



# St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

September 17, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary



*"Come to Me,  
all you who labor  
and are burdened."*

MATTHEW 11:28

## *Catechetical Sunday*

### "A Prayer for Catechists"

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord Amen.

### 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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### PARISH DIRECTORY

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*From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,*

Dear Friends,

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the 3rd Sunday in the month of September as "Catechetical Sunday." Catechetical Sunday is a day on which we celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people.

We often talk about catechism and catechesis. What does it mean? The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning, "To echo, or Resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world.

All Catholics by virtue of their baptism are called to echo the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All are called to be 'formators' of faith. Faith is paramount to sail through the oceans of life that are often rocked with violent storms and wild waves. When I was in San Pedro, I had an amazing experience. One night, around 11 p.m., the doorbell rang. It was a man who was totally disturbed and panicked. "Can you please open the Church? I want to pray," he asked me. He was on the way to kill himself but saw the church and remembered what he had heard from his First Holy Communion class: "When you think every way is closed before you and nowhere to turn, remember, Jesus is waiting for you in the tabernacle to lift you up." Then he said to me, "I need him right now. "The seed of faith that was planted in his heart years ago now came to his rescue.

Faith does marvelous things in our lives. You and I are the witnesses to it. We cannot hide our light of faith in a bushel basket. We need to burn it brightly and let it shine before others.

God is always present. As Paul says, "We have to 'magnify Christ' in our lives." Remember the words of Pope Francis to the parents, "It is the most beautiful inheritance that you can give to your children: The Faith! Our Faith will grow only in the same measure that we give it away."

I am grateful each one of you for your great interest in forming our children after the heart of Jesus Christ. A word of gratitude for the core team members of Family Life Ministry for sharing their faith life with the community last Sunday. As announced last Sunday, the Celebration of Wedding Anniversary will take place on Sunday November 5th at 10 am Mass. All couples who have completed 25 years or more in the sacrament of marriage will be celebrated at this mass. Please give your name to the office.

May God bless you.

## PARISH NEWS



### 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!



### 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!

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### The Black And Indian Mission Collection Today!

Today's Collection is for the Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

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*On Sunday,  
September 17th the Cabrini  
Chapel will be open from  
9am to 1pm.*



**JOY will be meeting on  
Thursday, Sept. 21st at 4 pm  
in Cabrini Hall.**

We will have a speaker sharing tips on "Senior Wellness". All Seniors are Welcome!  
JOY – Just Older Youth

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### The Called to Renew Capital Campaign

**Parish Goal: \$585,000.00  
Total Pledged: \$1,341,325.00  
Total Paid: \$273,3664.51**

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.



## 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



Kindergarten celebrated the Blessed Mother's birthday by going to church and saying a Hail Mary.

They enjoyed cupcakes and sang Happy Birthday.

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Why do children not disclose abuse?

Child abuse victims are often scared and anxious to tell a trusted adult about the abuse they have suffered. These fears prevent a majority of victims from telling their parents, teachers, or other trusted adults about abuse, which, sadly, perpetuates the cycle. Victims may be afraid that they will get in trouble, or will not be believed, or will be ashamed or criticized. For information on how to overcome or counteract these fears, 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, SEPTEMBER 17

People of St. Francis Xavier

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Josefine Perez & Tomas Abrajano †

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Ruben Nunez, Nunez Family &  
Ocampo Family

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Mylah De La Rosa & Maria Irene Alvarez

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Juan Abrajano Sr. & Felipe Abrajano †

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Fernando Reyes †

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-4,9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35  
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2,7-9/Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1-3,5-6/Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7,11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13  
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2-12/Ps 49:6-10,17-20/Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 8:4-15

### 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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**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.

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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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