



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord



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,

Finally, we are in the holiest week of the year. The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday is called Holy Week. During these days we commemorate the foundational events in the history of salvation that transformed the world and human destiny. We witness the institution of Priesthood, Eucharist, Ministry, as well as the Passion, Death and the Resurrection of Jesus. Each of these needs to be reflected and meditated upon. In this brief presentation, however, I would like to invite your attention to the contrast between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

These two Sundays symbolize two kinds of glory - the man given glory and God given glory. On Palm Sunday, people crowned Jesus with Kingship. They sang hosanna to him. They spread their cloaks along the road (Lk19:28ff). This excitement and human praise, however, did not last long. A few days later the same people shouted: "Crucify him!" (Lk 23:210). The human mind fluctuates and is most often influenced by selfish motives. Convenience dictates conscience. The glory that the world offers is like a house built on sand. Palm Sunday reflects this reality. In the long run, this kind of glory becomes a meaningless victory.

On the other hand, Easter Sunday talks about a different kind of glory, God given glory. On Easter Sunday, God exalted Jesus and bestowed on him the Name that is above every name (Phil 2: 6-11). This eternal and everlasting glory resulted from Jesus' unfailing commitment to the will of God. As Paul described, because "Jesus sought the Kingdom of God even to the point of sacrificing his life, God greatly exalted him."

Our life is a journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Being an embodied spirit, the human person constantly struggles between the life (spirit) principle and the death (body) principle (Freud). As worldly glory is more attractive to the senses and less demanding, many people traveling along this road. As Thomas Grey rightly put it, "The path of worldly glory but leads to the grave."

Jesus reached the mountain of resurrection by traveling up the hill of Calvary (Good Friday). There is no bypass to resurrection. Whether it is in our family, workplace, school or personal life, to experience Easter, we need to break our ego, say no to worldly attractions and take up the cross with Jesus. Let us continue our journey towards Easter Sunday. Let us work for the treasures that last forever.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS

EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

Vigil 5pm, Sunday 8, 10 & 11:30am & 5pm

Holy Thursday: Lord's Supper:

Thursday April 1 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday: Passion Narrative followed by Stations of the Cross:

Friday April 2 at 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil:

Saturday April 3 at 8:00 pm

Easter Day:

Sunday April 4 at 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am

Divine Mercy Celebration:

Sunday April 11 at 2:00 pm

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



STATIONS of the CROSS

OUTDOOR MASS

All the Morning Masses on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will be Outdoors. The morning Mass schedule is 8, 10 & 11.30 am. Please join us, and let us make this Holy Week Holy and life changing.

PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS

The **Peace & Justice** is accepting regular sized shampoos, conditioners, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash or body soap and deodorant to help the YWCA Glendale Domestic Violence Shelter replenish its toiletry supplies that are distributed to the victims seeking assistance. A bin will be placed in the breezeway for collections. We are collecting only during the remainder of March in commemoration of Women's History Month. If you would like to have toiletry donations picked up, please contact Gloria Salas (ggortarisalas@gmail.com) or Deacon Jaime (deaconjaime@gmail.com)

Thank you,
Peace & Justice Leadership Team



PARISH NEWS

An Invitation to Join Us For Easter

Breaking News! The grave could not hold Christ; he defeated death. He is Risen. Friends, let us celebrate His resurrection. Let us share the joy and blessings of Easter.

Mary Magdela went to the tomb not to see the Risen Lord but to anoint his dead Body. She was surprised when Jesus greeted her, "Do not be afraid Mary. I am alive. Go and tell your brothers."

Life can be tough. Life's roads are often filled with detours. Life's bridges can be knocked down by an emotional earthquake or washed out by a flood of problems. Life can be unfair. But do not get stuck in your crises. Do not give up on life. With His resurrection, Jesus who opened His own grave, tells us He can remove the stone that frustrates us. He is the Lord. If you believe, He will surprise you. Let the words of Jesus 'Do not be afraid, I have overcome death' be our slogan.

We are the witnesses of this truth. Are we not? We have overcome a lot. Even the pandemic that threatened our lives is slowly disappearing. We, as a church and school community, are moving steadily back to our normal rhythm.

The Easter Spirit is our treasure and strength. I wholeheartedly applaud your faith, your spirit of cooperation and your support to build up our community, especially during the past year which was challenged by the pandemic. Thank you. Everyone deserves credit.

Let us not stop half way. Let us write the next chapter for the St. Francis Xavier Community. The Easter experience made the disciples evangelizers. Let us do the same.

The Easter joy must be personal and communal. I invite you and your family to our Easter Celebrations here at St. Francis Xavier Church. Our Church is OPEN.

In Jesus love, Fr. Sebastian
and the Pastoral Staff

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!



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The Class of 2021 Presents The Passion

Save the Date: Good Friday at 6:30 p.m. We are proud to announce SFX's dramatic representation of The Stations of the Cross! You will recognize many 8th grade (masked) faces in this powerful online performance, and we cannot wait to share it with you.

Full Link: music.sfxschool.org/passion-2021

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Abusive Behavior Is Nonconsensual

The term “consensual” implies that a person freely agrees to do something and understands what they are consenting to do. When it comes to child abuse, no child can give consent, or freely agree, to engage in inappropriate behavior with an older person – however children can be manipulated such that it appears they have consented in some way out of deference to the abuser’s authority. This is why abuse often involves misuse or abuse of power over a victim and can be accomplished through a range of inappropriate behaviors that give the abuser the upper hand. To read more from the VIRTUS® article “Early Identification is Crucial,” visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, MARCH 29

Constancia Perez, Ezio Figliuzzi
& Virginia Estelle Pilato's †

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

Fr. Dick Albarano & Saiegh Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

Gertrude Poe & Asuncion Gutierrez †

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Salome Moret †

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

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SATURDAY, APRIL 3

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of March 28, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24/Phil 2:6- 11/Mk 14:1—15:47

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3,13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4,5-6,15,17/Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9/Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Is 61:1-3,6,8-9/Ps 89:21-22,25,27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16- 21

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25/Heb 4:14- 16;5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2,5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35

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, Joyce Rudolph, Maria Sampley, Kathy Segura, Kirk Taylor, Betty Quigg, Lorraine White, Steve Zapata, Donna Kaiser, Isabella Riera, Catalina

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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.

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