



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lord, we pray for all who are preparing to
celebrate the Easter sacraments, that they
may enter more deeply into the mystery of
God's unconditional love through the
celebrations of Holy Week.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Palm Sunday

Hosanna To The King of Kings

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

Friday: 6:00p — 7:00p

Saturday 4:00p.m.—4:30p.m

HOUSE BLESSING/SICK VISITS/BAPTISM/

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Friends,

Finally, we are in the holiest week of the year. The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday is called Holy Week. During these days, we commemorate the foundational events in the history of salvation, namely the Passion, Death and the Resurrection of Jesus that transformed the world and human destiny. We also witness the institution of the Priesthood, the Eucharist, and the Ministry of service during this week.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and next Sunday we celebrate Easter. I would like to invite your attention to the contrast between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. These two Sundays symbolize two kinds of glory- the man given glory and God given glory.

On Palm Sunday, people crowned Jesus with Kingship and sang hosanna to him whereas on Easter Sunday God glorified him. The human given glory did not last long. The same throngs that hailed him failed him. Four days later, they shouted: "Crucify him!" (Lk 23:21). However, the God given Glory is eternal. On Easter Sunday, God exalted Jesus and bestowed on him the name that is above every other name (Phil 2: 6-11).

The glory that the world offers fails us. It offers 'Happy hour', not 'Happy Life'. People like to travel along this road as it demands very little. They do not know that they only offer 'empty victories'. Jesus reached the mountain of resurrection by traveling through the hill of Calvary (Good Friday). Remember the old saying: There is no crown without the cross. Whether it is in our family, workplace, school or personal life, to experience Easter, we need to take up the cross with Jesus. Let us not stop on the way. Holy Week Celebrations help us to sink in our hearts this everlasting truth. Therefore please make an effort to attend Holy Week Celebrations.

Thank you everyone for blessing our community by your active presence. My special gratitude to the leaders of PTO for the Soup Supper and members of KOC for the Fish Fry Dinner. Thank you.

On behalf of our community, I offer my gratitude to Fr. Bejoy Thomas for helping us in the last few months. His inspiring presence and dedicated service definitely enriched all of us. He is returning to the Diocese of NY where he was working before he came to SFX Community. Let us wish him God's blessings and great success. He is leaving for NY on April 12th and Fr. Mathew CMI will join us as our Associate on April 13th. Fr. Mathew will be with us for at least three years. Please welcome him.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Masses: 8a, 10a, 11:30a & 5p

Holy Thursday Mass: 7p

Good Friday Mass: 3p

Stations of the Cross & Divine Mercy Novena follows

Easter Vigil (Saturday): 8p

Easter Sunday: 8a, 10a, & 11:30a

Please join us!

Baptism Workshop

BAPTISM WORKSHOP

Tuesday, April 11th 7p in the church, is our next Baptism Workshop for parents and godparents.

Those who wish to baptize their child need to attend the class. Since Baptism is a time of renewal for the entire family and since each child is unique and precious, attendance of the baptism workshop is important each time a child in a family is baptized.

PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS



Peace & Justice Food Drive Collection

The food item featured for March is peanut butter and jelly. We will accept any canned items or items in plastic containers such as tuna, 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.

OLD TYME COUNTRY FAIR NEWS

DO YOU HAVE GLASSWARE TO DONATE?

One of our most popular OTCF games (where you can still have fun and it costs just 10 cents) needs donations of glassware.

We are asking for donations of glassware, mugs, bowls, unchipped dishes, shot glasses, glasses with your favorite sports team logo, cartoon character, vacation destinations, etc. for our Dime Pitch game. (No plastic please) Donations can be left in the church breezeway or rectory porch.



SCHOOL NEWS



It was a magical night full of great food, dancing, gambling and most importantly hanging out with other SFX parents all while benefitting our school. The dinner auction would not have happened without the awesome support of all of the parents of SFX. A big shout out to the dinner auction committee and helpers:

DID YOU KNOW?

"Keep Kids Safe" Pinwheel Resource Booklet

In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2023 "Keep Kids Safe" Pinwheel Resource Booklet. This useful Resource Booklet will help parishes and schools plan and prepare for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is also available to individuals who wish to know more about Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Resource Booklet includes order forms for the colorful "Keep Kids Safe" pinwheels and stickers and the 2023 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure, as well as prayers, petitions, and homily helps. For more information go to: <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, APRIL 3

Laue Family &

De La Cruz—Edward Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Josephine & John Staudhammer †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Antonio Roman Carrasco
& Emilia Villanueva †

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

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FRIDAY, APRIL 7

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SATURDAY, APRIL 8

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of April 2, 2023

Sunday: Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3,13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6,15,17/Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9/Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Is 61:1-3,6,8-9/Ps 89:21-22,25,27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25/Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2/Ps 104:1-2,5-6,10,12-14,24,35

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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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.

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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.

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Ministry Interest: _____



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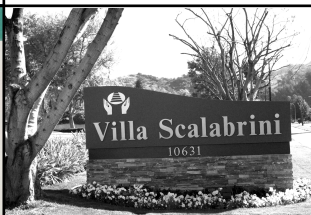
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