

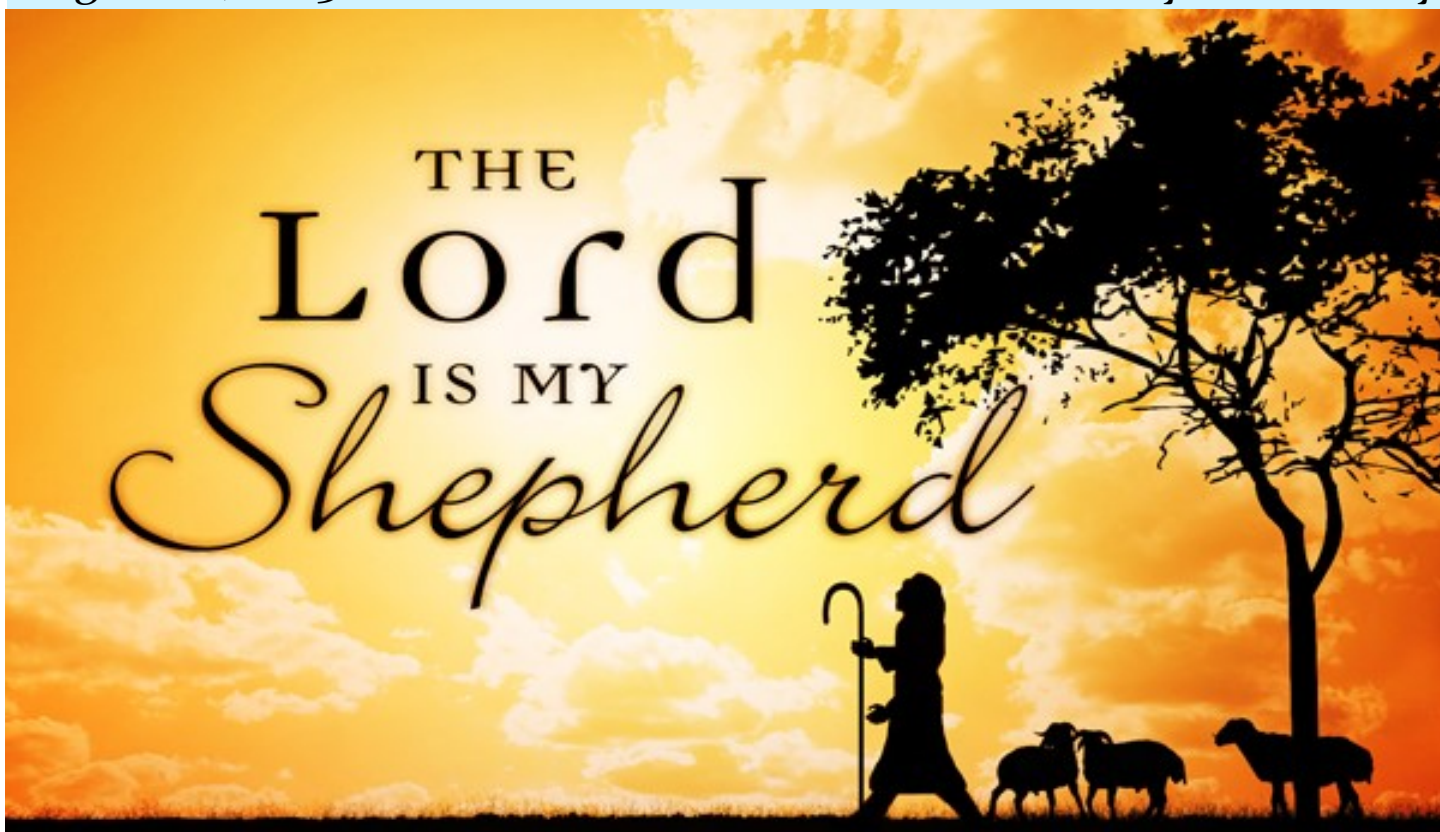


St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

August 20, 2023

Twentieth 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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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,

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). Ignatius of Loyola asked Francis Xavier. Initially Francis showed no interest in Ignatius's challenging words. However, he did not give up on Francis. Francis came to his senses and surrendered his life to Jesus. He became a missionary disciple of Jesus. He travelled many countries teaching about the importance of a life rooted in Jesus.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." The Psalmist words are so true because 'if we follow Jesus who is the light of the world then we will not fall in darkness but will have the light of life.'" Like St. Francis Xavier, our mission is to proclaim this truth with our deeds and words.

Where to begin our mission. It is with our children. They are our future. We are fortunate that we have a school. School is back on August 22 after the summer vacation. Please remember our students, parents, and school faculty in your prayers. As members of St. Francis Xavier parish community, we have a collective responsibility to give Jesus to our children.

Our school focuses on excellence in every area of life. The foundation of any excellence is God. Excellence independent of God will not sustain the person in the face of trials and struggles. Moreover, it will not provide the person with an integral vision that goes beyond time and space. Our teachers and our new principal are ready to do their part. Parents, please complement our effort to help your children to walk on the path of Jesus the Master Teacher. School and Church together constitute one unit of education. Please make an effort this year to participate in our Sunday Worship with your children. Let the Eucharist nourish our souls.

Similarly, I earnestly request all parents to enroll their children for religious education and confirmation programs. The best gift that you can give to your child is faith. A life rooted in faith cannot be uprooted.

Let us walk with Jesus. Let us pray unceasingly. Often times people say: I do not know how to pray. On Tuesday September 5 at 7 pm, I will be offering a session: Prayer Power. Please come and attend. Similarly, the installation of our new Principal, Ms. Samantha Sanchez, will take place next Sunday at the 10 am Mass. Please come with your children. Let us show our support and offer our prayers to our new principal.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS



Do you like cheese? And wine?

Wine & Cheese

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!



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.



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.

Need more information at rosie.roope@gmail.com

PRAYER POWER TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5 AT 7 PM



Do you want to grow closer to God through prayer and live joyfully in the midst of storms?

Please come on **Tuesday, September 5th at 7 pm in Cabrini Hall**. Fr. Sebastian will guide us to a deeper prayer experience and teach different methods of prayer that help our dinner transformation.

"Real prayer makes a godly man/ woman, and puts within him/her the mind of Christ."

SCHOOL NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S INSTALLATION



We are excited to begin our new school year 2023-24 with a new principal. Our new Principal Ms. Samantha Sanchez is not a stranger to us. She is one of us. She is a proven teacher. She is a person with vision and mission for our school.

She will be formally installed during the 10 am Mass on Sunday, August 27th. Please attend the Mass and pray for her success.

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.



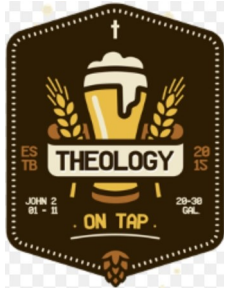
ADULT CONFIRMATION (for adults over 21 years of age): Led by Dn. Tony Hobbs, the Adult Confirmation program is held during Lent 2023. If you attend the required sessions, have been baptized, received first communion and attend Mass weekly, you will be ready to be Confirmed.

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.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Inviting all Catholic Millennial adults ages 21 thru 40s to attend Theology on Tap

A program designed to discuss questions on your faith while enjoying the fellowship of other adults and adult refreshments (beer and wine). Theology on Tap is held on the last Wednesday of each month (August 30th) from 7-9pm at Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish Hall, 10275 Tujunga Canyon Blvd. in Tujunga.

Questions? Contact Chris Plance at 818-317-1542 and leave your name and cell number.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Importance of Respecting a Child's Boundaries

Children have the right to set their own boundaries based on what they are comfortable with. One way to be a safe adult is to honor these boundaries to the best of our abilities. For example, if a child doesn't want to high five, we can honor that desire and find another way to celebrate, maybe with a wave or friendly smile. When we respond positively to a child's preferred interactions, we show them that their comfort does matter, and should be respected whenever possible. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "How Safe Adults Can Maintain Health Boundaries" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

Sergio Cerda & Lucia Nuno †

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

Ruben Nunez & Nunez Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Sosa Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

Steve Stelloh †

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

People of St. Francis Xavier

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

People of St. Francis Xavier

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday: Is 56:1,6-7/Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8/Rom 11:13-15,29-32/Mt 15:21-28
 Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37,39-40,43-44/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24/Ps 85:9,11-14/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Rv 21:9-14/Ps 145:10-13,17-18/Jn 1:45-51
 Friday: Ru 1:1,3-6,14-16,22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17/Ps 128: 1-5/Mt 23:1-12

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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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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