



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

May 10, 2020

5th 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.***

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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,

Once I had a telephone call from my mom. My mother lives in India. "Mom, it is very expensive for you to call from India. Please hang up the phone. I will call you back," I told her. "That is OK! If it is for you, nothing is too expensive," my mom replied. Mothers are the perfect embodiment of love and care. On this beautiful day, dear mothers, I wish you God's blessings and everything beautiful. I would also like to tell all moms that we love you and we appreciate all you do for us. Some of you may not be mothers physically but you are giving life to someone spiritually, you too are mothers. May God bless you all.

The role and importance of a Mother is second to nothing. Motherhood is so great not only because mothers bring new life into the world, but also for what they do to nurture and nourish that life. As Olive Schreiner rightly put it, "There was never a great person who had not a great mother - it is hardly an exaggeration." There is no parallel for their love, care, compassion and sacrifice. (Remember an incident when you were touched by the love of your Mother. Tell your mom about it today, if possible.)

In Mary God found a perfect mother for His Son, Jesus. This made her a paradigm for motherhood for all times. Mary's greatness was that she raised Jesus in the way God wanted. She did not make her own personal plans for Jesus. She and Joseph did not impose their family trade on Jesus. Instead, they discerned God's plan for Jesus, created an environment to support that plan and accompanied Jesus all the way to Calvary and even after. This is the role of any mother: Discern the plan of God for her child, create an environment where he/she could pursue that plan and support him/her all the way.

Every time a child is born to this world, God tells the parents, "I trust you with a child." We prove our trustworthiness when we direct our children along the way of Jesus. As we read in today's gospel reading, Jesus is the way, the truth and the Life.

Can anyone ever pay back in proportion the sacrifice a mother had gone through to bring forth her child into this world and nurture him/ her to become an independent person? Parents are the visible face of the invisible God. "A father's goodness is higher than the mountain, a mother's goodness is deeper than the sea." Appreciate your parents. You never know what sacrifices they went through for you. They are always a blessing.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS

Mother's Day Prayer
Heavenly Father,
We lift up all mothers today and
thank them for their guidance and love.
We ask You to bless them
with Your own special love, today and always.
Amen.

The tri-parish "Fill the Pantry" donation drive to help Burbank families was a huge success. Through your generosity, our parish alone filled two large pick-up trucks and raised nearly \$2000 for BTAC. Between all the parishes, we filled eight trucks and raised more than \$4000. Our thanks to Mike and Shelli Imfeld, Ron and Teresa Smith, Barbara, Jessica and Jennifer Bocek and Joe

Martinez for the use of his truck. Thank you to Fr. Sebastian and Fr. Benny for their support. Also a special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the trucks and manpower to off-load the donations at BTAC. We must also thank Fr. John Collins at St. Roberts for the birth of this idea less than two weeks ago and his encouragement of its explosive success, and to Dn. Reed Wilcox for reaching out to us. This event is proof that while we cannot be together physically, we are still one in Christ and together continue to carry out his mission to love and help others. Bless you all for the blessings that YOU are.



PARISH NEWS



Live Stream Rosary
Thursday, May 14th
at 6 p.m.

Let us pray for the
intention of the end of
the coronavirus.

Join us on Facebook
Live!

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.



We certainly miss seeing our church pews filled with the familiar faces of our parish family. While we are still not able to have parishioners physically attend Mass at this time, we would like to see your faces!

Please email a family photo to rectory@sfxburbank.com (or drop one off in the Parish Office mailbox) and we will put in the seats of the church as if you were in attendance. Just another way for us to try to stay connected in an unconventional way.

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel
to get notifications of our
uploaded videos.

All of our Masses and Reflections are
uploaded to our YouTube channel:
St. Francis Xavier Church Burbank.



DID YOU KNOW?

Stress Can Affect the Children Around You

Everyone has stress, whether it is a bad day at work, car trouble, or simply too many things to do. It is important to learn how to manage your stress – for your own sake and for the sake of the children around you. Too much stress can make it hard to parent effectively. After a while, your children may show signs of stress, too. To learn more about how to identify and cope with stress, visit <https://www.helpguide.org/articles/stress/stress-management.htm>.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of May 10, 2020:

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4,15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13,21/Jn 14:27-31

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1-3,5/Jn 15:18-21

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 10

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, MAY 11

Maria Lourdes Macias & Gertrude Poe †

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Diane Evans & Yap See Tan †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

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THURSDAY, MAY 14

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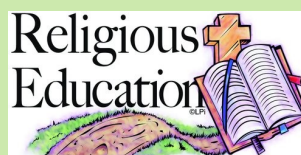
FRIDAY, MAY 15

Amparo & Adolfo George †

SATURDAY, MAY 16

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RELIGIOUS ED.



Registration for next year's RE Elementary and Sacramental Prep, Confirmation for Teens, and RCIA will begin this week. Please visit <https://sfxfamilyprep.weebly.com/> for more information.

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 all of our wonderful students and school families who reached out to make Teacher Appreciation Week special for our teachers and staff. We loved all of the notes, emails, videos and treats, and can't wait to all be back together again!!



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, Michael MacMartin, Terry O'Connell, Vashie Ratzinger, Joyce Rudolph, Maria Sampley, Kathy Segura, Kirk Taylor, Betty Quigg, Lorraine White

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Ministries & Groups

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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: _____

