

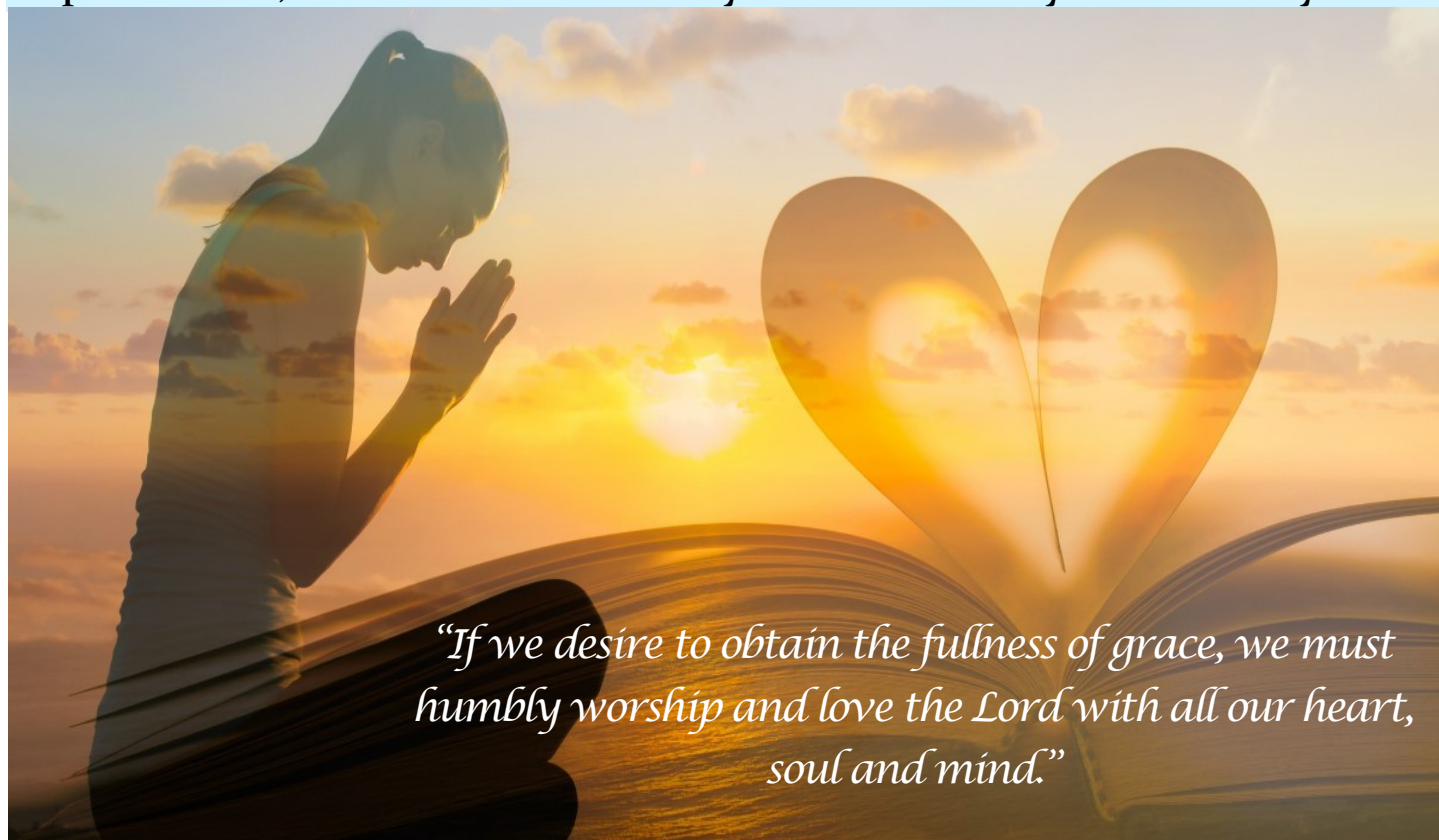


# St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

September 11, 2022

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"If we desire to obtain the fullness of grace, we must humbly worship and love the Lord with all our heart, soul and mind."*

## INDOOR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Holy Hour—Friday: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## CONFESSION & SICK VISITS

Confession is Saturday 4:00p.m.—4:30p.m. or by appointment. Sick Visits and Confession are also available by calling the Parish Office.

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*From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,*

Dear Friends,

One day, a little boy, dirty from playing in the mud, comes home and asks his mother, "Who am I, Mom?" The mother thinking that her son perhaps wants to play a game says, "I don't know! Who are you?" "WOW!" the boy shouts excitedly and says, "Our neighbor is right! He said that I am so dirty that even my mom wouldn't recognize me!"

Our family and friends may ignore and reject us if we are unclean and dirty, but God will never. He always recognizes us and embraces us because He is merciful and kind. Paul in the second reading talks about his own personal experience. He says, "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated by God and he had chosen me to be his Apostle to the gentiles." In the Gospel Jesus talks about the unconditional love of God through three parables: Parable of the lost sheep, parable of the lost coin and the parable of the prodigal son. All these parables beautifully illustrate the nature of God. As the Psalmist rightly put it: "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in mercy" (Psalm 103:8).

What must be our attitude to this incomparable and caring love of God? First, we must thank the Lord for choosing us to be his own despite our imperfections. We often seem to think that God calls only those who are good and deserving. That is not true. God calls all, including the sinners and unworthy people. For example, Isaiah feels unworthy in the presence of the Lord. John the Baptist thinks of himself unworthy to even unfasten the sandals of our Lord.

Secondly, God's mercy invites us to believe in his power to transform our lives. Remember the stories of the blind man Bartimaeus, the Samaritan woman at the well, Zacchaeus the rich man, Cornelius the soldier and so on. Of course, Paul is an important example of how God could transfigure a disfigured person.

If we have not experienced our own transformation so far then perhaps, we need to examine our lives in a little more honestly and deeply. If we desire to obtain the fullness of grace, we must humbly worship and love the Lord with all our heart, soul and mind.

Our parish is offering numerous opportunities to grow in grace. We have different Liturgical and Catechetical Ministries, and we have different organizations like Young Adult Ministry, JOY, Peace and Justice, Family Life Ministry, Bereavement Ministry, hospitality ministry and so forth. Join any one of them. Similarly two retreats are coming soon. First is the Ministry Retreat (Saturday October 8 from 9 a.m. till Noon) for all those who are ministers and the second is a Half Day Retreat with a Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 15 starting 1p.m. Everyone can benefit from these. These are opportunities for grace.

I welcome all who are visiting our parish this weekend. My prayers and congratulations to those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries of their weddings these days. May those who are sick get well and those who are mourning by the loss of a loved one find comfort and hope in Jesus.

Come grow with us.

## PARISH NEWS



### LIVING MEMORIES OF SEPTEMBER 11

- We remember the victims and their families.
- We remember those who lost their lives in the act of saving lives.
- We pray for peace in the world.

### *A Walk Through the Holy Mass*

*Tuesday, September 19th at 7p,  
Come and join Fr. Sebastian on this journey through Mass. Learn about the Mass and why the Mass is so meaningful.*

#### Young Adult Ministry

The next gathering of YAM will be on Friday, Sept 16 at 6.30 pm. We invite all Young Adults to join us.

# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



#### Family Life Ministry

Wednesday, September 14th at 7p

Please come and join us.  
Everyone is welcome!



#### JOY SENIOR CLUB

Attention: Seniors! Save the date! Our next meeting of JOY (Just Older Youth) is on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 4 p.m. in Cabrini Hall. Come and join us, and bring a friend! More details to follow.



*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of:  
Salvación Biniegla*

**Viewing:** Tuesday, September. 13, 2022 9a—10a.

**Funeral:** Tuesday, September. 13, 2022  
10a.

**Committal service:** immediately following Mass at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills



#### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022, and the theme is: ***"This is my body given for you."*** Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists in the Church and School will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.



## PARISH NEWS



Mark Your  
Calendars Our  
Annual Bob's Big  
Boy Dinner is  
**September 28th.**

The whole parish is going to dinner at Bob's Big Boy. Bring our flyer & Bob's will donate 20% of your dinner bill to St. Francis Xavier.



### MINISTRY RETREAT

Please mark your calendar. Our Annual Ministry Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, October 8 from 9 a.m. till 12.30 p.m. Lunch will be served.

This Gathering is for all who are part of any form of parish ministry. In this year of Eucharistic Renewal, our theme of discussion will be: **BECOMING THE BODY OF CHRIST.** Please plan to attend.



### ROSARY RALLY

The month of October is the month of rosary devotion. On Saturday, October 15 we are planning to honor Mother Mary in a special way. We begin the prayer and reflection at 1 pm. Fr. Joseph Brennan from St. John's Seminary will offer the reflection. We conclude the half day prayer with a Rosary Rally after the 5 p.m. Mass. Please plan to attend.

## PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS



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The bishops in all twelve of our California dioceses have endorsed this pioneering service and are united in asking you to prayerfully consider making a monthly donation of any size at [www.optionsunited.com/one](http://www.optionsunited.com/one).



### Peace & Justice Food Drive Collection

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

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

## ARCHDIOCESE NEWS



**DIACONATE FORMATION**  
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

### Diaconate Virtual Information Day

Hosted by the Diaconate Formation Office  
Sunday, October 16, 2022 2pm—4pm

To register contact Deacon Melecio Zamora at: [dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org)

## SCHOOL NEWS

### BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC! THANK YOU SFX FAMILIES FOR MAKING THIS EVENT SPECTACULAR!!



### DID YOU KNOW?

#### How to Respond to Choking, Part One

In a choking emergency, it is important to respond quickly and effectively. Experts suggest reviewing maneuvers regularly so that you are equipped to respond to such an emergency. For children over the age of one, if a child is coughing, encourage him to keep coughing — this could be the quickest way to clear the airway. If a child is having trouble coughing, talking, or breathing, provide immediate help. You can attempt the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge the object and clear the airway. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article, “How to Respond to Choking” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

People of St. Francis Xavier

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Mirna Boghos, Cathryn & Darius Simeon

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Barbara Trinchero & Lilia Palma †

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Ramon Aldana & Feliciano Arboladura †

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Kathy Segura & Salvacion Beniegla †

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Brigido Perez & Josefina Perez †

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

People of St. Francis Xavier

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Readings for the week of September 11, 2022

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11,13-14/Ps 51:3-4,12-13,17,19/ 1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32  
 Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26,33/Ps 40:7-10,17/Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17  
 Wednesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2,34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2,16-17,28  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1,6-8,15/Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15

### 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, Maria Sampley, Kirk Taylor, Betty Quigg, Lorraine White, Donna Kaiser, Isabella Riera, Samantha MacMartin, Bernadette Alles, Eunice De Sourdis, Maureen Creason, Tom McDonald, Scott Singer, Tirso George, Robert Caplan, Elaine Thimes, Xenia Stresino, Diane Doyle, Sue Speers and Chuck Howell .

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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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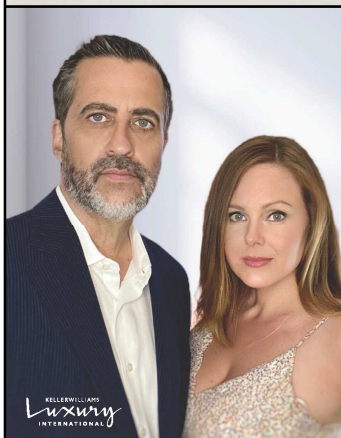
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