



# St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“It makes a difference  
to that one.”*

## 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

Please call the parish office

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*From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,*

Dear Friends,

There is a story of a boy and his grandfather walking along the beach. The beach was covered with starfish that had been washed ashore. Every so often, the grandfather would stop, pick up one of the starfish, and toss it back into the ocean. After a while the little boy said to his grandfather, "There are thousands of starfish on the beach. Throwing a few back into the ocean can't possibly make a difference." As the grandfather tossed another starfish into the ocean, he said, "It makes a difference to that one."

Every Eucharistic celebration ends with this commissioning: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. When Jesus told his disciples, "You are the light of the world," he meant it. We have a mandate to "go and make a difference in the world."

This invitation of Jesus is even more important today as evil is growing rapidly in our society more than ever. The existence of evil, for whatever reason, is real. We cannot uproot it all together. So, what is the solution? I can change my part of the world. This is possible because the kingdom of God is within me.

The Kingdom of God (the grace of God) is in every person. It may be as small as a mustard seed, but it has the potential to grow big. Think about the story of St. Teresa of Calcutta. She was an ordinary person like any of us. However, she recognized the "mustard seed of compassion" in her heart. She did not ignore it. She let it grow. As a result, she became a universal symbol of compassion.

It is easy to blame the existence of evil. Blame does not solve the problem. As the parable says, leave them to God. Let Him take care of it. Our challenge is to recognize the mustard seed in each one of us, stay away from the seeds of weeds and prepare the spiritual environment for its growth. Jesus resisted evil by using the word of God. The word of God can enlighten us, guide us and inspire us. Read the Bible every day. Get familiarized with it.

This weekend we have the opportunity to make a difference in the people of the Diocese of Nyundo in Rwanda by supporting their missionary work. Fr. Bosco will preach at all masses and make an appeal for their mission. Let us be generous with our financial support.

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 suffering part of the Body of Christ.

This weekend, part of this outreach, our parish is helping the Catholic Diocese of Nyundo in Rwanda. Rev. John Bosco Musinguzi representing this Diocese will make the mission appeal this weekend.

## YA NEWS



#### Coffee Time With YA!

Thank you for those who joined us. It was a great meeting our Young Adults and getting to know one another. Don't miss out on our next gathering.

**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

**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!

## PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS

#### PEACE & JUSTICE CORNER

July 30, 2023 – Human Trafficking Awareness Day Red Sand Project – after 10:00 a.m. Mass

Human trafficking is a multi-billion-dollar criminal industry that steals freedom from more than 25 million people around the world. In some cases, traffickers trick, defraud or physically force victims into selling sex. In others, victims are lied to, assaulted, threatened or manipulated into working under inhumane, illegal or otherwise unacceptable conditions.

The Red Sand Project is an interactive activity designed to raise awareness on human trafficking. By spreading red sand in sidewalks cracks, brings attention to the millions who have “fallen through the cracks” in society. The Peace & Justice Ministry invites you to join its members to spread red sand in the cracks of the Church's parking lot on July 30th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in solidarity with the victims and the survivors of human trafficking.

### Attentin to All Eucharistic Ministers!

Our next Eucharistic Minister;s Formation is on Saturday, July 29th, 2023 in the Sunburst Room from 8:00 am to 10:00 am





## 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](http://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



**Did you hear? We're having an open house!**

**Save the Date! Tuesday, August 1st  
from 6:30-7:30 PM.  
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Students entering TK or kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year are invited to: Meet our teachers, principal, and other families. Tour our campus, classrooms, and play areas. Learn about our curriculum and extracurricular activities.

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### It's All About the Behavior

"It's all about the behavior" is a common reminder for safe adults to be aware that abuse can happen anywhere, and to anyone. Parents and caregivers must be vigilant to any warning signs of inappropriate behavior, even if a suspected abuser does not fit a stereotypical profile. The same is true of abuse victims — there is no demographic "failsafe," such as age, race, gender, background, income, etc., that prevents a certain person from being abused. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "It's All About the Behavior" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, JULY 23

People of St. Francis Xavier

#### MONDAY, JULY 24

Camilo & Amelia Sayo & Mary Wallace

#### TUESDAY, JULY 25

Ruben Nunez & Nunez Family

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Carmen & Melissa De La Rosa

#### THURSDAY, JULY 27

Mario & Neysa Lorenzana &  
Macario & Felisa Sayo †

#### FRIDAY, JULY 28

Lowelio Perez †

#### SATURDAY, JULY 29

People of St. Francis Xavier

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Readings for the week of July 23, 2023

Sunday: Wis 12:13,16-19/Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16/  
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43  
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/(Ps) Ex 15:1-6/Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28  
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5,9-15/Ps 78:18-19,23-28/Mt  
13:1-9  
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20/(Ps) Dn 3:52-56/  
Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23  
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15

### 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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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**

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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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