



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

May 3, 2020

4th Sunday of Easter



Per the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, all Daily and Weekend Masses have been suspended until further notice at St. Francis Xavier Church.

The Parish Office remains open for phone calls, but closed to visitors during this time.

Confessions are available ***only in case of an emergency.***

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Come and grow with us. We are a welcoming and inclusive community of love centered on the Holy Eucharist and helping one another to become a Eucharist to the World.



From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Friends,

Family prayer was very much part of our home while I was growing up. Every evening we got together and prayed the rosary. My mom had some special prayers before we began the rosary. Prayer for vocations was one of them. She prayed: Lord bless my family with vocations to the Holy Priesthood. She never failed to mention it in her prayers. "Maybe I am the answer to her prayers," I said to myself. That was the beginning of my discernment for my priestly vocation. Let me tell you, I am glad where I am today.

This Sunday is Vocation Sunday. We are invited to pray for our priests, for more vocations to the priestly and religious life, and help our young men and women to discover their vocation. Today is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We need Good Shepherds to continue the ministry of Jesus. The fact is that everyone of us is called. Everyone has a vocation. "We are all God's children...what we shall be has not yet been revealed." These words from the letter of St. John speak beautifully about vocations. God will reveal to us about what He wants us to be. Many are called to married life; some are called to single life; some others to religious or priestly life. How we choose to answer that call – or choose not to – defines us not only for this life, but also for the next.

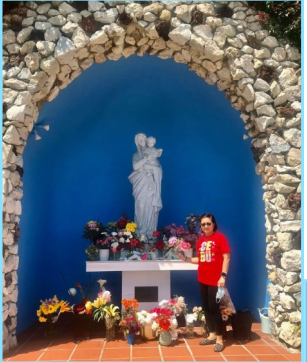
Vocation to the priesthood is very basic to the Catholic faith because as St. Francis Xavier said, "No priests means no Eucharist and no Eucharist means no Catholic Church." Jesus the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for us, instituted the Eucharist to show his continuous care for us until the end of the world. He instituted the priesthood and commissioned the apostles to keep his wish alive forever. The Church carries out this mission through the ministerial priesthood.

We don't know what we shall be or what God is going to reveal to us. Our vocation is within us. It is important for us to take time to listen to the Good Shepherd and pray for the grace to follow his path. Similarly, as a community, we have to show appreciation to the priesthood and the Church. Likewise, if parents encourage their children to consider vocation to priesthood as an option when they choose their life career, how nice it would be.

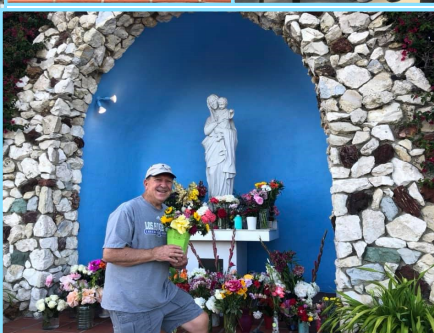
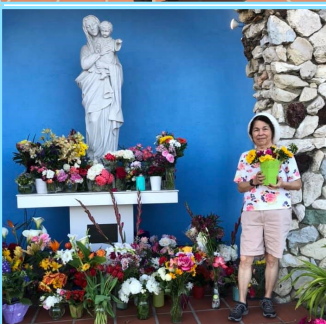
"God doesn't call the perfect; He perfects the called." Today let us pray for vocations to priesthood. Let us pray the intercession of Bl. Mary, Mother and Model of Vocations.

May God bless you.

MAY CROWNING



Thank you to all who helped make our May Crowning such a special event. Here are just a few of the beautiful photos we received. See our May Crowning on YouTube for a slide show of more friends donating flowers.



PARISH NEWS

Thank you to those who have been supporting us through your weekly contributions—whether using Online Giving, putting your donation in the mail, or even dropping your envelope in our mail slot!

Now, more than ever, your continued support is needed. As a result of the temporary suspension of our services, the finances of the church have been affected. It is through your donations that we are able to pay all of the expenses of our church and ministries.

Options for donating:

Envelopes—You can drop off your envelope in the mail slot of the Parish Office or mail to 3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

Online Giving—Visit our website at www.sfxbubank.com to sign up for our Online Giving program. Click the Online Giving tab on our home page to set up an account. You are able to choose the Sunday you would like funds to be transferred and what account you would like to use. It's safe, convenient and easy!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



God our Father, you renew the Church in every age by raising up priests outstanding in holiness, living witnesses of Your unfailing Love. In Your Plan for our salvation You provide shepherds for Your people.

Fill the hearts of young men with the spirit of courage and love that they may answer Your call generously. Give parents the grace to encourage vocations in their family by prayer and good example.

Raise up worthy priests for Your Altars and ardent, but gentle servants of the Gospel. Give the Church more priests and keep them faithful in their love and service. May many young men choose to serve You by devoting themselves to the service of Your people. Amen.

We are streaming our weekday masses on Facebook Live. Please join us weekly Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Become our Facebook friend:
St. Francis Xavier



DID YOU KNOW?

If You See Something, Say Something

We see this warning in airports and schools, but experts say it's also a great way for parents to think about Internet safety for their children. One of the best ways to protect children using the Internet is to actually engage with them in what they're doing: play the games they play and check out their profile pages with them. Discuss online respect and rules for what can and cannot be shared. Regular conversation and monitoring helps keep children safe online. For more information, read the article by Catholic News Service, "[Vigilance by parents and their children called key to safe internet use.](#)"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of May 3, 2020:

Sunday: Acts 2:14,36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5/Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 3

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, MAY 4

Mary Campbell †

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Florentino Naguit & Bernadino Peralejas †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Rosauro Naguit †

THURSDAY, MAY 7

Felino Lapugot and Maria Rubio †

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Alberto Vazquez and Willie Delarosa †

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Rosario Albuja de Quinonez and Gertrude Poe †

RELIGIOUS ED.

Registration for next year's Religious Ed. will start in May for 8th Graders entering Confirmation Year 1 and for all elementary children in public or private non-Catholic schools in preparation for their first Holy Communion.



SFX SCHOOL

St. Francis Xavier School, even in the process of creating new and innovative online teaching during this health crisis, is currently accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year for Transitional Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Learn why we were voted Burbank's Best Private School. Please call 818/504-4400 for more information.



Thank you to our school and faculty who helped make sandwiches for BTAC to distribute to the homeless in our community this week.



PRAY FOR THE SICK



We pray for our sick parishioners that they may know the healing of Christ: Fely Arenas, Teresita Blazon, Colette Craan, Rita Doyle, John Gonzalez, Barbara Kouri, Terry O'Connell, Vashie Ratzinger, Joyce Rudolph, Maria Sampley, Kathy Segura, Kirk Taylor, Betty Quigg, Lorraine White

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For more information regarding one of our Ministries, please contact the Parish Office at 818/504-4400.

To make an appointment for Confession or for a Sick Visit, please call the Parish Office at any time.

St. Francis Xavier is on Social Media! Follow us so you don't miss out on our great events and activities.

St.francisxavier—Instagram

St. Francis Xavier—Facebook

@LoveSFX—Twitter

**Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Parish!**

We invite you to become a member of our community! Thank you for printing neatly and dropping in the collection basket or bringing to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Ministry Interest: _____

