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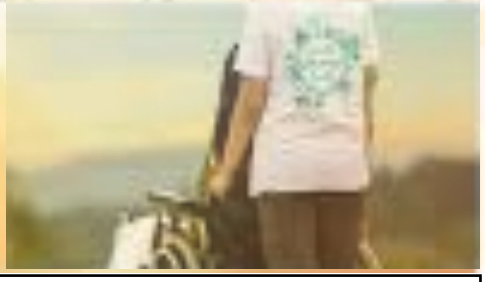
October 30, 2022 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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(Mother Theresa)

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.

A guide was conducting a group of tourists around the Empire State Building. On the elevator ride to the 102nd floor, a nervous man asked, "What if these elevator cables should break? Would we go up or down?" "That depends entirely on the kind of life you are living," the guide said.

This Tuesday is All Saints Day, and this Wednesday is All Souls Day. These two special events invite us to reflect on the purpose and destination of our life. We are destined to God. According to the Catechism of the Church, God created us "to know him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven." We are destined to God, and it is only in God that our restless hearts can rest," St. Augustine.

Saints are those who recognize this truth and did everything to renew their life in Christ who is the way to heaven. "To be a saint is a vocation to everyone," said St. Theresa of Lisieux. Saints were not made special. They were just like one of us. They struggled with sin and temptations. However, they completely returned to God when truth was revealed to them. The stories of St. Augustine and Zacchaeus clearly voice this reality.

We cannot be a half saint. "Where most people work for degrees after their names, we work for one before our names: Saint," said Mother Angelica. Reading and reflecting on the life stories of saints is a great spiritual exercise that one can do during this month. Maybe we can start this spiritual exercise by studying the life of Mother Cabrini (the saint of Burbank). For your information: We are celebrating her Feast on Sunday, November 13 at 11.30 am Mass. Please plan to join.

To become a saint, it is not necessary to do big things. It is enough to do small things with great love for Jesus (Mother Theresa). Saints were poor in spirit; they were meek; they were merciful and peace makers. To develop these qualities, there is only one thing necessary: the heart and mind of Jesus. Let us aspire to become a saint.

This Wednesday is All Souls Day. On this day we prayerfully remember everyone who completed their earthly journey and are on the road to heaven. On the Second, we are having a special mass at 6:30 pm to remember and pray for those who have gone for their eternal journey from our parish in the passing year. Please join us to show our support and care for the bereaved family members.

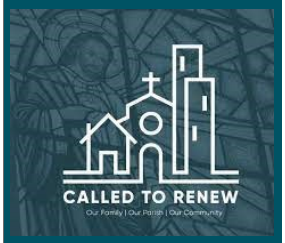
I welcome all who are visiting our parish this weekend. My prayers and congratulations to those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries of their weddings these days. May those who are sick get well and those who are mourning by the loss of a loved one find comfort and hope in Jesus.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS

Generosity is Thoughtful

"Let us treat them, therefore, with all the kindness which we would wish to help to develop in them."



Come and Join Us for A Special Reception for St. Francis Xavier's Called to Renew Campaign!!!

We invite you to join us for a special reception to learn how our current Campaign will benefit our parish and how you can help.

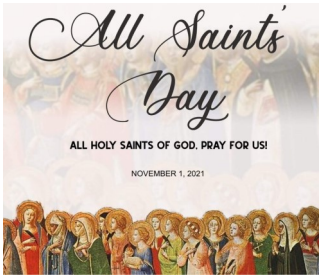
"We grow and flourish in faith through the Church. At St. Francis Xavier our faith will never perish."

The Reception is Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm in Holy Cross Hall.

Please RSVP by Monday, November 7 by calling the parish office at (818)504-4400 or emailing rectory@sfxburbank.com.

MOTHER CABRINI DAY CELEBERATION
At. St. Francis Xavier Church

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13 MASS AND PILGRIMAGE 11:30 Am ALL ARE WELCOME (Novena begins on Friday, November 4 after the 8 am Mass)



All Saint's Day is a Holy Day of Obligations

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, Mass times are 8a and 7p
Please come and join us!

All Souls Day Mass November 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

If you have lost a loved one between November 2, 2021 to the present and you would like to have them remembered at the All Souls Day Mass,

Please contact Mary Abrajano at 818-767-1721 or Barbara Bocek at 818-321-0901 on or before October 30th.

PARISH NEWS

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (EMC)

Our parish is blessed to have several parishioners who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (EMC) to parishioners who are sick or homebound. This ministry, reminds those who are sick or homebound that they are an important part of our faith community. All EMC for the sick are invited to a potluck, Get-Together on:

November 12, 2022 in Sunburst Room at 9-11:30am

This is our opportunity to get to know each other; to pray for one another; to pray for those we are visiting; and to pray on how we can improve our effectiveness in our ministry (especially when we cannot bring communion on certain days).

Please call the Parish Office, (818)504-4400 or email deaconjaime@gmail.com, if you are planning to attend.

Great News! We filled over half a large truck for Hope of the Valley.

They were thrilled and thankful. Clothes, shoes, toiletries and more.

Thank you SFX community for your generous and loving spirit. Thanks to our volunteers, especially our confirmation teens.
Heather and Jackson (8th grade)
Thimes

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!!

PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS

Peace & Justice Food Drive Collection

The food item featured for October are pasta and pasta sauce. We will accept any canned items or items in plastic containers such as peanut butter and jelly, canned meat, canned veggies, canned fruit, tuna , rice, macaroni, cheese etc.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Kindergarten Learns about Evaporation!

This is our experiment with EVAPORATION. We painted our names with water and watched our names evaporate! We painted a big k for kindergarten! We are learning about the Water Cycle.

DID YOU KNOW?

Be Aware of Airbag Dangers for Young Children

An airbag can save your life, but for a young, small child, air bags pose a serious risk. All new cars have front seat airbags, so be aware of where your child should sit in the car to be safe for his or her age. All children in rear-facing car seats must ride in the back seat. Even in a low-speed crash, the airbag can inflate and hit a car seat in the front seat, causing serious injury. Know the laws in your state and check your car's owner's manual for more information on how best to ride safely with children in your car. For more information, read "Air Bag Safety for Children" at https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/on-the-go/Pages/Air-Bag-Safety.aspx

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30
People of St. Francis Xavier
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31
Amparo Santos & Bob Taylor †
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
All Saint's Day Novena
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
All Saint's Day Novena
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3
All Saint's Day Novena
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4
All Saint's Day Novena
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
People of St. Francis Xavier

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of October 30, 2022

Sunday:	Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14/ 2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Monday:	Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1-3/Lk 14-12-14
Tuesday:	Rv 7:2-4,9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12
Wednesday:	Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11/Jn 6:37-40
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1-2,5-6,8-9/Lk 6:9-15

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, Robert Caplan, Elaine Thimes, Xenia Stresino, Diane Doyle, Sue Speers and Chuck Howell .

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Ministries & Groups

Adult Faith Formation: Dn. Tony Hobbs; **Altar Server Training:** Dn. Jim Roope & Herman Buitrago; **Altar Society:** Emie Decena; **Annulments and Convalidation:** Dn. Jaime Abrera; **Baptism Workshop:** Dn. Tony Hobbs; **Bereavement Ministry:** Mary Abrajano & Barbara Bocek; **Confirmation Program**: Dn. Jim Roope; **Coordinator of Liturgy:** Dn. Jaime Abrera; **Cornerstone Music:** Paula Lucero; **Eucharistic Minister Training:** Dn. Jaime Abrera; **Family Life Ministry:** Dn. Jaime Abrera; **Filipino-American Group:** Rene Decena; **Grief Support:** Jose and Nora Hizon; **Knights of Columbus:** Rod Chapman **Lector Training:** Mike Imfeld; **Marriage Preparation:** Mike and Debbie Maddigan; **Minister Scheduling:** Parish Office; **Ministry to the Sick:** Audrey Abrera; **Music Director:** Jack Clapper **Old Tyme Country Faire:** Parish Office; **Parish Finance Council:** Richard Dixon; **Parish Council:** Brad Recker **Parish Hospitality Committee:** Karry Ann Luttge; **Peace & Justice:** Gloria Salas; **Power House:** Jonatan Zamora; **RCIA:** Paula Lucero; **Religious Education Programs:** Rosie Roope; **Sacristan Training:** Jess Obal; **Sandwich Sundays:** Peg Setti; **Usher and Greeters:** Karry Ann Luttge; **VIRTUS Training and Fingerprinting:** Rosie Roope; **Vocation:** Fr. Sebastian; **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.francisxavier—Instagram

St. Francis Xavier Burbank—Facebook

@LoveSFX—Twitter

St. Francis Xavier Elementary Alumni (Burbank) — Facebook

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.

Name:_____

Address:_____

Email_____

Ministry Interest: _____

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At St. Francis Xavier

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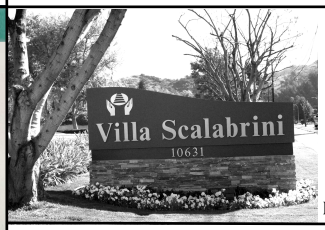

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