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**SUNDAY MAY 26, 2019**



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## WELCOME TO St Xavier

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil** 4:00 pm

**Sunday** 7:00 am    9:00 am    10:30 am (choir)  
12:00 pm    5:00 pm

**Mon - Fri** 6:00 am    11:30 am    **Sat** 7:00 am

**Confessions** Mon-Fri 12:00n to 1:00 pm  
Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon

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### MASS INTENTIONS May 27-June 1

Mon 27	6:00 11:30	+ +	Parish Book of Remembrance Julie Jean Donohue
Tues 28	6:00 11:30	+ +	Bob and Kay Dietrich Anna and Simone Fernandes
Wed 29	6:00 11:30	+ SI	Hesham Zakaria Special Intention of Donor (Anniv. Remb.)
Thurs 30	6:00 11:30	+ +	Parish Book of Remembrance The Gruber Family
Fri 31	6:00 11:30	+ +	Mr. & Mrs. Adolf LaVilla Elsie and Harry Franke and Patricia Cinquina
Sat 1	7:00	+	Favret and Dell Families

*Sunday readings are found at #1078*

### MUSIC

**Opening:** O Holy City, Seen of John #863

**Gloria:** Mass of Redemption

p. 17 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

**Responsorial Psalm 67:**

O God, Let All the Nations Praise You #1078

**Presentation:** The Peace of God #823

**Eucharistic Acclamations:**

Mass of Redemption

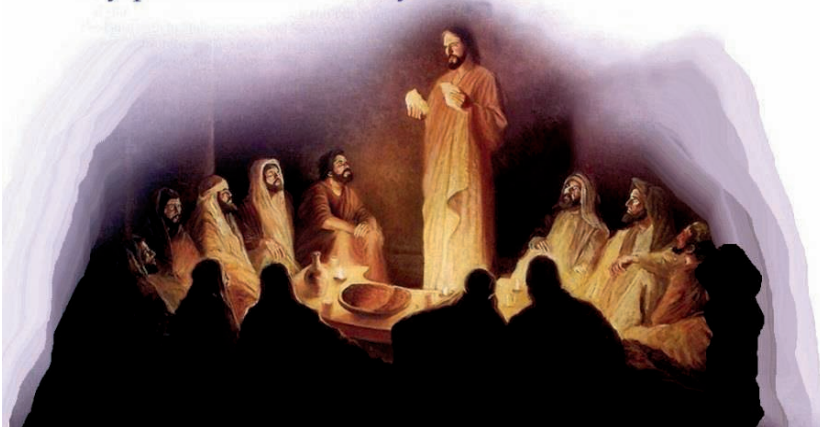
p. 18-20 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

**Communion:** Let Us Be Bread #946

**Closing:**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives #527

*My peace I leave with you*



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## Happy Easter–Blessed Memorial Day

On this Sixth Sunday of the Easter Season – just two more until the Season ends, once we celebrate The Ascension next week and Pentecost the following week – it is good and proper that we continue to wish one another "Happy Easter" and to continue to marinate in the truth of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead which we began celebrating 5 weeks ago on Easter Sunday.

In the Church's wisdom and sense of wonder, it is good and fitting that we have a longer season to celebrate Easter – 50 days because of its primacy in our faith. It also signifies that the joy of Easter exceeds the preceding season of Lent by ten days, and this means our Easter feasting should exceed our Lenten fasting. The liturgies of the Easter Season continue to offer us accounts of the Resurrection of Christ and to recount the early days of the Church as the Apostles began to share the Good News of Jesus.

Many people devoutly attend daily Mass during the Lenten Season which is a very excellent habit to form, but then they stop attending after Easter Sunday. They miss out on the daily experience of meeting the Risen Lord in the Word and in the special prayers of the Easter Season. Try to attend a daily Mass in the next few weeks to imbibe of this Easter Joy at the greatest place possible – around the Altar where Heaven and Earth meet in the Risen Lord who gives us Himself in Holy Communion.

One thing I learned recently when examining the history of Memorial Day is to not say "Happy Memorial Day." Why? I'll let a military wife and daughter explain:

*"I would encourage the following: Please do not say Happy Memorial Day. It is a hard day for our Gold Star Families (families of military personnel who died in battle). Avoid Memorial Day Sales, this is profiting off our military. Please pray for military chaplains. We currently have a shortage of Catholic chaplains in the military. We need more vocations for this 'call within a call.' Catholics make up about 20 % of the U.S. Armed Forces! Our family is laying flags at a National Cemetery tomorrow and attending Mass on Monday. God bless our Gold Star Families. May we pray for the souls of the departed who died serving our country."*

So perhaps we should say "Blessed Memorial Day" and dedicate some part of the day to prayer and remembrance of our fallen heroes. The day was originally called "Decoration Day" after the Civil War, and it marked a day for citizens to decorate with flags and flowers those who had died in the Civil War to eradicate slavery and preserve the unity of the United States of America. Mass and confessions will be offered at St. Xavier on Monday, May 27 - this year's Memorial Day.

I have vibrant memories of Memorial Day in my hometown near Chicago. My Dad was an Army veteran and we had a flag pole in our backyard that he loved and tended with care. We would walk to the town center and observe the Memorial Day Parade and ride

our red white and blue decorated bikes down the main street. Veterans' groups and current military personnel would march in impressive formations. In the afternoon we went to a park and met up with all the families of my mother's high school friends. They were called the "Phisdenfers Club" which is Friendship all scrambled up. We would play all day until we were packed back into the family station wagon and went home very late even though it was a "School Night." The children and parents are all close friends from just that annual picnic. Many of my Dad's friends had served in the Korean War and World War II and there was a sense of pride and accomplishment in our country that was passed on to a new generation.

*Some recommended activities for Memorial Day:*

- Pray for the dead, especially those who were lost in conflict
- Visit a military cemetery and lay flags and flowers
- Learn more about soldier saints in Church history such as St. Ignatius Loyola, our Jesuit founder
- Support charities that help families of fallen soldiers such as American Widow Project, Fallen Patriots, etc.

### Happy Easter Season and "Blessed Memorial Day"

– Father Matthew Gamber, SJ, Associate Pastor

### ✠ ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY ✠

#### Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Frank Fieler, John Noonan, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Bob Howard, Ed Holman, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Christy Schiedemeyer, Thomas Kron, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Gloria Duncan, Carl Ladwig, JoAnn James, David and Carol Grosser, Steve Wolter, Joe Feiertag, Angie Fennell, Randy Paul, Tom Huenefeld, Cynthia Hogan, Carmeltia Schlueter, Joe Eley, John Williams, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, George Long, Kevin Noble, Helen Sievers, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Beth Barney, Joe Waters, Bob Wilkerson, Quinn Cobble, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Sheila Sullivan, Margie Plummer, Roberta Gamel, Jo Schwartz, Mary Ann Himmelmann, Karen Shaw, Joyce Braun, Bill Hughes, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Erin Payne, Susan Schmidt, Doug Lange, Glenda Bauer, Denny Delaney, Betty Headsworth, Ron and Lynda Pierce, Nancy Santen, Shirley Riegling, John Massman, Joseph Brehm, Josefa Navales, Gina Martin, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Barbara Meridieth, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Rose Elizabeth Sartin, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Tony Santoro, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, Jo Jo and family, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Gregg, Rick, and Fr. Bob Thul, SJ.

### Summer Hours

Beginning Friday, May 31, the parish office will close on Mondays and Fridays at 1 PM.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday offerings for May 19	\$ 8,315
Online donations	3,385
<b>Week of May 19</b>	<b>\$ 11,700</b>

**Presiders for this weekend: May 26**

4:00	PM	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
7:00	AM	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
9:00	AM	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
10:30	AM	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
12:00	PM	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
5:00	PM	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ

**Presiders for next weekend: June 2**

4:00	PM	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
7:00	AM	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
9:00	AM	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
10:30	AM	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
12:00	PM	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
5:00	PM	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ

**Congratulations to Joseph and Katherine (Cooper) Hackett and to Corey and Liz (Hunt) Howell** who were married here this past weekend!

**BRASS MASS TODAY at 10:30 AM**

To continue the trend of beautiful music in our historic church, the liturgy of the 10:30 Mass today will showcase the talents of the **Psalm 150 Brass Ensemble**. The triumphal music of Easter performed on brass instruments is sure to enkindle the spirit of praise in everyone.

**ST. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS**

Sunday, June 2 Guest Speaker: Ryan Mahle  
Mr. Mahle is the Managing Director of the Office of New Evangelization. He also leads marriage prep for the Archdiocese. Join us for a discussion on the vocation of marriage after the 5 PM Mass June 2. Young adults age 21-35 are welcome.

**Save Change ← → Change Lives  
Baby Bottle Return**

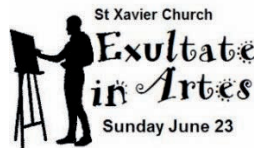
Please return your baby bottles the weekend of June 1 and 2. Take them up to the containers in front of the Blessed Mother Statue. The "Baby Bottle Campaign" benefits the Pregnancy Center East. Thank you!

**Bridge Lessons**

Our St X Bridge Club has been playing cards for years at church. For anyone interested to learn how to play bridge, lessons will be coming soon. If interested, write Mary Anne at [drmaryannbarnes@gmail.com](mailto:drmaryannbarnes@gmail.com)

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our book group meets on Tuesday, **May 28, at 3 pm in the Parish Center**. We will discuss "**Just Call Me Lopez**" by Margaret Silf. Come and join us.



**SAVE THE DATE: Sun June 23 starting at 11:30 am.** One of the major events of our Bicentennial year will be a creative afternoon of arts and music called **Exultate in Artes** ("Rejoice in the Arts"). This

will be a summer celebration to assemble artists from the Tri-state area for a live demonstration of the visual and musical arts: painting, drawing, sketching, etc. using your own creativity while at the same time viewing the in-process work of many professional and aspiring artists. A short awards ceremony concludes the event around 4:30pm with monetary awards being given in both the professional and non-professional categories. See our website for info & registration.

*(Please NOTE, the noon Mass is cancelled June 23)*

**Would You Like to Become Catholic?**

Or do you know someone who wants to join the Church? We will again offer the **R.C.I.A.** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) starting in September. It's time NOW to evangelize and invite others to join our Church. Send your people for a friendly meeting with our Fr. Gamber to find out the best way to move into full incorporation in the Catholic Church. Call Fr. Gamber at **513-721-4045, ext. 1007**.

**St. Xavier Engaged Retreats**

St. X Church offers a marriage preparation program (pre-Cana) called **St. Xavier Engaged Retreat**. This day-long program is comparable to programs offered by the Archdiocese and other parishes. Couples having their wedding at St. Xavier Church or at another church are invited to participate in this program. Preregistration is a MUST. Upcoming dates are July 13, September 21, 2019 and January 25, 2020. To register and more info, visit [www.stxchurch.org/Weddings](http://www.stxchurch.org/Weddings) or call Kathy at 721-4045 or [kengland@stxchurch.org](mailto:kengland@stxchurch.org)

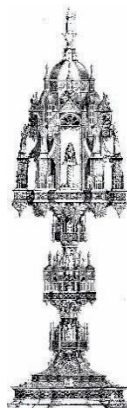
**200 Years ❖ 200 Facts**

❖ On Thursday April 11, 2019 the community located at St Xavier Church marked 200 years as the first parish in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

❖ On Sunday May 19, 2019 the parish celebrated its Bicentennial, giving praise and thanks to God.

❖ Bishop Joseph Binzer celebrated a Bicentennial Mass of Thanksgiving with over 300 souls in attendance. A fine reception followed this Jubilee event.

❖ Photographs taken during our Bicentennial Mass of Thanksgiving and reception have been posted on our website: [www.stxchurch.org](http://www.stxchurch.org)



**The RELIQUARY:** containing the "cap" of Francis Xavier, was shown as part of last week's Bicentennial Celebration. The relic of St. Francis Xavier is on display today in the sanctuary. Come up after Mass to offer your prayers and intercessions to our patron.

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