



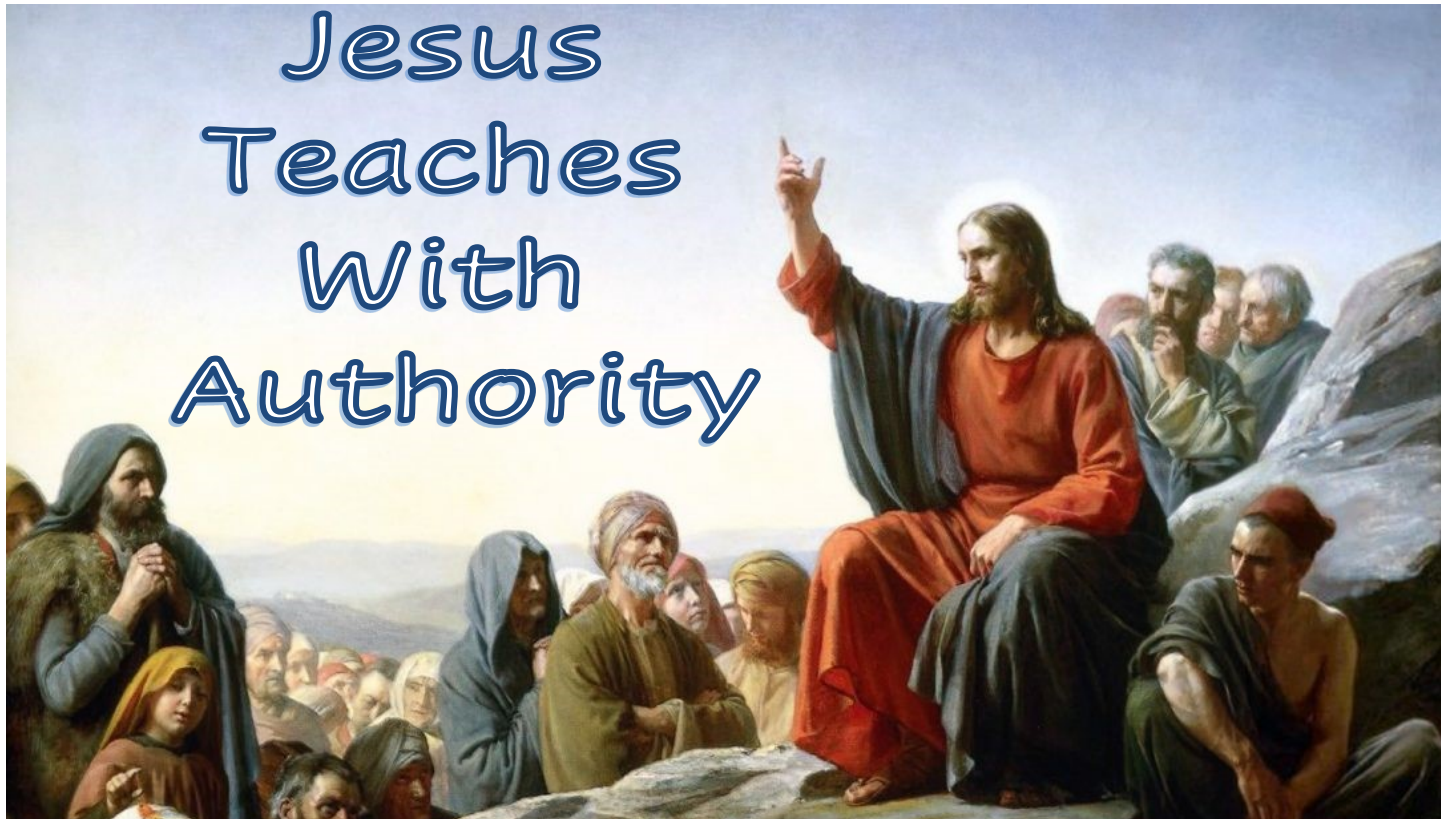
St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Teaches With Authority



INDOOR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

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

OUTDOOR MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM MASS:

Saturday 5 p.m.

Indoor Holy Hour—Friday: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

CONFESSION & SICK VISITS

Confession is available 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Sick Visits and Confession are also available by calling the Parish Office.

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Friends,

It is said that as the great Michelangelo painted the magnificent frescoes on the ceiling of the Sistine chapel-lying on his back for endless hours to finish every detail with great care. A friend asked him why he took such pains with figures that would be viewed from a considerable distance. After all, the friend said, "Who will notice whether it is perfect or not?" "I will," replied the artist.

Today's readings stress the need for authenticity. Authenticity is supporting our words with action. "The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires," says William Arthur Ward. Jesus Christ preached with authority. When Jesus taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath, the people were amazed: "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey Him." The people cannot but notice the authority of His teaching.

Jesus taught with authority, not only because he is God, but also because his words are always accompanied by his deeds, and his deeds are invariably in consonance with his words. When he taught about love, for instance, he proved it by his own example: "No greater love than for a man to give his life for his friends." And, indeed, he showed this when he willingly offered his life on the cross for us, even "while we were still enemies" because of our sins (cf. Rom 5:8).

Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing. In Baptism, we have become Christians – we are supposed to be like Christ. We just don't imitate him; we imbibe and assimilate His Spirit. As Christians, therefore, we can also teach with authority. Once a man asked the bishop, "Bishop, why is it that some preachers are almost always shouting when they give their talk?" He replied, "Well, you know, when the preacher has nothing really important to say, he has to shout so that the people will listen to him."

We learn faith by seeing. Let us live our faith whether it is convenient or not. May we be, the only bible people read every day. I usually tell parents: Parents, you are the Television that your children watch every day. Let us not trade our authenticity for approval. Remember the words of Jesus: By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Let us ask these questions seriously: When people observe how we live and work, do they see the benefits of being a child of God? Do our actions match our words? Do they attest to the truth of what we believe? Do people see that our faith makes a positive difference in our life and work?

May God bless you!

PARISH NEWS



OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

Please join us for Stations of the Cross every Wednesday throughout Lent starting February 24th at 5:30 p.m. We will pilgrimage around the entire lower parking lot as we pray and sing the Stations of the Cross. Experience this annual event in a new light, then stay and finish Mass with us at 6:00 p.m.

The Online Auction is Approaching Fast!

Our **SILENT** Auction will be held February 8-13, it is open to everyone and it's **FREE!!**

Our **LIVE** auction will be held on Saturday, February 13 at 6:00pm. Entry tickets are \$25 which includes 6 raffle tickets with an option to purchase more!! You won't want to miss the **LIVE** auction.

Invite your family and friends to **COME BID WITH US!**

PURCHASE ONLINE: <https://tinyurl.com/SFX2021>



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Masses on Feb. 17th:

8 a.m. Mass (Live Streaming)
3:30 p.m. SFX School Mass by Zoom
6 p.m. Mass

Ashes will also be available by calling the Parish Office at 818/504-4400.



PROJECT 3000

Christopher Geryak, an alumni at SFX School has started to organize a project to help the homeless, it is called Project 3000. He is going to collect cloth masks and wipes for three different homeless centers in Glendale, Pasadena and Burbank. Christopher is asking for assistance with supplies. He will be handing out flyers on February 13th and 14th, at the beginning of Masses. There will be a box out in the Breezeway for donated items until March 7th. Thank you for your support!



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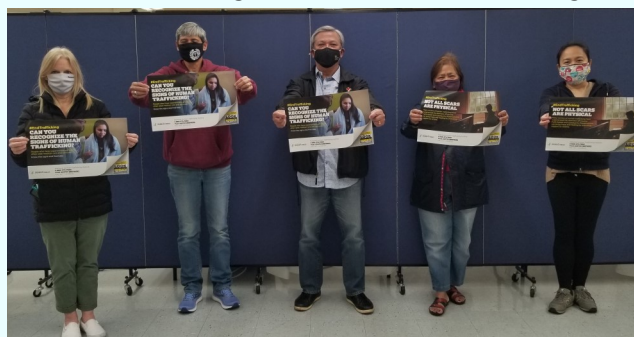


PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Peace & Justice Ministry Leadership Team is actively involved in the campaign against human trafficking. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has created an Anti-Trafficking Program (ATP) to educate our faith community on the scourge of human trafficking as "an offense against the fundamental dignity of the human person, to advocate for an end to modern day slavery" and to educate on this issue.. According to many anti-human trafficking task forces, the community is 90% of the solution. Peace & Justice will be sharing information about human trafficking through Feb. 7th. Feb. 8 not only marks the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita (herself kidnapped and sold into slavery) but it is also the *International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking*.

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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.

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.

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.



Virtus Training

If you need to take a Virtus Training, there will be one in February 28th 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. and March 21st 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. For more information contact Rosie Roope at rosie.roope@gmail.com

SFX SCHOOL



SFX School is currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 School Year.

If you would like to know more about our school go to our website sfxschool.org and click on Academics, Admissions, and Events. You can also contact our School Office at 818-504-4422.

Why choose St. Francis Xavier? We asked many parents and students about attending here at SFX. Their responses are; we feel a sense of community, our children learn morals and values, SFX treats us like family and we have great teachers here. Students also say they love coming here! Come and join our community and let's grow together!

DID YOU KNOW?

Do You Know What To Do If Someone Is Choking?

Choking is one of the leading causes of accidental death, but many people do not know what to do if someone is choking near them. If a person is coughing, grabbing his or her throat, or passed out with no explanation, he/she could be choking. Utilizing abdominal thrusts, also known as the Heimlich maneuver, could prevent suffocation. Parents should be knowledgeable as to how to perform this maneuver, and if possible, should attend a CPR training course so they are prepared, in the event that a child or adult is choking. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Gina & Roxanne Carrasco

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Sara Marquez & David Carrasco

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Benjamin Carrasco & JoAnn Cardona

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Motran & Boutros Family †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Fernando M. Hizon
& Verenice Bernardo †

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

People of St. Francis Xavier

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of January 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20-24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7,11-15/Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19,21-24/Ps 48:2-4,9-11/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1,3,5,8-9/Mk 6:14-29/ 1 Cor 1:26-31/Lk 9:23-26

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17,20-21/Ps 23:1-6/Mk 6:30-34/Gal 2:19-20/Mt 28:16-20

PRAY FOR THE SICK



We pray for our sick parishioners that they may know the healing of Christ: Fely Arenas, Teresita Blazon, Dwayne Cheshire, Colette Craan, John Gonzalez, Lindsey Hargrave, Micah Homayounian, 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, Steve Zapata, Donna Kaiser, Isabella Riera and Catalina Santos.

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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

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**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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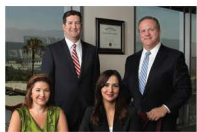
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