

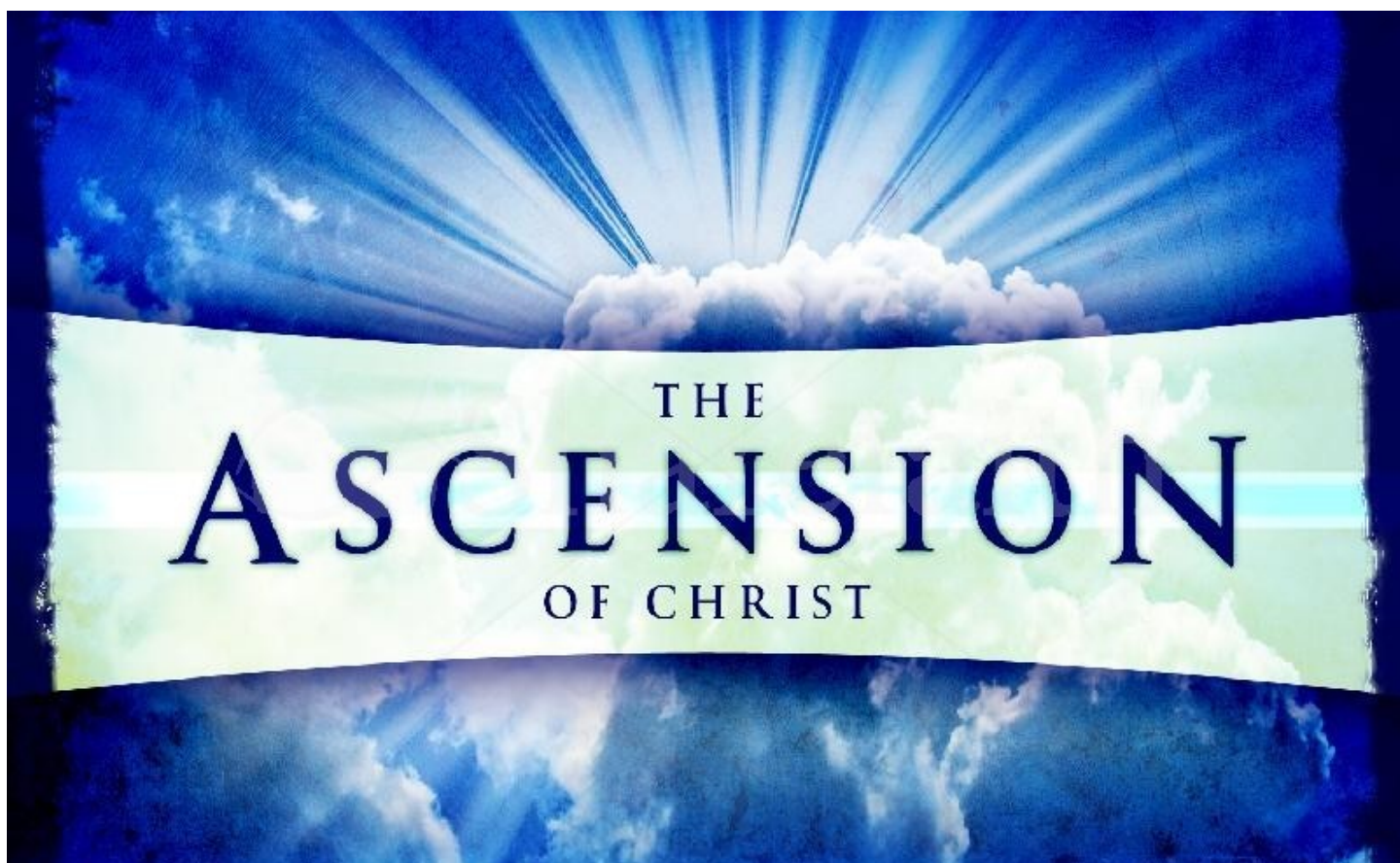


St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord



Due to the pandemic, all Daily and Weekend Masses have been suspended throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

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,

The end of May and the beginning of June are normally a time of graduation for students. Graduation is a time of joy and jubilation when we celebrate accomplishment and achievement. It is the celebration of a task successfully finished. This weekend we celebrate a different kind of accomplishment; the accomplishment of redemption. Jesus completed his ministry entrusted on him by His Father and returned to him gloriously. This celebration is called the Ascension of Jesus.

The Ascension is not only the completion of Jesus' mission, but the beginning of the mission of the Church, also. Thus the Ascension is not only about Jesus but also about each one of us. Before the Ascension, Jesus said to his disciples: You will receive the power from the Holy Spirit and you will be my witness in Jerusalem and to the ends of the earth (Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11).

Our mission is a mission of witnessing/evangelizing. "Lighthouses blow no horns; they only shine." The basic condition for witnessing is a personal encounter with the risen Lord. According to Pope Francis every baptized person is a "cristoforo," a bearer of Christ. Whoever has encountered Christ, as the Samaritan woman at the well, cannot keep this experience to him/herself, but has the desire to share it, to bring Jesus to others (cf. John 4). It is for all of us to ask ourselves if one who meets us perceives in our life the warmth of faith, sees in our face the joy of having encountered Christ!

The starting point of this missionary mandate is our family itself. I was at someone's home for dinner. This little girl said the prayer before the meal. "Do you believe in God?" I asked her. "Yes Father, I do," she replied. "How do you know there is a God?" "My mom told me," she answered. "How does your Mom know about it?" I asked her again. "Her Mom told her," this little girl replied. Home is the school where we learn the basics of life. Parents are the television children watch all the time.

This pandemic is really upsetting us. However, there is something good about this pandemic. It is the gift of time. We have more family time. When we are physically away from the parish church, it is highly advisable to focus on our domestic church. Maybe you can prepare a family altar and watch our YouTube and livestream Masses in front of your family altar.

May God continue to bless all of you at this difficult time. Let us pray for each other especially those who are going through struggles. I appreciate your spiritual communion with Christ and the community, and am extremely grateful for your generous financial contributions to the church in spite of this difficult time.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS



We look forward to celebrating our Old Tyme Country Faire at a later date. It will be at a time when all of our parishioners, neighbors and friends can come together again safely to celebrate this amazing community called St. Francis Xavier! Information regarding the new dates will be shared when it becomes available.

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you! Ways you can continue supporting:



Send in the US Mail.



Sign up for Online Giving.



Drop in the Parish Office mail slot.

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](#)



A Prayer for Pentecost

Father, as much as we want needs met
and prayers answered, we want you!
Fill us — satisfy us with Your presence.
Holy Spirit, breathe freshly upon your Word each day.
Give us an undying passion for Jesus.
Help us to tarry before you in our secret place.
Baptise us in the fire of Your holiness!
Break our hearts over what breaks Yours.
May the things that delight You, delight us.
For then ... we will have the desires of our heart.
Holy Spirit, fall! Fall on my brothers. Fall on my sisters.
Breathe on us all afresh.
Like a mighty wind, light the fire again!
Come magnify the Son in us — today, tomorrow, for always!
Show the Saviour to the world through our lives!
We want to take Your Good News in Your power
to a lost and dying world.
In Jesus' mighty, precious, holy name, Amen! So be it!

PARISH NEWS



Make sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel to get notifications of all our uploaded Masses, Prayer Hour, Rosary and reflections. Our channel name is St. Francis Xavier Church Burbank.

April Parish Collections

Thank you for your generosity and support for St. Francis Xavier Church.

1st Week:	\$ 2,874
2nd Week:	\$ 5,616
3rd Week:	\$ 3,845
4th Week:	\$ 3,181
Easter:	\$ 6,290
Electronic Monthly:	\$ 9,776

Total Contributions: \$ 31,582



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Matthew 28:20

SFX SCHOOL

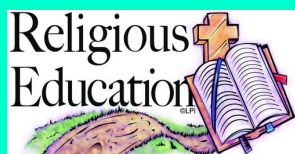


Congratulations to our 8th Graders as they graduate from St. Francis Xavier School. May their high school years be filled with many blessings.

*Amanda Alatorre—Notre Dame High School
Christian Castro—Notre Dame High School
Chloe Cruz—Providence High School
Emma Duarte—Providence High School
Benjamin Escobar—Notre Dame High School
Sophia Fayad—Providence High School
Roman Garcia—Notre Dame High School
Jeremy Jitendran—John Burroughs High School
Jack Kehrli—Notre Dame High School
Andrew Malong—Providence High School
Isabella Marrero—La Salle College Preparatory
Genevieve Moncrief—Providence High School
Samantha Pinto—Holy Family High School
Arianne Posadas—Providence High School
Max Procanik—Notre Dame High School
Natalie Ruiz—Providence High School
Natalya Sanchez—Providence High School
Sebastian Stoffers—Notre Dame High School
Drake Stuber—Bishop Alemany High School*

Class 
of 2020 

RELIGIOUS ED.



Register now for next year's RE Elementary and Sacramental Prep, Confirmation for Teens, and RCIA. Please visit <https://sfxfamilyprep.weebly.com/> for more information.



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FAMILY FAITH AT
HOME

Please visit SFX At Home RE:
<https://sfxathomere.weebly.com>

Please visit our "At Home" family website. Here you will find links to children's programs normally offered on Sundays (Sunday School & Children's Liturgy of the Word) plus some extra leaflets for children in older grades. There is information for family bible study and more.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 24

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, MAY 25

People of St. Francis Xavier

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Sergio Martinez †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

People of St. Francis Xavier

THURSDAY, MAY 28

People of St. Francis Xavier

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Fernando Hizon †

SATURDAY, MAY 30

People of St. Francis Xavier

DID YOU KNOW?

What Can You Do To Stop The Spread Of Child Pornography?

Child pornography is one type of child sexual exploitation, which includes a range of illegal and abusive activities that control and use children for sexual purposes. Each year, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reviews 25 million images related to child pornography. You can help by reporting sightings of a missing child to 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678). Operators are available 24/7. For more information, please visit, <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of May 24, 2020:

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1,4,7-8/1 Pt 4:13-16/
Jn 17:1-11

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-7/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11,20-21/Jn
17:1-11

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30,33-36/Jn
17:11-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30;23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11/Jn
17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13-21/Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20/Jn
21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20,30-31/Ps 11:4-5,7/Jn
21:20-25

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

Adult Faith Formation: Father Sebastian Vettickal; **Altar Server Training:** Herman Buitrago; **Altar Society:** Maria Sampley; **Annulments and Convalidation:** Deacon Jaime Abrera; **Baptism:** Rosie Roope; **Bereavement Ministry:** Mary Abrajano & Barbara Trincherro; **Confirmation Program:** Deacon Jim Roope; **Cornerstone Music:** Paula Lucero; **Eucharistic Minister Training:** Deacon Jaime Abrera; **Filipino-American Group:** Rene Decena; **Lector Training:** Mike Imfeld; **Marriage Preparation:** Mike and Debbie Maddigan; **Minister Scheduling:** Parish Office; **Ministry to the Sick:** Father Benny George; **Old Tyme Country Faire:** Brant Cotton; **Parish Finance Council:** Richard Dixon; **Parish Hospitality Committee:** JoDee Geryak; **Peace & Justice:** Deacon Jaime Abrera; **RCIA:** Paula Lucero; **Religious Education Programs:** Rosie Roope; **Sacristan Training:** Jess Obal; **Sandwich Sundays:** Peg Setti; **SFX Liaison Committee:** Rita Recker; **Usher Training:** Fred Sinclair; **VIRTUS Training and Fingerprinting:** Rosie Roope; **Vocations:** Father Benny George; **Wedding Coordinator:** Yvette Rubio; **Youth and Young Adult Ministry Director:** Manuel Jaimez

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: _____

