



# St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

October 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary

I shall follow in  
YOUR  
footsteps  
JESUS and  
be safe  
forevermore...



## 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,

What is the role of a Christian? The answer is clear. We are here to make a difference. The very basic virtue that one needs to possess to make a difference is to develop and practice the attitude of Christ. St. Paul beautifully described the attitude of Jesus in the following way: "Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, and took the form of a servant." (Ph. 2:1ff).

Jesus' attitude was an attitude of servant-ship. Therefore, Paul exhorts the Christians: "Have the attitude of Christ." "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." This is what all of us, without exception, are called to live. We are called to live humility that expresses in generous service.

The day of our baptism, when we were commissioned with a lighted candle with these words 'Receive the light of Christ and burn it brightly' our call to make a difference began. Like the son in the Gospel parable who changed his mind and returned to his father's job, if we lost the light of our candle because of the influence of the secular world, this is the time to light it again.

Mother Mary is the best example of humility and service. During this month of October, let us turn to Mary, learn from her, and pray her intercession. As you know, October is the Month of Rosary Devotion. The Rosary will be prayed every day after the morning Mass and the October Devotion will conclude with a Rosary Rally on Sunday, October 29 after the 10 am Mass.

Our Half Day Retreat for all those who are in any form of ministry is on Saturday October 21 on the theme "Eucharistic Revival: It Starts with Me." Please plan to attend. Another exciting event is the Celebration of Marriage on Sunday November 5 at the 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.

Let us return to God and seek his divine assistance. Let us pray with the Psalmist: "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior" (Ps 25:4-5).

May God bless you.

## PARISH NEWS

Blessing  
- of the -  
ANIMALS



**Come Early on October 4th for Our Annual Blessing of the Animals.**

**7:30 –8:30 am on the lower parking lot near the lunch benches.**

### Baptism Workshop

### BAPTISM WORKSHOP

Tuesday, October 10th 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 .



### Our Annual Ministry Retreat

Saturday, October 21, from 8:30 am until Noon

Theme: "Eucharistic Revival, It Starts with Me"

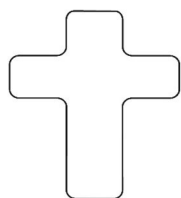
Liturgical Ministry, Music Ministry, Ministry to the Sick, Bereavement Ministry, Peace and Justice, Family Life Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, JOY, Altar Society, PTO, the Fil Am Community and those who are planning to join a ministry are all invited.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to renew our faith in the Eucharist, appreciate our ministry and show our support to one another other.

### ROSARY RALLY



Sunday October 29, during 10 am Mass.  
"Abandon yourself in the hands of Mary.  
She will take care of you."



### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Thursday, November 2 at 6:30 pm

Let us remember our loved one's who passed away from our parish in the last year. Love never fails. We never forget our loved ones.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



*Sunday, November 5th  
at the 10 am Mass.*

*Couples married for 25 years or more, please register your name with the parish office.*



## PARISH NEWS

### Our Pastor, Fr. Sebastian will be jogging along with our students in our 43rd Annual Jog-a-thon!!



We are so thrilled and excited! It's Fr. Sebastian's first time! Please come out and support our pastor and school.

To reach Fr. Sebastian's pledge page and write a few words of encouragement; please scan the QR code or go directly to this link: <https://mybooster.com/v3/dash/NTWecezK>



Shhh! We want to see him at Disneyland again!



JOY (Just Older Youth) had a great general meeting on Sept. 21st.

Our speaker, Kathryn Deagon, shared tips on senior wellness and we enjoyed sharing our perspectives with each other.

Our next JOY gathering will be a casual breakfast at a local restaurant in October. Date to be announced.



### Nite at the Races—November 4, 2023

Horses are now on sale!

Now accepting donations for gift baskets:

- ♦ \$25 to name your horse and jockey
- ♦ You need not be present to own a horse
- ♦ If your horse wins, you win a trophy
- ♦ Gift cards
- ♦ Any type of alcohol
- ♦ Merchandise
- ♦ Services
- ♦ Event tickets

Please consider asking friends, family and local business to support our NATR fundraiser by contributing items. Donations will be dropped off at the parish office.

## PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS



### Peace & Justice Food Drive Collection

The food item featured for October 10th is pasta and pasta sauce. We will accept any canned items or items in plastic containers such as dried beans, tuna, canned soups, canned veggies, canned meat, canned fruit, rice, cereal, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly. etc.

Please leave your donation in the yellow barrel outside the church in the breezeway.

## SCHOOL NEWS



Happy Birthday  
Ms. Sanchez!!!

Kindergarten celebrated Ms. Sanchez's birthday with a song and a card.

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### What is doxing?

Doxing is publicly sharing someone's private information, like home address, phone number, or social security number, as a form of punishment or revenge putting them at risk of hacking, identity fraud, or other violence. If someone is doxed, they may have their phone number swamped with spam or explicit texts and messages or if their address is shared, they may be unsafe in their own home. For more information about doxing, read the VIRTUS® article "Doxing: What is that?" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

People of St. Francis Xavier

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Alyssa Aguinaldo, Peter & Paul Naguit †

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Vernie Abando †

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

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#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Maria Teresa Marquez Noel †

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Readings for the week of October 1, 2023

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32  
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:2,16-23  
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1-7/Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1-5,8-9/Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12,27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17-24

### 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, Joanne Figliuzzi and Teri Kaczmarek.

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**Ministries & Groups**

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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.

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

**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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