



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

September 19, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catechetical Sunday
September 19, 2021

INDOOR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 10 am, 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

OUTDOOR MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8 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,

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States commemorates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday." On this Sunday, we recognize our catechists, teachers and volunteers who make our program of religious education possible and pray for the Church's mission that is to teach the Gospel to all people. Theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed."

This theme is so timely as the whole world is wounded in some way and in need of healing that can only come from Jesus. The role of Catechists is to echo the Good News that Jesus is with us to heal our brokenness. In fact, the root word catechesis is from a Greek word meaning to 'echo or resound.'

Every baptized Christian is a catechist. Everyone has the noble obligation of sharing faith. St. Paul wrote, "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." Our life must echo our belief.

In the process of catechizing, parents' role come first. Parents are the primary catechists in their children's lives, and the catechists assist parents in their sacred task of handing on the faith. Parents' teaching role is distinct from that of a catechist. Parents teach by example of lived faith; catechists teach by instruction. Theirs is a pedagogical role. Catechists educate; that is, they lead their students to know the content of what the Church knows and believes about God.

According to our Catholic belief, we grow in faith through the Sacramental life of the Church. Sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The Council of Trent teaches that, it is through the sacraments that all true sanctity either begins, or being begun, is increased, or being lost is restored. Therefore, all the sacraments are equally important. They confer graces at various stages of a person's life where the presence of grace is critically significant. Baptism cleanses us, Confirmation strengthens us, Confession sanctifies us, Holy Eucharist nourishes us, Holy Matrimony/ Holy Orders commissions us and Anointing of the sick heals us.

On this Catechetical Sunday, let us ask these questions. 1. Do I have the Sacrament of initiation? The three sacraments, Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, together constitute the Sacrament of Initiation. Through these three Sacraments a person becomes a full-fledged member of the Church. 2. Is my marriage sacramental? (If you would like to get your marriage blessed, please call to the office.) 3. Do I receive the Holy Eucharist regularly? 4. How often do I celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation? 5. Am I missing any Sacraments?

Our parish has great catechetical programs with great catechists. On this catechetical Sunday, I express my sincere gratitude to Rosie Roope, Dn. Jim, Dr. Sullivan, Jonatan Zamora, Paula Lucero and the catechists who volunteer their time to our parish community. The information and the formation you provide as a catechist influences many lives and through those lives' society and culture.

Let the example of our catechists inspire us to service, especially those who have not yet found a parish ministry. When everyone gets involved in parish life, God's love echoes more powerfully and clearly to a world in desperate need of healing. Let us be an ambassador of Christ.

Prayer for the Catechists:

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

May God bless you

PARISH NEWS



Grief Support Ministry

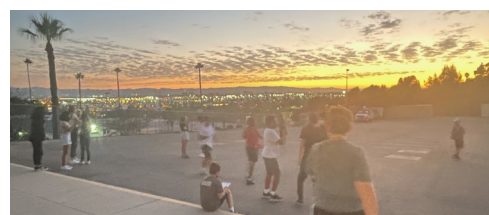
Is someone you know grieving a loss? SFX Parish will be starting a Grief Support Ministry. The first meeting will be **Saturday, September 18, 2021 in the Sunburst Room from 9 a.m. till noon**. This ministry will complement the Bereavement Ministry which supports bereaved parishioners in preparation before and during the funeral process, or memorial mass. The death of someone we love changes our lives and can be a painful experience. Grief support will be there to listen, to pray and to talk to during your grief journey.

Youth Power House

Our first meeting went amazing. It was great seeing everyone participate in activities. Our greet day wasn't just about talking, we played kickball and even made it more fun with **"Taco Meat and Greet"**.

Our next gathering will be titled **"Sweet and Sour"**. We will be having baked good and ice cream. Don't miss out with lots of laughter, music and fun!!!

Power House is open to any junior high student from any school.



Healing Mass

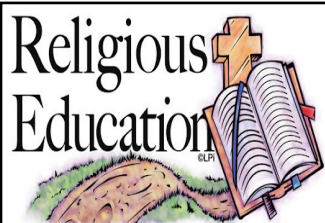
A Mass for healing gives comfort and strength to those in need. Please join us in our Healing Mass on Friday October 1st. The Blessed Eucharist will be exposed during the prayer. All are invited to receive healing prayers through the priesthood in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



6:30 pm—Praise and Worship

7:00pm— Mass with Healing prayers

ALL ARE WELCOME!!



Religious Education Second Collection This Weekend

St. Francis Xavier's Religious Education programs prepare students for the Sacraments of Penance, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and for a lifetime devotion to God.

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September 16-23 after 8:00
am Mass

Holy Mass in Honor of St.
Lorenzo Ruiz: Friday,
September 24 at 7: pm
(6:00pm Holy Hour)



PARISH NEWS



St. Francis Xavier's Annual Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 3rd

Owners bring your pets, and pets bring your owners for our annual blessing!

Join us for our socially distant, drive-thru Blessing of the Animals on the lower parking lot! All furry friends (those scaly and feathered, too) will be blessed in your car.

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 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 late September. Meet Wednesdays after school 4-5 p.m.



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.

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. 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 to meet with members of the RCIA team who welcome your interest and questions regarding the Catholic Church and our parish community.



PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS



Peace & Justice Food Drive Collection

The food item featured for September is canned vegetables, but we will accept any canned item such as canned meat, pasta & pasta sauce, dry beans, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned soups, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter & jelly, etc.

Please leave your donation in the yellow barrels outside the Church in the breezeway.

DID YOU KNOW?

What To Look For In A Safe School

Preventing violence in schools takes more than a few rules and requirements. It requires a culture of concern, in which every member works together to prevent violence and abuse. These cultures share certain hallmarks that parents can look for in selecting the safest school for their children. Some of these features include a strong community, clear lines of communication between teachers, staff, and families, and equal respect for students and staff throughout the school. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Characteristics of Safe and Responsive Schools" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know. Read the VIRTUS article "Characteristics of Safe and Responsive Schools" here.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Eugenio Lirio Jr. & Juan Abrajano Sr. †

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Ruben Nunez

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Frank St. Denis & Juan Abrajano Sr. †

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Albert & Edward Milauskas †

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Sue Dixon †

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12,17-20/Ps 54:3-4,5-8/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7,11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Ps 13:2-4,7-8/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1-6,9/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1-4/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9,14-15/Ps 31:10-12,13/Lk 9:43-45

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, Donna Kaiser, Isabella Riera, Catalina Santos, Samantha MacMartin, AnnMarie Espinoza, Scott Jones, Bernadette Alles, Eunice De Sourdis, Petro Dechauthai, Jim Gascoigne and Richard Santoyo.

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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; **Knights of Columbus:** Dave Jonke, GK **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 Council:** Brad Recker **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; **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.

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