



# St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

September 10, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary

For where two or three  
are gathered together in My Name,  
I am there among them.

Matthew 18:20

#### 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,

Chapter 18 of the Gospel of Matthew is often called the Dissertation on the Church. In the section we have in today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples on how to care for those who turn from Him, turn from the Church. "If your brother sins against you...tell him, just the two of you. If that doesn't work, visit him with two or three other witnesses. If that still does not work have the Church contact him. If he still refuses to change then the Church should consider him an outsider."

Treat him as an outsider! It sounds like a cruel statement. How Jesus who is the human face of the merciful God can make such an insensitive statement? Is it really an unforgiving approach? Truly, it is not. To know the real meaning of this statement, we need to look at the way Jesus treated the gentiles and the outcasts. He treated them with mercy and compassion. He had no outsiders. "It is mercy not sacrifice that I wanted." Jesus told the Pharisees who were upset with Jesus for dining with Mathew the tax collector. Jesus went to a step further and made him his disciple.

In Jesus' world, there is only one approach. It is the approach of reconciliation and forgiveness. This is because of two reasons. First, as the poet John Donne wrote: 'No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main'. We are all meant to live and grow and thrive together, in our families and communities. Second, God is a communion, and He works through communion. Remember Jesus' own words: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Therefore, the Gospel reading for the 23rd Sunday, invites us to build up communion that leads to working and growing together. Let the Holy Eucharist, also known as the Holy Communion, nourish our spirit of unity and make us missionaries of merciful love. Our Family Life Ministry is planning and implementing different activities to enrich our spirit of fellowship and unity. This weekend, representatives of FLM will give reflections during the Mass.

Next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. On behalf of our parish and school community, I appreciate and thank everyone who is in the teaching ministry, especially in our community. You represent Jesus our Master Teacher. We will celebrate and bless our catechists and teachers during the 10 am Mass.

May God bless you.

## PARISH NEWS


**Baptism  
Workshop**
**BAPTISM  
WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, September 12th 7p in the church, is our next Baptism Workshop for parents and godparents.

Those who wish to baptize their child need to attend the class. Since Baptism is a time of renewal for the entire family and since each child is unique and precious, attendance of the baptism workshop is important each time a child in a family is baptized.



**Please mark your calendars:**

Our next JOY meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 4 p.m. in Cabrini Hall.

All Seniors are welcome!



**Mark your calendars:**

The Knights of Columbus and Family Life Ministry will be co-hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 24th after the 8 am and 10 am Masses.

All members of the parish are encouraged to attend. There is no charge, but donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated!


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**Mark Your Calendars:**

We are once again breaking the record for being the biggest fundraising dinner night at Bob's Big Boy on Riverside Drive.

This annual event is another great opportunity to socialize with friends and earn money for St. Francis Xavier. Kids love it! Parents loved it! And St. Francis Xavier loves it!

I can't wait to see you there!

## 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



## School Year 2023

Starting off the year with a lot of interactions and participation from our students.



## DID YOU KNOW?

### Online Relationships and Abuse

Parents and caregivers need to be aware of the many ways predators can develop online relationships with their victims. Predators often seek out children or teens who share a lot of information about themselves online and use that information to build “friendships” that they can then use to their advantage. They may pretend to share the same interests or insecurities, offer excessive compliments, or claim to have access to desired items, usually drugs or alcohol. To learn more about what to watch out for when your children are online, read the VIRTUS® article “Online Child Sexual Exploitation” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Jainee Abrera & Emiliana Bernardo †

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The Clements Family †

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Alferdo & Gloria Fulache †

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Caloza Family

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Brigido Perez & Sebastian Vettickal Sr.†

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

People of St. Francis Xavier

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/Rom 13:8-10/  
Mt 18:15-20  
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7,9/Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1-2,8-11/Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3,10-13/Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2,34-38/Phil 2:6-11/  
Jn 3:13-17  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14/Ps 16:1-2,5,7-8,11  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 6:43-49

## PRAY FOR THE SICK



We pray for our sick parishioners that they may know the healing of Christ:

Teresita Blazon, Ray Landless, Tom MacMartin, Matthew Balano and Joanne Figliuzzi.

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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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**Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Parish!**

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