



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

November 8, 2020

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Feast of Mother Cabrini

*Holy Mass & Procession
Friday, November 13th at 8 a.m.*

Please join us.

OUTDOOR MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 8 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Holy Hour—Friday: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

CONFESSION & SICK VISITS

Confession is available before each weekend Mass.

Please be there at least thirty minutes before the Mass. Arrangements can also be made for Confession and Sick Visits by calling the Parish Office.

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Friends,

There was a brain storming session in Hell, the topic of discussion was how to bring more people to Hell. The Chief Devil invited suggestions. The first said, "I will tell them there is no God." Satan said, "That will not delude many, for they know that there is a God." The second said, "I will tell them there is no Hell." Satan answered, "You will receive no one that way; men know even now that there is a Hell for sin." The third said, "I will tell them there is no hurry there is time." "Go," said Satan.

The most dangerous action any one can do is procrastination. The procrastinator makes the unwise assumption that tomorrow will surely arrive. No person can make such an assumption. "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1). Procrastination is not only a wrong use of time in the present, but also an unwise assumption about the future.

The best example for this truth is the parable of the 10 virgins. The foolish did not realize the four basic principles of life. They are: 1. Time and tide will wait for none. 2. There are certain things which cannot be obtained at the last minute. 3. There are certain things which cannot be borrowed. 4. Today will never come back.

People say, "I am really busy today. Let us do it tomorrow." St. Augustine realized his folly long before his conversion. However, he postponed his decision to return to God. He said, "I will go to Him but not today." This can happen to any of us.

All are busy. Because of our 'busy-ness' we did not enjoy yesterday, we are not enjoying today and we will not enjoy tomorrow. Thomas Gray said, "Yesterday is a history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is the reality, so act in the living present..." It is true. 'Now' is the only thing that I can say with all certainty that I have it. Every day is a blessing. Every day brings blessings. Everyday gives us an opportunity for a fresh beginning.

If you have an inspiration to do something honorable today, do not miss it. Every inspiration is an opportunity of grace. Imagine the missed fortune of the people who denied the invitation of Jesus with excuses! Similarly, the 'Innkeepers' did not realize that they were saying no to 'the savior of the world'. Be alert. Be vigilant. Be ready. God is the God of the present.

A young man eagerly described what he dreamed of doing for the poor. Said the Master, 'When do you propose to make your dream come true?' 'As soon as the opportunity arrives.' 'Opportunity never arrives,' said the Master. It is here.

May God bless you,

PARISH NEWS

Delicious Banana Bread

Our SFX Family is in need of help and since Thanksgiving is upon us, to show our love and gratitude to the School and Church, let us rally behind the community and extend a little help that will go a long way.

For the whole month of November, Mrs. Bernadette Caloza will be baking her specialty banana bread for all of you.

To place an order for this delicious banana bread, please call the Parish Office at 818/504-4400 or email rita.recker@sfxburbank.com. The donation is \$10.00 per loaf. Please allow for a four-day turn around. All orders can be picked up from the Parish Office during the week.



The Baked Bear®

Save the Date

Chaza and Ned Chikh SFX parishioners and owners of The Baked Bear located in the Empire Center are hosting a fundraiser for our parish on November 16th. Mark your calendars and come by for a warm cookie, cold ice-cream or both.

We welcome back Altar Servers to help at our weekend Masses.



We are looking for three altar servers for each Mass. If you are interested in helping our parish, please call the Parish Office at 818/504-4400

Mother Cabrini Novena



From November 4th through November 13th, we will be having a special Novena in honor of Mother Cabrini after the weekday Masses, concluding with Mass and procession in honor of her Feast Day on November 13th at 8 a.m. outside the Cabrini Chapel. Please join us in celebrating the first U.S. citizen to be canonized by the Catholic Church, and who actually walked on the grounds of St. Francis Xavier.



We Will Miss You

Tracee Porras, our school computer lab teacher and parish office assistant, is starting a new journey. Her last day working at St. Francis Xavier is Friday, November 6. Tracee creates our bulletin, weekly school news letter and calendar, schedules ministers for Masses, and records our YouTube Masses and Coffee with Jesus with Lissette. She also is the voice in our phone system. Tracee and her husband Miguel are moving to Washington State. We want to wish them the very best and may God bless them on their new journey.

In observance of Veterans Day, the Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, November 11th.



PARISH NEWS



WeSoldLA team at Rodeo Realty— Barbara Bocek, Jessica Bocek and Brandon Kramer—has made a commitment to give back to St. Francis Xavier Church 15% of what they make on a sale for every parishioner referral. Recently, a parish family listed their home with them. It resulted in a sale in less than 10 days and a donation of more than \$3000 to SFX. If you or anyone you know is looking to buy or sell a home, a referral to WeSoldLA could result in another donation to the church. Check out their ad in the parish bulletin.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

If you have any questions or need more information, please email Rosie Roope at rosie.roope@gmail.com or visit our parish website at www.sfxburbank.com.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: For children in the 1st-5th grades attending public or non-Catholic private school. This program presents religious education and sacramental preparation information in a fun and innovative way. Baptized children generally begin their Sacramental Preparation in the first grade, and complete their sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the 2nd grade. (Note: If your child is older than 3rd grade, baptized but has not yet made their First Holy Communion, we do have a Sacramental Preparation class for them). Classes will begin in October online, then transition to in-person instruction as soon as possible.



CONFIRMATION (for teens): Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation that brings your teen into full communion with the church. St. Francis Xavier follows a two-year preparation process for reception of this sacrament designed to help our young people come to a deeper understanding of how the Holy Spirit works in our lives and in the life of the Church. Boys and girls begin the process anytime in their high school years, although most start as freshmen. Classes will begin in October online, then transition to in-person instruction as soon as possible.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: If you have already received the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion, but have not yet been Confirmed, we do have an adult Confirmation program beginning early 2021. For more information, please contact Rosie Roope at rosie.roope@gmail.com.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN: If you are interested in becoming baptized in the Catholic Church, or completing your sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation, we have an excellent program for you called "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults" (RCIA). The St. Francis Xavier parish community invites you meet with members of the RCIA team who welcome your interest and questions regarding the Catholic Church and our parish community.



Note: We cannot currently offer Sunday School or Children's Liturgy of the Word due to this pandemic and social distancing guidelines. These programs will resume as soon as possible.

SFX SCHOOL



The California Junior Scholastic Federation (CJSF) of St. Francis Xavier School is collecting any left over Halloween candy for Operation Gratitude. If you would like to participate, there will be a box in the school breezeway marked Operation Gratitude. Candy for the soldiers will be collected until Friday, November 20th.

The St. Francis Xavier School Student Council is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive beginning on November 6th and ending on November 20th. Our collection will aid the Burbank Temporary Aid Center, which is in need of many non-perishable food items such as canned goods, pasta, tuna, peanut butter, soup, cereal and pancake mix.

Please drop off your donations during the week in the school breezeway. Thank you in advance for your participation to this very worthy cause.



DID YOU KNOW?

How To Help Your Children With Anxiety

We're living in uncertain times, and our anxiety about what is happening today, and will happen in the future, can trickle down to our children, making them anxious, too. This anxiety may manifest in new fears, such that a child becomes reluctant to try new things, or it may exacerbate existing fears, such that a child becomes even more anxious than before. Parents can help their children with anxiety by practicing techniques for deep breathing, ensuring regular exercise and talking honestly about feelings and concerns. For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "Techniques for Calming Anxiety for Youth" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

People of St. Francis Xavier

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

People of St. Francis Xavier

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Glorioso Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Rosario Albuja de Quinonez
& Sherwin Serna †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Donald Jose & Tom Neal †

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of November 8, 2020

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12/Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9/1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8,11-14/Ps 37:3-4,18,23,27,29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1-6/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1-2,10-11,17-18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-6/Lk 18:1-8



We pray for our sick parishioners that they may know the healing of Christ: Fely Arenas, Teresita Blazon, Dwayne Cheshire, Colette Craan, Rita Doyle, John Gonzalez, Lindsey Hargrave, Micah Homayounian, Carl Mattera, Sr., Terry O'Connell, Jerry Peale, Vashie Ratzinger, Joyce Rudolph, Maria Sampley, Kathy Segura, Kirk Taylor, Betty Quigg, Aleyamma Vettickal (Fr. Sebastian's mom), Lorraine White, and Steve Zapata.

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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;

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.franisxavier—Instagram

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@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.

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