing with the St. Xavier Schola for the Children's Mass. During the Mass, children will be welcome to join the choir in the loft to either sing with the choir or to simply observe what the musicians are doing during Mass. Children 12 years or younger need to be accompanied by a guardian. Space is limited, so please contact Susanne Wright at [swright@stxchurch.org](mailto:swright@stxchurch.org) or call 513.721.4045 x1010 to RSVP.

### Congratulations to...

- Joan Margaret Welt and Eleanor Louise Welt, daughters of Derek and Margaret, who were baptized on March 8.

### Young Adult Group

Visit [www.stxya.com](http://www.stxya.com) to learn more about upcoming events and how to join our community. To get connected, contact Fr. Damian at [damian@stxchurch.org](mailto:damian@stxchurch.org).



Join us for a bible study of 1 and 2 Samuel. We will meet in the Parish Center at 4 PM on Sundays in Lent prior to the 5 PM Mass.

## Curse the Darkness or Light a Candle

Since the beginning of time, difficult things have happened to good people. Likewise, coming to terms with misfortune surely is not a job for the faint of heart. Ask Job about his “job” of being the recipient of one calamity after another. Job got it from all sides as in “what did you do to deserve your plight?” His friends and family wondered. Even his own wife told him to basically cut his losses when she advised him to “Curse God and die!” A retort shockingly absent of empathy and not exactly the most loving connubial advice.

Yet Job's wife shares good(?) company with the Pharisees today, who tell the blind man: “You were born totally in sin, and you are trying to teach us?”...then they threw him out. Would you do this? Heap blame on a cured blind man and then throw him out when he got “too mouthy”? Did the blind man deserve his blindness? Did Job deserve his misfortunes? Do people deserve poverty? Lack of opportunity? Physical challenges?

What would Job tell our blind man in today's gospel? What would a blind person say about today's gospel? Katherine Schneider writes in an article from the September 29, 2003, edition of America Magazine: “For those of us born blind, or visually impaired at any time in life, John 9 poses some challenges. Where is God in your blindness? How do you step out in faith? How do you deal with discrimination because of your blindness? Where are you on the dependence-independence-interdependence continuum? Are there ways you wish your faith community treated you, as a blind person, differently? How are you attempting to bring these about?”

Jesus gives us his perspective on the man born blind: “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” Bottom line: It is no one's fault, but everyone can gain from the lesson learned: God's glory is revealed via Jesus healing the blind man and all of us into seeing for we all can be blind in need of the healing. Indeed, God's glory is revealed in the blind man challenging the mores and conventional groupthink of society. Jesus comes to us in the poor, the blind, the hurricane victim in an appeal to compassion when he states “Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.”



Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
Associate Pastor

## SUNDAY READINGS – #1025

Sunday Collection for March 1	\$9,696
Online Contributions	9,033
<b>Total for March 1</b>	<b>\$18,729</b>

### Support St. Xavier Church:



If you can donate a food dish for Tender Mercies this month, please call the office or drop it off by 11 AM on **Sunday, March 29**.

### Celebrating Four Decades of Service

Our Office Manager, Diane Roden, will be retiring on May 1 to spend more time with her growing family and to pursue new endeavors. Please join us as we celebrate and thank her for her many years of dedication. The celebration will begin on **Sunday, April 12**, with Mass at 10:30 AM, followed by cake and refreshments in the Parish Center. We hope to see you there as we celebrate Diane and thank her for her years of faithful service!

### Sacred Topics in Religious Art

The path from Pontius Pilate's house to Calvary is called The Way of the Cross or the Stations of the Cross. The tradition of praying with images of the fourteen Stations has been in practice for hundreds of years. Join us this Lent as we discover the beautiful and diverse ways artists have rendered these poignant moments on Christ's walk to Calvary. Please join Dr. Cecelia Dorger in the Parish Center for Midday Masterpieces: Sacred Topics in Religious Art on **Wednesday, March 18** and **March 25** at 12 PM immediately following 11:30 Mass.

### Visitation Ministers Needed

A new Visitation Ministry is forming this spring, and volunteers are needed! Visitation Ministers will sign up to participate in meal trains and/or bring Holy Communion to fellow parishioners experiencing life events that make it difficult to leave their home. To learn more or to sign up, please contact Sr. Whitney at [wschieltz@stxchurch.org](mailto:wschieltz@stxchurch.org)

### Spring Active Discipleship Day

On **Saturday, March 28**, from 9 AM to 1 PM, our Jesuit Parish Family will again collaborate with Xavier University on this family-friendly day of service, prayer, and reflection. We will gather at the university, and breakfast and lunch will be provided. Unlike in years past, we'll be having parishioners RSVP for specific sites and know in advance where they will serve! Scan the QR code to RSVP.



### Journey of Hope Prayer Service

All are invited to the Parish Center after the 10:30 Mass on **Sunday, March 22**, for the next installment of our *Journey of Hope* series exploring the theme of migration through a Catholic lens. During this prayer service for refugees and migrants, we will hear personal stories of our migrant brothers and sisters and reflect on how the Jesuit Parish Family is responding to the Gospel call to welcome the stranger. Please join us!

### St. Xavier Book Club

Our group will meet on **Tuesday, April 21**, at 2:30 PM in the Parish Center. We will discuss our latest book, *The Berry Pickers*, a novel by Amanda Peters. Four year old Ruthie, the family's youngest child, vanishes. She is last seen by her six year old brother, sitting on a favorite rock at the edge of a berry field. A young girl named Norma grows up as the only child of an affluent family. She will spend decades trying to uncover a family secret.

### Beware of Phishing

Parishioners sometimes receive fraudulent emails and texts claiming to be Fr. Paul or other staff members, often asking for vague favors or assistance. If you receive a suspicious message, do not respond or click any links. When in doubt, call or email the parish office to confirm authenticity. You do not need to personally contact Fr. Paul. Thank you!

### CONNECT WITH ST. X!

Sign up to receive St. Xavier Church's weekly email newsletter by completing the form on the homepage of the website.



**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND - MARCH 15**

- 4:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 22**

- 4:00 PM Fr. Nathan Wendt, SJ
- 7:00 AM Fr. Aaron Malnick, SJ
- 9:00 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
- 10:30 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ
- 5:00 PM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

**ST. XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY**

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Susan Anderson, Adelle Eaton, Jeff Krohmer, Wendy Welsh, Mary Burwinkle, Norma Litherland, James Hogan, Tim, Frank & Sandy Fielers, Ella Grace Hiltz, Sharon Dearwester, Marguerite Kron, Marilyn Freudenberg, Kathy Magner, Roxanne Motl, Peter Keiser, Patrick Auger, Iland, Conhna Davies, Stephanie Hackman, Steve Wolter, Bob Howard, Mike Green, Noah Ohlhaut, Pat Murray, Cathleen Acree, Mary Preston, Deacon Tim Crooker, David Tolle, JoAnn Komanecy, Tom Wolfram, Phyllis Link, Lawrence Wesley Colbert, Kellie Peters, Eleanor Lawler, Jim Sheehan, Shannon Boyle, Steve Smith, Lisa Durr, Harry Schneider, Blair Niernberger, Brittany Tackett, Hunter, Mark, Jenny Seithel, Kevin Noble, Raymond Hopkins, Kate W., Harper Meyer, Ruth Bauer, Dustin Smith, Diane.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Mar. 15** Praise Be To You Anthology Release - Parish Center  
Young Adult Lenten Bible Study - Parish Center
- Mar. 18** Midday Masterpieces Presentation - Parish Center
- Mar. 22** Journey of Hope Prayer Service - Parish Center
- Mar. 27** Men's Spirituality Group - Parish Center

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