



# St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

## Transformed by the Transfiguration

(Mark 9:1-8)

### 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,

This woman prayed every day: "Lord I am desperately in need of money. Help me to win a raffle". She said the same prayer every day. After being tired of praying, one day she yelled at God, "God, don't you care for me? You never helped me win a lottery". God said: Woman, I really care about you. I desperately wanted to help you, but you never bought a ticket.

We have dreams. God is there to help us. God promised Abraham a new land. Jesus showed three of his disciples a glimpse of heavenly life. God is always there for us.

How do we reach the 'promised land'? Our natural human tendency is to catch fish without wetting our hands. Peter said, "It is good to be here. We will right away build three houses here." God did not approve his proposal. Instead, God said to him, "Listen to Jesus." We are here not to make plans for God but to implement God's plan for us.

Abraham is our model in implementing God's plan. When God said, 'Go to a land that I will show you', he blindly obeyed Him. He was willing to give up his safety and security and left for the unknown land. His only security was his confidence in God. There is no free lunch. It is not enough to say 'Lord, Lord' but we need to live the Word in our daily life. Paul says, "God saved us not according to our works, but according to His own design. Therefore, bear our share of hardships for the Gospel."

How eagerly we are listening to the word of God and how excited we are to implement his plan in our life. We have ample opportunities during this holy season of Lent to experience 'Transfiguration' in our life. Please attend the Stations of the Cross, Lenten reflections (Enlightening Encounter) and enjoy the Lenten soup on Wednesdays (events starting at 5:30 pm). Please try to spend one hour with Jesus on Fridays (Holy Hour 6 pm to 7 pm). You can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the same time too. I invite you to watch and listen to our YouTube presentation on Mondays: Chosen to Serve.

Lent is a time for renewal. Remember: "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). Let us always be mindful of our identity. Let us celebrate our identity celebrating the Holy Eucharist every Sunday without taking exception.

May God bless you.

## PARISH NEWS



Our first Sunday of Lent was beautiful. Each family was given a candle and a Lenten prayer then they went to the Pascal candle to light their candle. Father Sebastian reminds us to light our candles at home and to continue to say the Lenten prayer !



### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Today 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)



**JOY**  
(Just Older Youth)

All Seniors are invited to our JOY meeting on Thursday, March 16th at 4 pm in Cabrini Hall. Wear your green as we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with snacks, fun games, Bingo and prizes.

JOY will be sponsoring the Soup Supper on March 8th at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome.



**Congratulations to our parishioners Pat and David Augustine being honored at the Home Again Los Angeles at their 9th Annual Gala on Saturday, April 29th for their many, many years of active support.**



### 9TH ANNUAL GALA

### SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

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## PARISH NEWS



*St Francis Xavier  
13th Annual Golf Tournament  
April 28th Save the Date !!*



**A Note from the Director of our SFX Aladdin Jr. Show**

Thank you for a fantastic weekend of performances!! It was a ton of fun to put up this show. Amanda and I are extremely proud of what our casts were able to showcase for you all :D Super great job, everyone!! Thank you to everyone who gave their time to see our SFX students show their acting skills. We are looking forward to next year's show!.

—Director Josh Evans.



## PEACE &amp; JUSTICE NEWS



**Peace & Justice Food Drive Collection**

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

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

## SCHOOL NEWS

SFX's Annual Dinner Auction



### SFX DINNER AUCTION IS SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

St. Francis Xavier School presents this year's Dinner Auction, Casino Night!

The online Silent Auction will be held March 14 through March 19. Our live event will be held at The Castaway Restaurant in Burbank, starting at 6:30pm. Join us for Dinner, Dancing, Casino Games, Live Auction, On Site Silent Auction and more! You're not going to want to miss this!

We'll have music for dancing and casino games to play! There will be prizes for the players with the most chips at the end of the evening!

We will kick off the evening with a reception for 1 hour, followed by casino games, a sit down dinner, raffle prizes, a live and silent auction and an opportunity to donate to Fund-a-Need! Dress to impress!

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We could not pull any of this off without our amazing SFX Community. We hope to see you there!

### RAFFLE & CASH PRIZES!

\$5 - 1 TICKET

\$20 - 5 TICKETS

\$40 - 10 TICKETS

\$80 - 20 TICKETS

1st Prize - \$1,000

2nd Prize - \$600

3rd Prize - \$400

### MARCH 18TH TIMELINE

6:30pm Registration

6:30pm Cocktail Hour,  
Casino Games, and Silent  
Auction

7:45pm Sit down Dinner

8:00pm Live Auction  
Begins

8:00-8:30pm Raffle

8:45pm Silent Auction  
Ends8:30-10:30pm Dancing,  
Casino Games & Prizes

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Archdiocese of Los Angeles Partners with Ex-FBI Agents

Over the last several decades, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has partnered with ex-FBI agents to investigate allegations of clerical sexual abuse. This partnership is part of a comprehensive abuse protection effort in the archdiocese that includes mandatory fingerprinting, background checks, and safe environment training. To learn more about this partnership, visit [angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/fbi-la-archdiocese-abuse](https://angelusnews.com/local/la-catholics/fbi-la-archdiocese-abuse).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

People of St. Francis Xavier

### MONDAY, MARCH 6

Reynaldo Magnaye &amp; Pedro Reyes †

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Loreto Ybanez &amp; Juanito Piano †

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Erlinda Peralejas &amp; Eduardo Leano †

### THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Gerarda &amp; Loreto Leano †

### FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Benedicto Baxa &amp; Anthony Zaballero †

### SATURDAY, MARCH 11

People of St. Francis Xavier

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4/Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22/2 Tm 1:8-10/  
Mt 17:1-9  
Monday: Dn 9:4-10/Ps 79:8-9,11,13/Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23/  
Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6,14-16/Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4,6/Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28/Ps 105:16-21/  
Mt 21:33-43,45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15,18-20/Ps 103:1-4,9-12/Lk 15:1-3,11-32

## 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 Infeld; **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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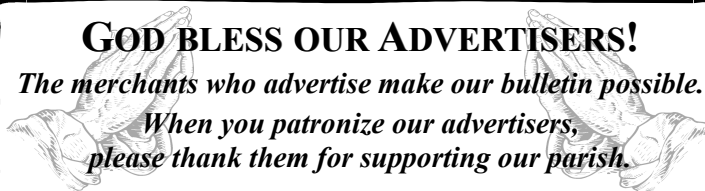
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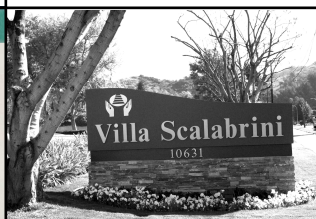
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