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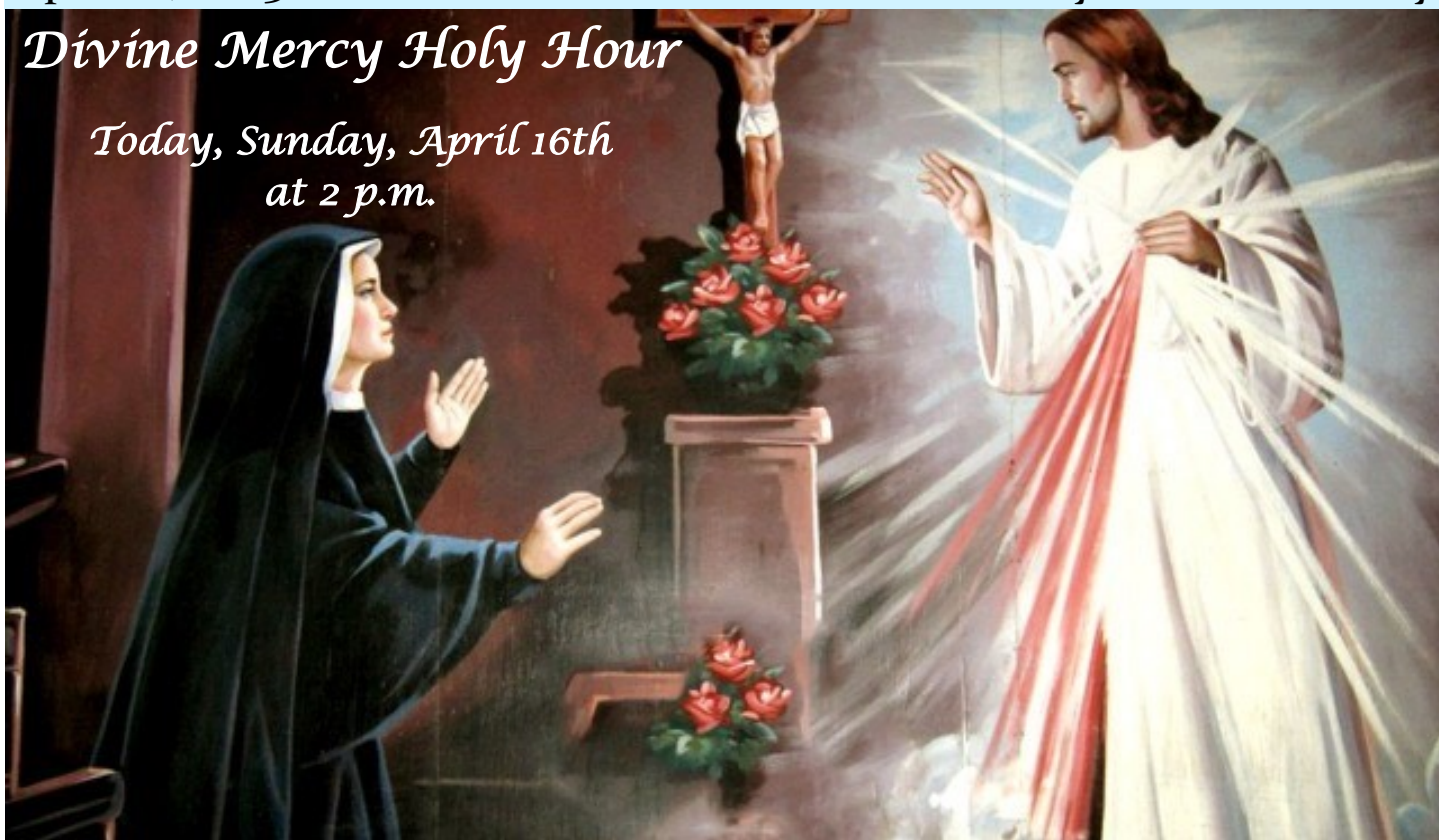
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April 16, 2023

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

*Today, Sunday, April 16th
at 2 p.m.*



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

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Friends,

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1930, Jesus appeared to Faustina, a Polish Nun, and revealed to her the nature of God's love. Jesus said to her: "My love is unlimited and available to all, especially to the poor sinners." St. Pope John Paul II advised the Universal Church to celebrate the Divine Mercy of God in a special way on the first Sunday after Easter.

The whole Bible is a series of stories that proclaim the merciful love of God towards humanity. The Evangelist John beautifully summarized the depth and width of God's love in the following statement: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16).

Jesus started his ministry declaring, "I desire Mercy not sacrifice, I haven't come to call the righteous but sinners." (Matthew 9:13). The readings for the second Sunday of Easter further substantiates this point. The Gospel (John 20:19-29) talks about two specific actions of Jesus that reflect his mercy and compassion.

When Jesus appeared to the disciples for the first time after his resurrection, he did not bring up the past. He did not scold Peter for denying Him on the way to Calvary. Instead, he said to them: "Peace be with you." Jesus offered them peace and reconciliation. Jesus showed the same mercy towards Thomas too. When Thomas was reluctant to believe in the resurrection, Jesus came to him, showed his wounded hands, and satisfied his desire in the way Thomas wanted.

Mercy is not only about forgiving those who do us harm or those who offend. Mercy also has to do with self-sacrifice and charity to neighbors as well. Mercy operates on two levels: a corporal level and a spiritual level. For example, the corporal works of mercy are as follows: To feed the hungry; To give drink to the thirsty; To clothe the naked; To provide shelter for the homeless; To visit the sick; To ransom the captive; To bury the dead.

An important way of growing in the virtue of mercy is meditating on the mercy of God. This Sunday at 2 pm, we are having Divine Mercy Adoration in the church. Please come with your family and friends.

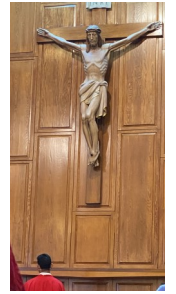
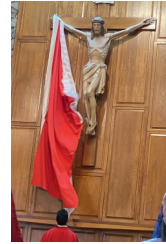
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PARISH NEWS

Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Vigil

We welcome our new brothers and sisters to our community!



Celebration of Ministry

CELEBRATING MINISTRY

The angel said to Mary Magdalena and other women who were with her "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come; see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead."

Peter, Thomas and other disciples started sharing the good news of his resurrection. All of us have the same mission. The simplest way of doing this mission is joining a ministry. A number of parishioners are part of one ministry or more. Our church is great, our liturgies and other programs are great because of their generous commitment.

Starting this weekend, representatives from different ministries will share their experiences during Mass. Let us be proud of them and to join one ministry or other as the Holy Spirit inspires us.

A Message from Mike Imfeld, parishioner & lector

The prophet Isaiah writes in Chapter 50:verse 4- "The Lord has given me a well-trained tongue that I may speak to the weary a word that will rouse them." That is the job of the lector- to proclaim God's word to the people as if they are hearing it for the first time.

My family joined SFX parish in 1996. My career has included theatre and television and I found that lectoring was an amazing opportunity for me to share those skills. Proclaiming God's word brings joy to my heart. I am proud to be one of the wonderful lectors we have here at St. Francis Xavier. If you feel that God is calling you to this ministry, please stop by the table after mass and speak to one of the lectors.



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Schedule

Driving Range Opens	6:30 AM
Registration	7:30 AM
Breakfast	8:00 AM
Ball Drop	8:30 AM
Putting Contest	9:00 AM (Will begin promptly)
Shotgun Start	10:00 AM
Cocktail Hour/ Raffle	3:00 PM
Dinner/Award Ceremony	4:00 PM

Additional Contests

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YA EVENTS

SFX YA! is for Young Adults (college age to thirties)

YA is seeking to deepen their faith, connect with other young adults, and grow as disciples of Christ. Each month we host activities focused of Faith, Fellowship, Community Service and Parish Ministry.

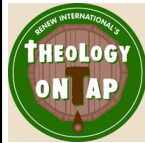
Come say hey to any of our core team members by the coffee table after Mass. We usually wear a "YA!" nametag. We would love to meet you! Or you can email us to learn more YAInfo@sfxburbank.com

**Community Service – Home Again L.A. – End of April**

SFX YA will prep and serve dinner, and spend some time with the families staying at Glendale Church (located at Glenoaks and Spazier, near the Burbank Ikea). The commitment is from about 5:30-8:30.

We will bring and serve dinner then hang with the families. Exact date TBD.

Please contact Kaitlan McTiernan if you are interested in volunteering.
Txt 631-398-6894 or email YAInfo@SFXBurbank.com

**Theology On Tap – April 30 – St. Phillip the Apostle (101 S. Hill Street, Pasadena)**

WHEN: Sunday, April 30th 5pm mass / 6pm dinner/ 7pm talk

TOPIC: Why Catholic?

SPEAKER: Arnel Recio, This Connected Podcast

If you've never been to a Theology on Tap – this is a great opportunity to hear speakers on topics relevant to young adults trying to live their Catholic Faith. As the name implies – there is usually wine and beer during the talk. Note this event is for Young Adults and Students 21+ only. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/NewmanPasadenaTOT>

DID YOU KNOW?

“United Together in Prayer”

This year marks the 21st Anniversary of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. We, as the People of God, continue our commitment to Promise to Protect and Pledge to Heal, we ask you to unite in a special prayer for victims of child sexual abuse.

“A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse”

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Dan Savant & Ishna Sehwani †

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Lourdes Miguel Sol & Veronica Pacleb †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Abrajano Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Greg Tan & Latividat Abando †

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Felicitas Bantug, Antonio & Heracleo Garcia †

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2,5/Jn 3:7-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2,9,17-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19/Jn 6:16-21

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:** Herman Buitrago; **Altar Society:** Ernie 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:** Rosed Flores; **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; **YA (Young Adult) Coordinator:** Isabel Patel;

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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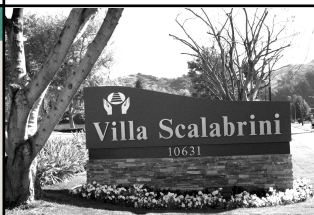
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