

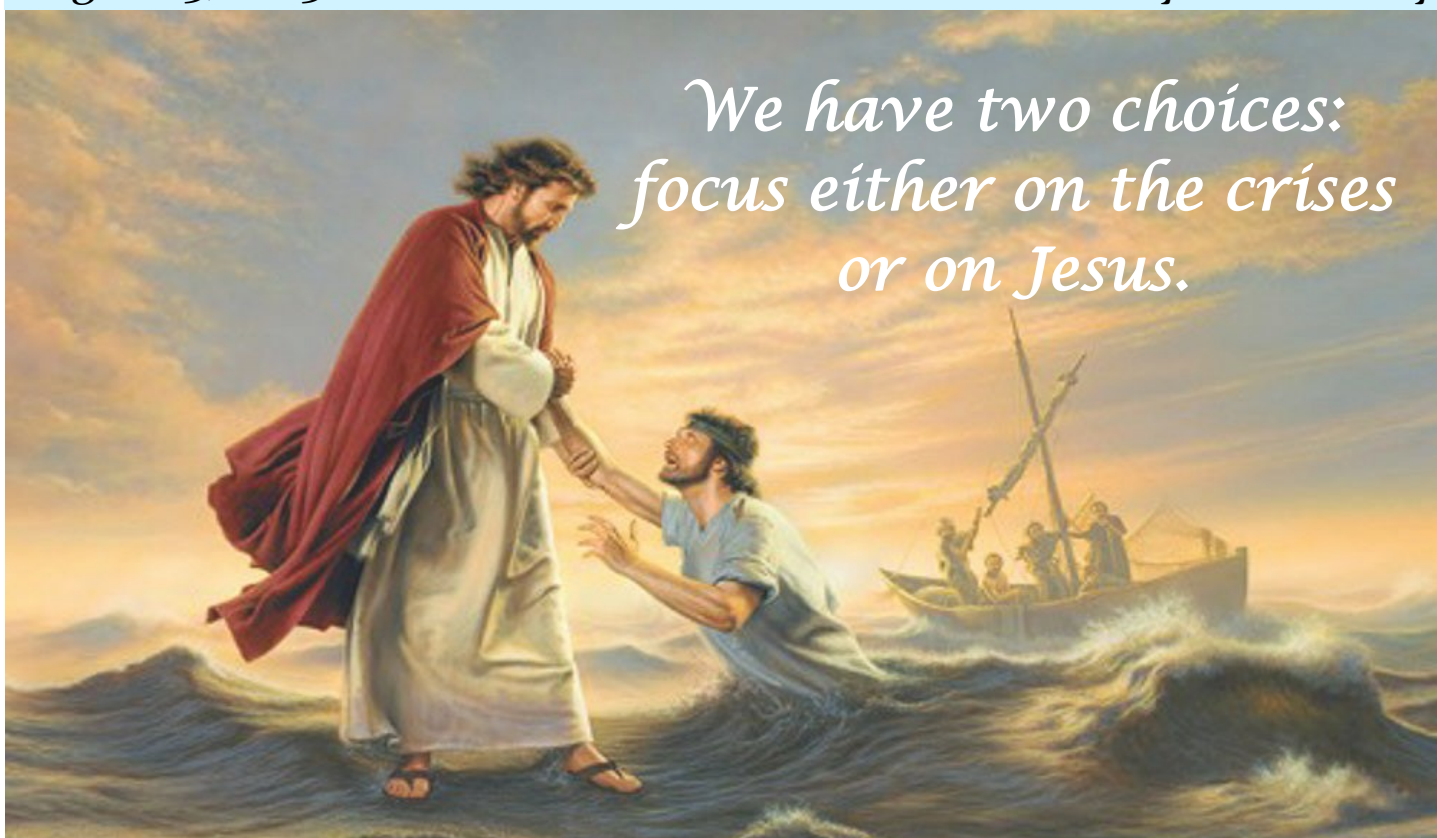


# St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

August 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary



## 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,

Fear is real. We all have some kind of phobia because we are all afraid of something. There is no such thing as being fearless. God gave many different commands. Do you know the one God gives the most? It is the command 'Do not be afraid.' The phrase "do not be afraid appears" in the bible 365 times. One for each day!

There are difficulties in life. Just when it seems like everything is OK, other troubles begin. However, there are enough reasons to hope because God will never let us down. He is very much in our struggles. For instance, as we read in today's gospel story where Jesus came to Peter's help when he was sinking. Jesus is always there in our ups and downs with his helping hand.

Where is the problem? It is not with God; it is with us. Recollect the gospel story. Peter was able to walk on the water despite the waves and winds. He was able to do so because he fixed his eyes on Jesus. As long as his attention was focused on Jesus, the wind and waves seemed harmless. The moment he shifted his eyes from Jesus, everything turned upside down. He began to drown.

In the midst of struggles, we have two choices: focus either on the crises or on Jesus. The more we focus on problems, the more those problems begin to grow and eventually start to swallow us. Fear begets fear. Fear blinds us. Then, we feel the absence of God even though he is very much present. Fear will sink us whereas faith will lift us up. Focus on Jesus. You will see his stretching hands toward you. You will hear his soothing voice, "Do not be afraid. It is I. Have faith."

God always says the same words of encouragement. We miss what he says either because of the distractions in the world or our personal busy-ness. Most of the time God comes to us gently like a breeze as he came to Elijah. Spend a few minutes every day in prayer to hear God's words "do not be afraid."

After the summer vacation we are slowly back to our normal rhythm of life. Hope you had a great and refreshing time. School will open on the 22nd after a half-day retreat for school staff on the 21st. We have a new beginning for our school with a new principal and a few new teachers. Our Faith formation programs (Religious Education programs, Confirmation classes and the RCIA programs) begin shortly. If you have not registered your children, please do so as soon as possible.

Let us walk focusing on Jesus. Remember his words: "Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

May God bless you.

## PARISH NEWS



### Wine & Cheese

#### Do you like cheese? And wine?

Well we have something for you! Fr. Sebastian and the Family Life Ministry will be hosting "Wine & Cheese Socials" one Friday a month over the next several months. These are purely social; they are not about fundraising, and no one is going to ask you to volunteer for anything!

This is just a time for adults in the parish to mingle and enjoy some fellowship. Invitations will be sent to a variety of small groups over the next many months. Please try to come enjoy the fellowship!



*Let us Celebrate the  
Day of Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary*

*On Tuesday,  
August 15th  
Masses: 8a & 7p*



#### Breakfast With JOY Senior Club

Please join us at Charlie & Friends (7592 Glenoaks) at 9:00a on Thursday, August 24th.

Reservations required by August 23rd. RSVP to Peg Setti at 818-428-8135

All Seniors are welcome.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**We are happy to announce that ALL teacher positions have been filled at SFX School! We welcome:**



**Stefanie Avendano** as the 4th grade teacher  
**Melinna Vannessa Vitale** as the 6th grade teacher (and junior high math)  
**Allana Barton** as the 7th grade teacher (and junior high language arts)  
**Charles Nicholas Dizon** as the Computer Lab Teacher  
**Dimitri Altobar** as the Physical Education teacher  
 And **Samantha Sanchez** as our school principal!

We are so excited to have found and welcome the best teachers to our school.  
 School begins August 22nd.

## PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS



*Congratulations and welcome to our new  
eucharistic ministers and eucharistic  
ministers for the sick.*

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## 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.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Drive-Thru Food Distribution Event**

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On Saturday, August 26th HALA will be hosting a drive thru food distribution event. Please spread the word through your social channels and shed light on this for those who you think would benefit. It's open to any household, i.e. families, individuals, & older adults. Our goal is to provide groceries and reduce the expenses for households who need a little break on their grocery bill so they can focus on other needs or simply reduce any anxiety they have regarding their next meal.

HALA and SoCalGas reached out to us and asked if we would spread the word to local families. Let's bring comfort and aid to many local families in need.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### What to Do If A Child Discloses Abuse to A Peer

Abuse victims often struggle to disclose what has happened to them, especially children. This struggle may be due to fear or shame, but studies show it is easier for children to disclose abuse to a trusted person. In adolescence, that is often another peer. This makes it important to educate children about what to do if a friend discloses abuse. Teach children the importance of not keeping unsafe secrets, and how to help their friends by sharing these "secrets" with a trusted parent or other adult. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Barriers Minors Face to Disclosing Child Sexual Abuse" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

People of St. Francis Xavier

### MONDAY, AUGUST 14

Juanita Barcena †

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

People of St. Francis Xavier

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Paula Claravall †

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Mariano Zarate & Mirina Boghosian

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Salvacion Binieglia & Rufino Perez †

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

People of St. Francis Xavier

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Readings for the week of August 13, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9,11-13/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-23

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15,19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Rv 11:19;12:1-6,10/Ps 45:10-12,16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3,5,8,16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-11,13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3,16-18,21-2,24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2,5,7-8,11/Mt 19:13-15

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

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**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.**

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**St. Francis Xavier Elementary Alumni (Burbank) — Facebook**

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