

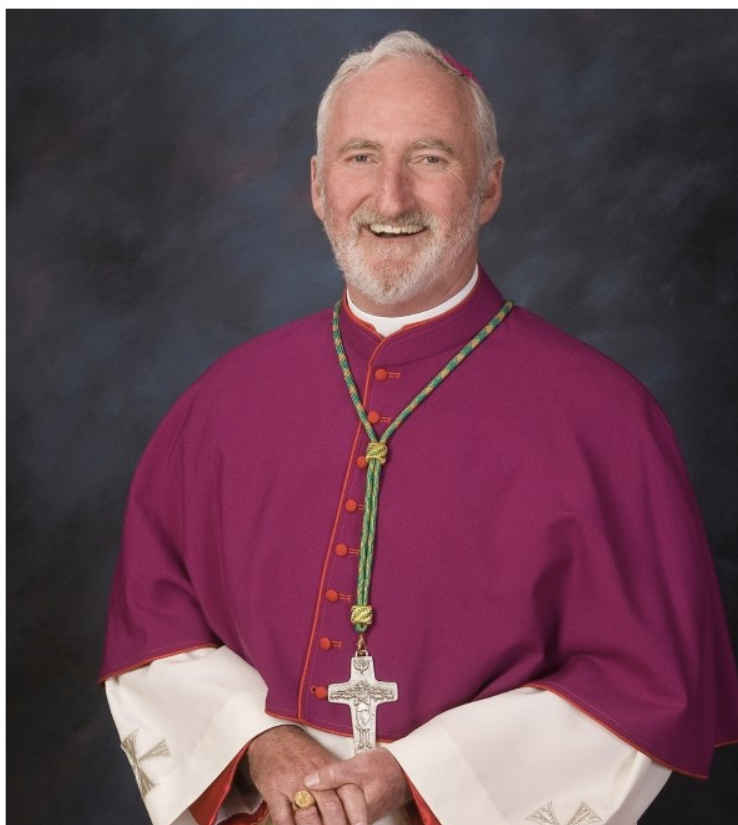


# St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent



*"He went about  
doing Good"*

## 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.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

### **Parish Office**

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*From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,*

Dear Friends,

"The Glory of God is fully human being fully alive." I love this statement. This saying is from St. Irenaeus. According to him, God is happy when we live our life completely. In fact, the purpose of the incarnation of Jesus was to heal the wounded humanity. Remember the saying of Jesus: "I have come so that you may have life and have it in abundance." (John 10/10).

We are living in a broken world. We have brokenness. Our brokenness not only impairs our life, but it breaks others too. Our inner conflict inflicts pain upon others. We do not need to live in brokenness in so far as there is a solution. How do we fix it? How can I restore my lost integrity? How can I live my life in its fullness?

The answer is 'walk with God'. Adam and Eve had fullness of life and they enjoyed complete joy when they walked with God. Their happiness vanished from them the moment they pushed God away from their life. They lost their center. Misery crept into their life.

The irony is that often times we do not know who controls our life. The devil is too smart that it presents vanity as if it is essential for happiness. Its tactics are very subtle but deceptive. It is difficult to discern deception from reality.

Jesus' method is the only way to discover our self. Go to the desert. In other words, spend time with God in solitude. God will reveal to us our inner pulls and interior conflicts. God is the mirror to see our heart. Jesus defeated the tricks of Satan using the Word of God.

Lent is a time of renewal for us individually and collectively. This year we are doing something special as a community. This Sunday (the first Sunday of Lent) every family gets a lighted purple candle along with a Lenten prayer. This candle reminds us of our identity. "We are a chosen people and God's special possession. We are chosen and called out of darkness into his wonderful light." (Peter 2:9). Please light the candle every evening and pray the Lenten Prayer.

Similarly, please do not miss Sunday Mass during Lent. If possible, attend daily Mass as well. Please attend the Stations of the Cross, Lenten Reflections (Wednesday evening) and Holy Hour on Fridays at 6 pm. During Holy Hour on Fridays, a priest will be available to hear confession. All these spiritual practices will help us to live our life fully. Remember the words of Jesus. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." (John 15:11). Come let us grow together.

May God bless you.

## PARISH NEWS



### Lent 2023



**Every Wednesday Evening during Lent**  
(March 1, 8, 14, 22, 29)

5:30: Stations of the Cross

6:00: Lenten Soup

6:45: Lenten Reflections = **ENLIGHTENING ENCOUNTERS**

1. **Come Home-** March 1
2. **At the Well-** March 8
3. **It is Good to be Here-** March 15
4. **He is really Son of God-** March 22
5. **Road to Emmaus-** March 29



**Fish Fry Dinner (KOC):** March 10, 24 (Fridays at 6 pm)



**Last Seven Words of Jesus:** March 31 (Friday at 6 pm by parish Choir)



**Parish Confession:** March 28 / Tue 6.30



**Chosen to Serve: YouTube** Presentation on Mondays by Fr. Sebastian:  
( Feb 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3)



**Holy Hour and Confession Every Friday (6 pm to 7 pm)**

"Lent is a time of grace, a time to  
convert and live out our baptism  
fully. — Pope Francis



**St. Francis Xavier Church, Burbank**

## PARISH NEWS



### PRAYING LENT

This Lent, the Family Life Ministry is again inviting you and your entire family to join in using the "Praying Lent" resources put together by Creighton University's online ministry. The resources are found at this URL: <https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>.

Each day, there is a set of Daily Prayers - we invite all of us to pray these 'together' at a convenient point for you during the day. There are other resources that we know you will find interesting and that can be helpful for the entire family.



Check out the QR code for more information.



Adult  
Confirmation

### 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**

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Sunday, March 5th  
from 9am-11am.**

Join YA and the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry to help sort and pack food items!

Location: Temple Beth Hillel  
12326 Riverside Drive, Valley Village.

Please text Kaitlan, 631.398.6894 for further info  
and to confirm your spot.  
Or Email [YAINFO@SFXBURBANK.COM](mailto:YAINFO@SFXBURBANK.COM)

*St Francis Xavier 13th Annual  
Golf Tournament April 28th  
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## PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS



Our Parish made an emergency donation of \$1000.00 on Feb 10th to help our sisters and brothers in Syria & Turkey recover from the earthquake.

Msgr. Peter I. Vaccari thanked Peace and Justice Ministry for your generous gift.

He said, " Our hearts are full of sorrow for so many but also uplifted by hope. With so many in need, I remain profoundly grateful for all you are doing to ease their burdens and bring the light of Christ into their lives. Thank you for being apart of our CNEWA family an know that you and those you love are remembered in my prayers."

**This Weekend you will have the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in Syria and Turkey.**



## SCHOOL NEWS

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It is important to take immediate action if someone discloses abuse to you, or if you suspect abuse or neglect is happening. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles offers a detailed list of resources with information about what to do if you suspect a child, vulnerable or elderly adult is being abused. All employees and volunteers within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are expected to report suspected abuse to the appropriate civil authorities and to Victims Assistance Ministry. For more information, visit [lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse](http://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse). For more information about support for victim-survivors and abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, visit [lacatholics.org/protect](http://lacatholics.org/protect).

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

People of St. Francis Xavier

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

Erlinda Peralejas &amp; Pedro Reyes †

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

Erlinda Peralejas &amp; Pedro Reyes †

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1**

Salvacion Dizon Biniegla &amp; Family †

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2**

Brian, Charisse Rooney &amp; Carrasco Family

**FRIDAY, MARCH 3**

Felicidad Ramos &amp; Erlinda Peralejas †

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

People of St. Francis Xavier

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Readings for the week of February 26, 2023**

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9;3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17/  
Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2,11-18/Ps 19:8-10,15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7,16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est:12,14-16,23-25/Ps 138:1-3,7-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8/Mt 5:43-48

## 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, Tom McDonald, Scott Singer, Robert Caplan, Xenia Stresino, Diane Doyle, Sue Speers, Chuck Howell, Ray Landless and Sandra Herman.

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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.

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**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.*

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