

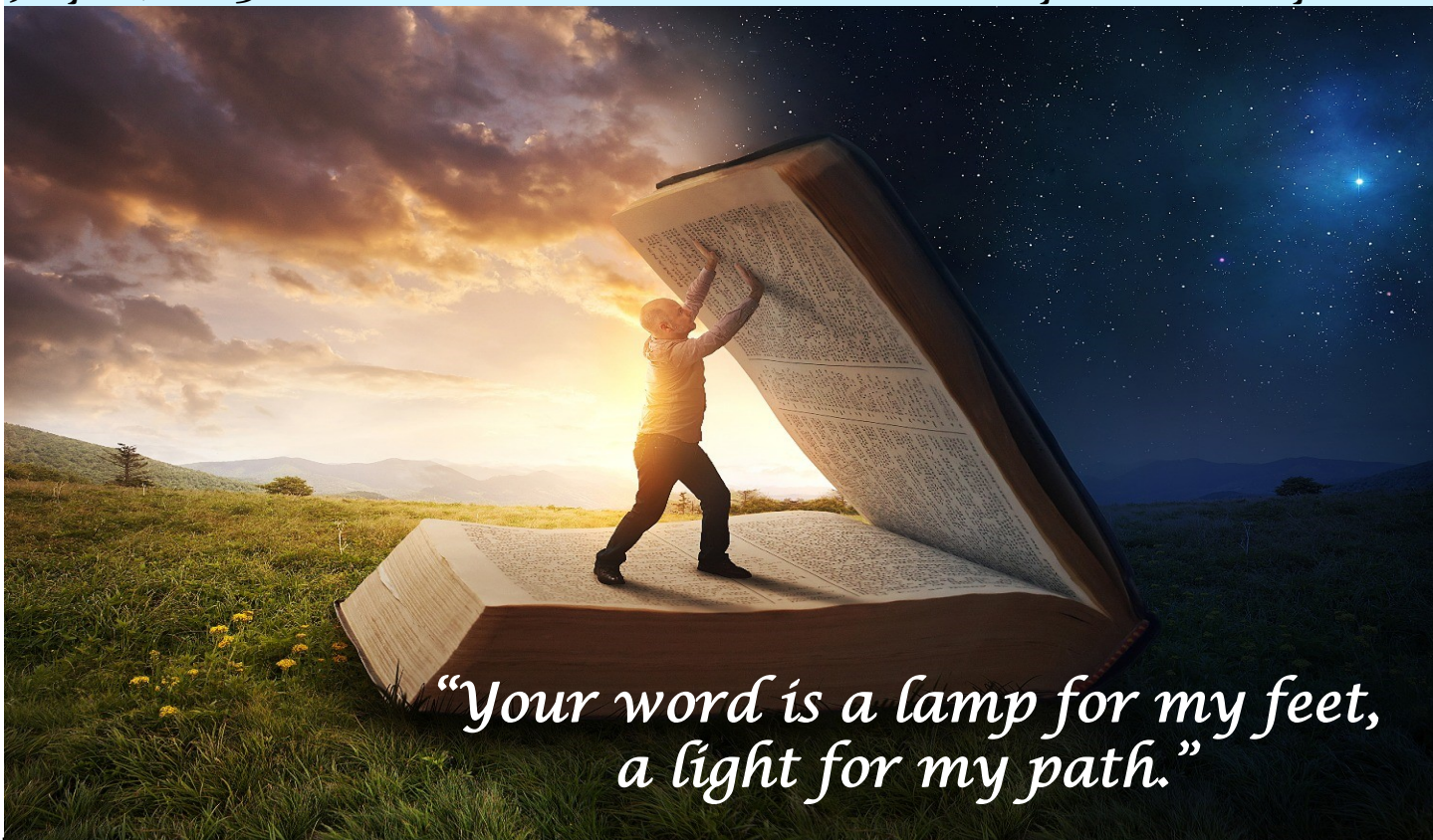


St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light for my path.”*

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/

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Friends,

What is the importance of the Bible in our spiritual living? You may have numerous answers. However, Psalm 119:105 offers the best answer: "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path." Yes! The word of God enlightens our vision and shows the way of right life.

The gospel reading for this Sunday is the parable of the Sower. It is about the Word of God. Words reveal what is in one person's heart. The Word of God reveals God's heart. Therefore, we know the heart of God through His words. Peter clearly understood this when he said to Jesus, the incarnated Word of God, "Where shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

The word of God is like a lighthouse. The role of a lighthouse for someone lost in the sea during the night is beyond question. The Bible does the same to a lost soul. It is our GPS. It removes the darkness and clears the path. There are numerous examples of the life-changing power of the Word of God. "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" These words of Jesus completely transformed the life of Francis Xavier, and he became a missionary priest. Paul discovered his mission when the Word of God hit him. The Bible (the Word of God) is the Christian vision of life. It is the constitution of Christianity. It defines the identity, meaning and the goal of our life. Therefore, "ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ, and ignorance of Christ is ignorance of our identity" (Thomas Aquinas).

Through the parable of the Sower, Jesus invites us to examine our hearts. How is our heart? Is it receptive to accept the Word of God? Or is our heart like a rocky ground? There are three principles we need to maintain: First, read the Word of God. Second, consume the Word of God until it consumes you. Third, act on the Word of God.

Next weekend (July 22nd & 23rd), a missionary priest representing the Catholic Diocese of Nyundo in Rwanda, will be making a mission appeal for their mission. As we do always, let us generously support their missionary effort.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS



MISSION APPEAL

Mission Appeal

Church is missionary by nature and we are missionary disciples. Our Archdiocese supports the global mission through the department of Missionary Co Operative plan. This is in fact a great way of showing our love to the suffering part of the Body of Christ.

Next weekend (July 22nd & 23rd), part of this outreach, our parish is invited to help the Catholic Diocese of Nyundo in Rwanda. Rev. John Bosco Musinguzi representing this Diocese will make the mission appeal next weekend.

Please welcome Fr. John and support their mission generously.

Today Collection Nation Needs Combined Collection

Makes it possible for us to continue strengthening Catholic faith, values and education through the Catholic Communication Campaign's television, radio and print messages.



We appreciate your help!



JOY Senior Club

The JOY Senior Club is meeting on Thursday, July 20th at 4 pm in Cabrini Hall. Deacon Jim Roope will be our speaker and summertime refreshments will be served.

All Seniors are welcome.



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, 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

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

YA Summer Activities

JULY 29 - 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

JULY 20 to AUGUST 10. SUMMER SERIES – Breaking Open the Gospel – THURSDAYS 7-9pm. Join us Thursday evenings this summer to break bread while breaking open the scripture. Each week we will discuss the gospel for the coming Sunday. It's a great way to dive deeper into the gospel and prepare our hearts for Sunday mass. Meeting in Sunburst Room (by church entrance).

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Francis Xavier Parish Religious Education Programs REGISTER TODAY - CLASSES BEGIN LATE SEPTEMBER

Please visit our parish website for detailed information on each class including the calendar of meeting dates.

To register online, please go to: www.sfxburbank.com, click "Religious Education" then "Registration Form"

For more information, please contact Mrs. Rosie Roope 818-504-4411.



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Do you have a little one entering Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten in the Fall? (ages 4, 5, 6) St. Francis has a Sunday School program designed just for them which meets during the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Using music, storytelling and crafts this program is designed to nurture young children's natural tendency to seek a relationship with God, reinforcing a strong sense of community and love.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION GRADES 1-5: This program has been designed specifically for children of public or non-Catholic private schools, and presents religious education and sacramental preparation information in a fun and innovative way. Baptized children generally begin their Sacramental Preparation in the first grade, and make the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the 2nd grade. However, we enroll children 1st through 5th grade for this program. (If your child is in the 6th grade or above, please contact our religious education office for class information at 818-504-4411). Classes run Sept. through early May on Wednesdays from 3:45-5:00 P.M.



Religious Education For Grades 3,4,5: Catholic education continues past the child's First Communion. There are many more truths and traditions of Catholicism to be learned. Leading 3rd thru 5th graders in making moral choices and exploring an expanding faith through Gospel dramatizations, current events and original stories linked to the Gospel and kids' own lives. Saints' lives and imaginative activities demonstrate applications of the Gospel message, and "think" questions reinforce doctrinal concepts. These classes run from Sept. through mid May and meet on Wednesdays from 3:45 pm. to 5:00 pm.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (For children in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade): In addition to your child's regular religious education instruction, this program runs late Sept. thru April during the Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass and is a great opportunity for children to understand the Sunday Gospel at their own age level. After the opening prayer, the children are dismissed to a classroom in the lower school building. They are provided with colorful activities and handouts that enhance what they hear from their adult leaders about the word of God. The children then return to church to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the rest of the parish family. This is a free program and no registration is required.

CONFIRMATION (for high schoolers): Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation that brings your teen into full communion with the church. Led by Dn. Jim Roope and Confirmation Team Members, St. Francis Xavier follows a two-year preparation process for reception of this Sacrament. It is designed to help our young people come to a deeper understanding of how the Holy Spirit works in our lives and in the life of the Church. Boys and girls begin the process anytime in their high school years, although most start as freshmen.



ADULT CONFIRMATION (for adults over 21 years of age): Led by Dn. Tony Hobbs, the Adult Confirmation program is held during Lent 2023. If you attend the required sessions, have been baptized, received first communion and attend Mass weekly, you will be ready to be Confirmed.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN—Led by Ms. Paula Lucero and RCIA Team Members. Are you yourself interested in becoming baptized in the Catholic Church, or completing your sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation? We have an excellent program for you - it is called the RCIA. The St. Francis Xavier parish community invites you meet with members of the RCIA team who welcome your interest and questions regarding the Catholic Church and our parish community.

Initiating Children (ages 7-17) Children's initiation is usually a two-year process by which children become Catholic. Some of the children who participate have not been baptized, and so these children will prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. Some of the children who participate have already been baptized in a church other than Catholic and they will prepare for First Eucharist, Penance and Confirmation in the Church. If a child is baptized Catholic, entering 6th grade or above and has not made First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, they also belong in RCIA.



SCHOOL NEWS



Accepting Applications for 2023-2024 School Year!

St. Francis Xavier School is currently accepting students interested in entering Transitional Kindergarten through Eighth Grade in August 2023. All families who wish to have their children considered for Fall entrance are asked to contact the school office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

In regard to Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Applicants: Due to the difference between ability and maturity levels and the corresponding relationship to school readiness, Kindergarten applicants must turn 5 years old by November 1st. Transitional Kindergarten applicants must turn 4 years old by November 1st.

We look forward to meeting with you!



DID YOU KNOW?

Protect Children With Disabilities

Children living with disabilities are nearly three times more at risk for abuse and maltreatment, compared to children who do not have special needs. This mistreatment can range from physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or neglect. Safe adults can help prevent this abuse, by recognizing the higher risk for these children and being alert to any signs of abuse. Because parents and caregivers of these children are at increased risk of stress and isolation, abuse may be harder to spot. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Children Living with Disabilities and Risk for Child Maltreatment and Victimization" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 16

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, JULY 17

Vincent Santo Piazza & Albert Milauskas †

TUESDAY, JULY 18

Alfonso Bunales & Annabella Veloz †

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

Dorothy Milauskas

THURSDAY, JULY 20

Kevin Milauskas

FRIDAY, JULY 21

Lowelio Perez †

SATURDAY, JULY 22

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of July 16, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23
Monday: Ex 1:8-14,22/Ps 124:1-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15/Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-34/Mt
11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6,9-12/Ps 103:1-4,6-7/Mt 11:25-
27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1,5,8-9,24-27/Mt 11:28
-30
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13,15-18/Mt
12:1-8
Saturday: Sg 3:1-4/Ps 63:2-6,8-9/Jn 20:1-2,11-18

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.francisxavier—Instagram

St. Francis Xavier Burbank—Facebook

@LoveSFX—Twitter

St. Francis Xavier Elementary Alumni (Burbank) — Facebook

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