

The Statue of Liberty stands prominently on the right side of the image, holding a torch aloft. The background is a soft, warm-toned sky with a few wispy clouds. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

For
FREEDOM
Christ has
SET US FREE

Galatians 5:1

June 30, 2024

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St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and School

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Life on the Move!

Heraclitus “**No one ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and you are not the same person.**” It is true that life moves like a river. Don't we experience this the first time we visit our old elementary school and think, “Wow, everything is so small!” Or when we visit a former city or town and notice all of the changes?

We have a lot of changes at SFX! Next week we will welcome our new pastor, **Fr. Mark Van Alstine**. God will use him for the next chapters of the 156-year-old legacy of our parish! Someone who you will see around campus is **Fr. Emmanuel Antwi**. He is coming to serve as Parochial Vicar at St. William but will live at the rectory here in Brunswick and will assist here from time to time. It has been a blessing to serve with **Fr. Esteban** these past two years, his first years as a priest. We are blessed to have him serve our church and school. Special thanks to **Fr. Cornelius Anene** who has served at St. William the past two months and also assisted here. He will be moving to Augusta to be Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph.

In a special way I would like to thank **Deacon Mermann** who is retiring after twelve years as principal of St. Francis Xavier School. For 12 years he has been a **servant leader** within our community. For my 10 years here, he has run the school with **selfless dedication**. I could sleep well at night knowing he had great care and concern for every student, parent, teacher, staff member and volunteer. We often equate a rise in leadership with **power**, but Deacon Mermann has truly been a **servant**. He is here early in the morning to begin this day in prayer, and he is here late at night doing office work, talking to teachers or parents, or attending a sports game. Deacon Mermann, we thank you for adding to the 124-year legacy of Saint Francis Xavier Catholic school where Faith and knowledge truly do flourish!

We welcome a new principal who comes from our parish, **Mrs. Annemarie Marr**. Annemarie notes , “I am humbled and blessed to have the opportunity to lead a school that takes pride in our Catholic identity and develops a love of prayer, service to others, spiritual formation, and academic excellence in its students. I am overjoyed to be joining the SFXCS school family of dedicated staff and community members that make SFXCS a great place for students to learn and succeed. I look to continue to grow our school community while following in the missionary footsteps of Saint Francis Xavier by rooting instruction in Gospel values and in the Catholic intellectual tradition.”

I have been blessed by our faithful staff at SFX Church. They are here to serve Jesus and serve you.

It has been an honor to serve as your pastor these past ten years. **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever**. As we go our separate ways this week, we are hopeful because Jesus is always there for us on the journey of life. Let us continue to run our race and run so as to win! **May the name of Jesus be forever praised!**

-Fr. Tim McKeown

After the 11:00 Mass today we will have Coffee and Donuts. Please stop by to thank Deacon Mermann for his time as principal! He is retiring as Principal but will continue to be active in the parish and to serve as a Deacon and perhaps do some counseling in the parish. Thank you Deacon Mermann!



The Parish Offices will be closed Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

First Friday, July 5th, Mass is at 8:00 a.m. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** in the church from 1:00 pm to 7:00 p.m. for silent prayer. Mass in English and Spanish at 7:00 p.m. O come, let us adore Him!




Please join the Knights of Columbus Sunday **July 14th** for the **Red Cross blood drive**. Thank You for giving your precious gift to save a life.

We have contributed \$55,829.39 of our \$67,829 goal for the **Annual Catholic Appeal** which puts us at 82%.

<p>That Man is You! For more information contact Deacon Chris at csadowski@bellsouth.net</p>	<p>Our Young Catholics (18-35, single or married) meet each Friday night. Please contact Rob Sadowski for the schedule. Phone - (912)230-4863 or email robertsadowski@yahoo.com</p>
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Adult Bible Study Sundays in the St. Anne Room Meets between 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Please come join us!

<p>Keep in touch with us via text!</p> <p>Mass times, ministry updates, & more delivered to your phone TO SIGN UP, TEXT SFX150 TO 84576</p> <p>SIGN UP ONLINE AT: stfrancisxaviercatholic2.flocknote.com</p>	<p>Do you pay most of your bills online? You can donate to SFX online through Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) on our website.</p>
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<p>Would you prefer to receive your bulletin each week via email? Go to www.DM.CHURCH/4324 or you can scan the code on the back of the bulletin.</p>	<div data-bbox="678 1087 1521 1995"><p>RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT</p><p>September 6-8, 2024 Near Augusta, GA</p><p>Do you or someone you know have emotional, spiritual or psychological pain due to a past abortion? If so, there is a ministry just for you. At a Rachel's Vineyard Ministry retreat you can find help, hope, and healing through their post-abortion weekends.</p><p>For more information: 912-306-0406 stephaniemay135@gmail.com rachelsvineyard.org</p><p><i>Complete confidentiality will be honored at all times. Take the risk and find the peace and healing you have been searching for.</i></p><p> The Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah Office of Fellowship and Life</p></div>
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MASS INTENTIONS

June 22 - 30

Saturday, June 29

5:00 p.m. † John Lee

7:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

Sunday, June 30

8:30 a.m. † Ann Fetick

11:00 a.m. Nelia Lopez 90th Birthday

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Sonia & Alfredo Lopez
(intentions)

Monday, July 1

Noon † Vicitacion Diaz

Tuesday, July 2

Noon † Gayle Rogers

Wednesday, July 3

7 p.m. † Isaias Gomez-Pena

Thursday, July 4

8 a.m. † Roberto Tuya

Friday, July 5

8 a.m. Fr Anthony Pillari (int.)

7 p.m. Our Parish Family

Saturday, July 6

5:00 p.m. † Gladys Nartowicz

7:00 p.m. Emily & Carly Eckert,
Elfreda Dicke (ints.)

(at Jekyll United Methodist Church)

Sunday, July 7

8:30 a.m. † Robert Murphy

11:00 a.m. † Vicitacion Diaz

6:00 p.m. (Spanish) Sonia & Alfredo Lopez
(intentions)

Second Collections

June 30 - Peter's Pence
(not tax-deductible)

July 21 - Church in Africa

August 11 - Church in
Latin America

ST. VINCENT de **PAUL**

FOOD PANTRY **REQUESTS**

Cereal, Canned Chicken,
Canned Tuna, peanut
butter, jelly, premixed
peanut butter & jelly

If your baby or toddler is
feeling restless,
the **Narthex** is open with
a **live video and audio**
feed. There are about 25
seats available. There is
also a room located at the
back of the Church you can
go to.

St. Francis Xavier School

Call us now for a school tour!

912-265-9470.

**ADMISSIONS
NOW OPEN**
2024/2025



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