



# St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**This Independence Day, we're reaching out to say  
the best things in life are FREE...  
Just like God's love for you.**

#### 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

Saturday 4:00p.m.—4:30p.m

#### HOUSE BLESSING/SICK VISITS/BAPTISM/

#### MARRIAGE/FUNERAL

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#### PARISH DIRECTORY

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*From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,*

Dear Friends,

This Tuesday is the 4th of July. It is our Independence Day. Naturally, this week we reflect about freedom. We talk about Political freedom, economic freedom, intellectual freedom, freedom of expression, freedom of worship and so forth. They all are important. What is freedom after all?

Generally speaking: Freedom is the ability to choose without restriction from our choices. However, is this really freedom? I have seen people who are financially rich but are a slave to money. I have seen leaders who are in authority but are a slave to power. I have also seen people who are literally poor but are joyful and happy. Then what is freedom after all? Who is free? Jesus has the answer. He says, "You will know the truth and truth will set you free." (John 8:32). In other words, we are free when we walk with Jesus who is the way, the life, and the truth.

When we center our life on the Creator then we are free. On the other hand, when we center our existence on creatures or created things, then we are a slave. Freedom requires a God guiding conscience. Conscience is God's voice within us. Freedom without reference to God is slavery. This was the mistake of our first parents.

Our founding fathers understood this. This is clearly stated in our Declaration of Independence. In our pledge of allegiance, we say, "One nation under God." Engraved on our money is "In God we trust." When we draw our freedom from God, then like Jesus we transcend differences, barriers, and obstacles. To be free, therefore, we need to let God control the string of our life.

On this day, let us remember and pray for all our brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice of their lives to keep this country a safe and a free country, and for those who are now engaged in the fight against terrorism in other countries. On this day, let us pray for the liberation of those who are still living as victims of discrimination and injustice. On this day, let us thank God for the political and religious freedom we enjoy and pray for God's special blessings on the leaders and the people of our country. On this day, let us pray for each one of us that we respect the freedom of others and use our own freedom responsibly.

May God bless you.

## PARISH NEWS



### JOY Senior Club

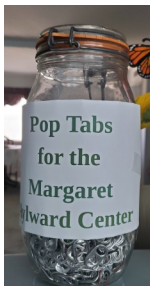
Attention all Seniors, Save the Date! Our next meeting is Thursday, July 20, at 4 p.m. in Cabrini Hall. We have another great meeting planned; please join us and bring a friend!



### Today Peter Pence Collection

The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

"A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just." –Pope Francis, Angelus, March 17, 2013



**The Associates of the Holy Faith** are collecting pop tabs to fundraise for the Margaret Aylward Center in Pico Rivera.

MAC provides ESL classes, citizenship preparation, flu shots, dry food distribution and is sustained primarily by the Sisters of the Holy Faith, Holy Faith Associates and volunteers. Please see the Jar at the Hospitality Table to donate your pop tabs until September 27<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, contact  
Cathy Martinez  
(818) 288-5612.



### VOLUNTEER MINISTERS:

All volunteer ministers are required to be fingerprinted and VIRTUS trained. If you have not completed one or both of these, please be sure to register today.

Visit our parish website at [www.sfxburbank.com](http://www.sfxburbank.com), click "Religious Education", then click "Safeguard the Children".

**Upcoming VIRTUS Training days:** August 27th and September 10th - 1:00pm-4:00pm. You must pre-register.

**Upcoming Fingerprinting days:** July 22nd and August 19th. You must pre-register for your time-slot.

For questions, please contact Rosie Roope at [rosie.roope@gmail.com](mailto:rosie.roope@gmail.com)

## YA NEWS

**SFX YA!** is for Young Adults (college age to thirties) seeking to deepen their faith, connect with other young adults, and grow as disciples of Christ. Each month we organize activities focused of Faith, Fellowship, Community Service and Parish Ministry. Come say hey to any of our core team by the coffee table after mass. We would love to meet you! Or you can email us to learn more  
[YAInfo@sfxburbank.com](mailto:YAInfo@sfxburbank.com)

### YA Summer Activities

**18+ COFFEE HOUR. THURSDAY JULY 13, 6-8 PM.** Home from school for the summer? Just graduate from H.S.? Haven't been to church in a while and not sure how to reconnect? Just really like coffee and free pastries? Come for a casual evening of coffee, bites, cool people, and good covo. Invite a friend! RSVP APPRECIATED SO WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD AND DRINK. Text Isabel 323-301-2794 if you have q's or to RSVP.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH HOME AGAIN LA.** SFX YA will prep and serve dinner, and spend time with homeless families staying at the Glendale Church (Glenoaks & Spazier near Burbank Ikea). We need 2 more volunteers. Commitment is from about 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Text Kaitlan 631-398-6894

**Interfaith Food Pantry NoHo.** This is an ongoing activity. We organize monthly service dates. Text Kaitlan if you would like to help out!



# OLD TYME COUNTRY FAIRE NEWS

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everyone who joined  
in the fun.

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# OLD TYME COUNTRY FAIRE NEWS



**Thank you to the OTCF Talent Show,  
Dr. Sullivan and the Cranston Family!**

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Maintaining Appropriate Boundaries in Ministry

Adults who work with children are responsible for maintaining appropriate boundaries and relationships.

This can include guiding children to appropriate physical interactions, like side hugs, or high fives and fist bumps. Adults are also responsible for keeping interactions professional — in every setting, a safe adult is supposed to be a friend, but not a peer. If necessary, remind children in your care that you are there to support and guide them as a leader. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “How Safe Adults Can Maintain Healthy Boundaries” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, JULY 2

People of St. Francis Xavier

### MONDAY, JULY 3

Letty Garcia & Ludy Paez

### TUESDAY, JULY 4

Aileen Dano †

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

Shirley Adriano & Ocampo Family

### THURSDAY, JULY 6

Vincent Prazza †

### FRIDAY, JULY 7

DeLaCruz—Edward Family

### SATURDAY, JULY 8

People of St. Francis Xavier

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Readings for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16/Ps 89:2-3,16-19/  
Rom 6:3-4,8-11/Mt 10:37-42  
Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 20:24-29  
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3,9-12/Mt 8:23-27  
Wednesday: Gn 21:5,8-20/Ps 34:7-8,10-13/Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday: Gn 22:1-19/Ps 115:1-6,8-9/Mt 9:1-8  
Friday: Gn 23:1-4,19;24:1-8,62-67/Ps 106:1-5/  
Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5,15-29/Ps 135:1-6/Mt 9:14-17

## 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, Sandra Herman, Margaret Rivera and Digno Reyes .

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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.

**St. Francis Xavier is on Social Media! Follow us so you don't miss out on our great events and activities.**

**St.francixavier—Instagram**

**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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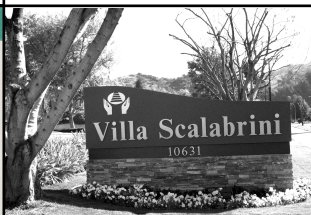
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