



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Take, eat
Take, drink
My body, My blood

Matthew 26: 26-29

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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Come and grow with us. We are a welcoming and inclusive community of love centered on the Holy Eucharist and helping one another to become a Eucharist to the World.



From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Friends,

According to Pope Benedict "Christianity is not about signing up for a religion. It is a relationship." The core of Christian spirituality is developing a 'Jesus Centered Life'. When Jesus is at the center of our life, then we are in the Kingdom of God. In the light of Jesus' presence, we have purpose, direction, and fullness of life. The Transfiguration story reveals this truth.

Think about the mental disposition of disciples when they were told about the imminent passion and death of Jesus. They were shocked and terrified. Peter even encouraged Jesus to change his course of action. He reacted in panic because he had only a partial vision of Jesus. The Transfiguration event opened his eyes. Jesus allowed Peter, James, and John to see Jesus as he truly is; Jesus just opened their eyes for a few moments. In that moment of grace, everything changed. With complete excitement, Peter acclaimed, "It is good to be here." Peter did not want Jesus to change his course of action. Instead, Peter changed his thinking. He found a new light and new life.

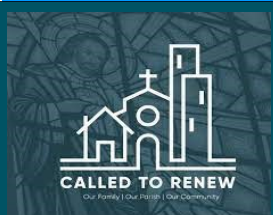
Encountering Jesus is life changing. It is transforming. Where do we see Jesus today? The whole creation reveals his presence. He is in the wind, in the sky, in every human person. However, there is only in the Holy Eucharist Jesus is truly and substantially present. This doctrine is based upon the words of Jesus himself when he instituted the Eucharist. Jesus took the bread and said, "This is my body" (Mt 26:26), and He took the cup filled with wine and said, "This is my blood" (Mt 26:28). When Jesus said, "This is my body," He declared that the bread is His Body, and that he is present.

On the mountaintop, the transfiguration took place. On the altar, 'transubstantiation' takes place daily. It is our meeting place of Jesus. The Eucharist is the continuation of the incarnation of Jesus. "The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host" (Fulton J. Sheen). This is why we adore the Eucharist, "not only during Mass, but also outside of it" (CCC 1378); and it is why the Church teaches that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324).

Let us celebrate the Holy Eucharist every Sunday. Let us draw energy and grace from the Eucharist to face our daily challenges. Let Jesus who brakes and shares his body encourage us to share our blessings with one another.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS



The Called to Renew Capital Campaign

Parish Goal: \$585,000.00
Total Pledged: \$1,344,485.00
Total Paid: \$255,986.48

This is the start to our future. As pledges come in we will get closer to starting our projects of a new science lab for the school, a new community space for meetings, an outdoor gathering structure and important maintenance items.

It's never too late to make a pledge.



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: August 19th. You must pre-register for your time-slot.

For questions, please contact Rosie Roope at rosie.roope@gmail.com

YA NEWS

YA Summer Activities

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 is 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



Red Sand Project

Thank you to all SFX parishioners who participated in the Red Sand Project last Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. By spreading red sand in the cracks of our church parking lot, the project brings attention to the millions who have been and are being trafficked and exploited and have "fallen through the cracks" of our global society.

Let us continue to pray and advocate for the over 50 million of our sisters and brothers being trafficked or live in modern slavery. To join the movement and take action, please contact our SFX Peace & Justice Ministry.



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



First Day of School: August 22nd, 2023 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?

Healthy Boundaries to Create an Environment of Trust

Adults have a responsibility to share information about themselves in age and scenario-appropriate ways to the children in their care. Being authentic does not necessarily mean sharing every detail but rather being approachable, honest, and caring. Oversharing information, especially inappropriate information, can lead to boundary violations and inappropriate behavior. For more information on setting boundaries, read the VIRTUS® article "Barriers to Implementing Strong Boundaries" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

Bernadette Chapman

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

Francis Gonda †

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

People of St. Francis Xavier

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10,13-14/Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Nm 11:4-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7,12-13/Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2,25—14:1,26-29,34-35/Ps 106:6-7,13-14,21-23/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2,5-9/Jn 12:24-26
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16,21/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4,47,51/Mt 17:14-20

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, Eunice De Sourdiss, Tom McDonald, Scott Singer, Robert Caplan, Xenia Stresino, Diane Doyle, Sue Speers, Chuck Howell, Ray Landless, Sandra Herman, Margaret Rivera, Digno Reyes and Tom MacMartin.

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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!**

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