

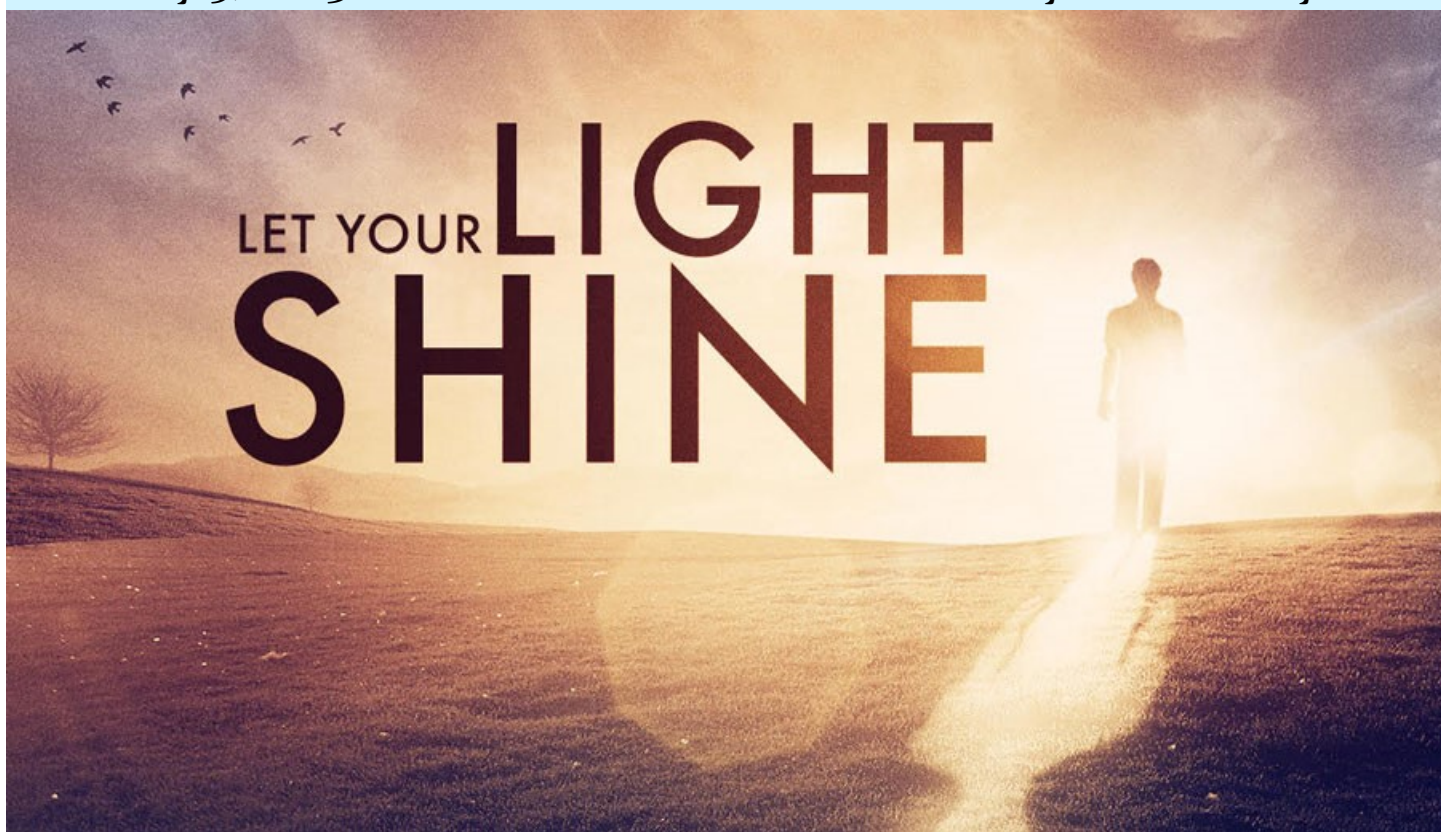


St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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,

Sermon on the Mount is the most beautiful teaching of Jesus. It begins with the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes talk about the right Christian attitude: What must be the attitude of a disciple of Jesus? We reflected on this last Sunday. This Sunday Jesus talks about the role of a disciple by making the following two statements: "You are the light of the world, and you are the salt of the earth." (Matthew 5:13-16)

According to the teachings of Jesus, the primary role of a disciple is to 'dispel the darkness and spread the light'. Think about the creation story! "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless, and darkness was over the surface." God said, "Let there be light and there was light." (Genesis 1:1ff) Creation was an act of removing darkness and spreading light.

Light became flesh in the person of Jesus. At his birth, the star of light appeared in the sky. On the day of his presentation, Simeon, praised God, saying, "I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is the light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!" (Luke 2:30-32) Jesus himself said, "I am the light of the world those who follow me will not fall in darkness but have them the light of life." (John 8:12)

Creation was an act of spreading the light. Jesus became the light. Now it is our role to continue this mission. Church understood this and the Second Vatican Council gave the title *Lumen Gentium* (Light of the Nations) to the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Church." The Document says, "As Christ is light for all the nations, so the Church is called to bring that light to all of mankind." This is our baptismal call too. For example, during the baptismal ceremony, the newly baptized receives a lighted candle with these words "Receive the light of Christ and keep it burning brightly."

There is darkness everywhere. Darkness caused by anger, bitterness, conflict, division, prejudices, racial discriminations and so forth. Some are not even aware that they are in darkness. Therefore, you and I have this divine mission of bringing people to the light of Jesus. If we fail to do it, then who will do it? However, to show the light, we need the light in us. His words are our light. As the Psalmist says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Let us read and meditate the Word of God until they transform our hearts and minds. Even if we cannot be a lighthouse, we can be a small-lighted candle. May the words of Jesus "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify the heavenly Father" constantly inspire and guide us.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS



Shine His Light 2023 Annual Appeal

Together in Mission 2023 “Shine His Light”

Today we celebrate your long-time commitment to support the poor and underserved in the Archdiocese of LA for 30 years during the 30th Anniversary of Together in Mission. The

Together in Mission 2023 “Shine His Light” Campaign will help our struggling parishes and school in the Archdioceses of LA well into the future.

Lets make a difference and gather as one Catholic family for our school and parishes.



Want to Carpool to RE Congress with SFX YA Members? LA Religious Education Congress is on February 24-26th.

This year's theme is Embrace Grace. This three day event is filled with keynotes, workshops, liturgies, exhibits and entertainment that showcase the depth and beauty of our Catholic faith.

If you need information and want to register go on <https://recongress.org/>

Questions or want to carpool with other SFX YA members?
Text Isabel Patel at (323) 301-2794

YA! The SFX Young Adult group is for those seeking to deepen their faith, foster community, and grow as disciples of Christ. Each month we host activities focused on Faith, Fellowship, Community Service, and Parish Ministry.



Volunteer and community service activities coming in March!

March 5 - Join us in serving at the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry. Contact Kaitlan McTiernan for details.

March 15 - Parish Lenten Soup Supper. We need volunteers to help prepare and serve soup at this lenten supper for the parish.

Contact Isabel Patel if you are interested. If you would like to learn more about YA! or would like to get on our communications list - contact any of our group leaders:

Isabel Patel txt or call 323-301-2794, John Sonza txt 661-904-6766, Kaitlan McTiernan txt 631-398-6894 Or email us at YAINFO@SFXBURBANK.COM



St. Francis Xavier Adult Confirmation

The Adult Confirmation process is for Catholics who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, which completes their full initiation into the Catholic Church. This five week process emphasizes the basics of Catholic teaching and addresses concerns, questions and responsibilities. The last session is reconciliation (confession) with a priest in Church. Sessions are weekly, Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the Sunburst Room (across from the front entrance to the church).

Requirements for Adult Confirmation Preparation

- A Roman Catholic adult who has received first Eucharist
 - A copy of Baptismal Certificate
 - One must select a Confirmation sponsor

Requirements for Sponsors

- A sponsor must be a confirmed Catholic who lives their faith and is willing to accept the privilege of supporting their candidate during the Confirmation preparation and beyond
 - A sponsor may not be the candidate's parent

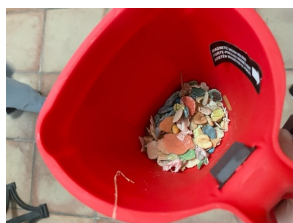
Meeting Dates: 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/28 Reconciliation

PARISH NEWS

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS



Thank You to Our Hard Working Boys That Scraped Gum Off the Pews Last Week. They offered to do this on their own.



STATEMENT BY ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ ON MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS REGARDING MONTEREY PARK SHOOTING

We would like to share with the family of God here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles a communication received by Archbishop José H. Gomez from the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, from His Holiness Pope Francis for the victims and those affected by the shooting in Monterey Park. Archbishop Gomez released the following statement in sharing the Pope's message:

"This morning, I received a message from Pope Francis, offering his prayers and condolences for those affected by this weekend's shooting in Monterey Park. I am grateful and touched by this beautiful expression of our Holy Father's pastoral concern.

"United with our Holy Father and our Blessed Mother, let us continue to pray for those who have died. May God wrap them in his merciful love. Let us continue to pray also for those who were wounded, may God grant them healing. And may God give comfort and consolation to all who are grieving."

The letter with the full message from Pope Francis can be found on Angelus News, the Archdiocese's publication: <https://angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/pope-monterey-park-message/>

PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS



Members of the Peace & Justice Ministry Team took part in the Annual Los Angeles County Homeless Count.

This count helps the County better understand the needs of people experiencing homelessness so that resources can be aligned to best address those needs. The Peace & Justice Ministry has been involved with the Homeless Count for many years in Burbank and in Los Angeles.

SFX SCHOOL



As we celebrated our annual observance of Catholic Schools Week, we want to acknowledge your special contributions to the success of St. Francis Xavier School and thank you for your support.

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service." Through your efforts, you help us in our mission to provide high-quality, faith-based education to our students and instill in them a lifelong commitment to serving others. Your support provides a real-life example of how service can truly make a difference. Your actions benefit not only our school, but also the entire community of St. Francis Xavier. Thank you for helping us as we educate the next generation of community leaders.

Please accept our deepest gratitude and may the blessing of our generous Lord be yours, today and always.
Sincerely, Paul Sullivan, Ed.D., Principal St. Francis Xavier School

SCHOOL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE FOR
SFXs Annual Dinner Auction

Casino Night

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023
6:30PM

The Castaway

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Date:
Dinner
Auction is
Saturday,
March 18**



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**Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Celebrates 18-year Partnership with VIRTUS®**

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Joan Vienna, director of Safeguard the Children, were recently recognized for 18-year partnership with the VIRTUS® program, working to keep children and young people safe from child sexual abuse in our parishes, schools, homes and community. "So many have experienced hope and healing through ongoing awareness and education, and we appreciate [the Archdiocese's] vision of where and how the programs would and do best serve our Church and communities," said Pat Neal, director of VIRTUS® Programs and Services. For more information visit, <https://angelusnews.com/local/california/virtus-partnering-for-safety/> and <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Fernando M. Hizon & Reynaldo Magnaye †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Carol Grice & Zonia Perez

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Lowelio & Rufino Perez †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Constancia Perez & Feliciano Abrajano †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Roxanne & Gina Carrasco

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

People of St. Francis Xavier

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of February 5, 2023

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12,24,35/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4-9,15-17/Ps 104:1-2,27-30/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2,5-7/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2-6,12-13/Mk 8:1-10

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, Eunice De Sourdis, Maureen Creason, Tom McDonald, Scott Singer, Robert Caplan, Xenia Stresino, Diane Doyle, Sue Speers, Chuck Howell, Ray Landless, Melinda Kenney.

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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

St. Francis Xavier Burbank—Facebook

@LoveSFX—Twitter

St. Francis Xavier Elementary Alumni (Burbank) — Facebook

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