



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

October 15, 2023

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary

SEEKERS, SAINTS AND SINNERS



God's invitation is open to all.

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

Please call the parish office

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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,

One night, a man came home drunk. He ordered his wife, "I'm hungry. Give me something to eat!" The wife replied, "It's all there on the table. It's up to you to choose." Upon seeing what is on the table, the man complained: "What? With only one piece of dried fish, what choice do I have?" "Well," the wife said softly, "you can choose: to eat or not to eat."

Life consists of a series of choices. As human beings, we have the power and freedom to choose. Since we have the freedom to choose, the consequences of our selections are our responsibility. A person who chooses God is the wise person. This is because of three reasons: First, the Lord will wipe away our tears, fears and anxieties. Secondly, He will strengthen us to overcome obstacles of life. Finally, He will nourish us with his eternal banquet. This is in fact the summary of today's readings.

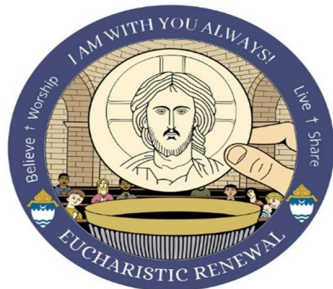
As illustrated in the Gospel story (Mt 22:1-4), God's invitation is open to all. It is for saints and sinners. It is for insiders and outsiders. However, as narrated in the Gospel, people did not use the opportunity for growing in grace. The invited guests made excuses. They did not show up. Worldly things consumed them. "God became one of the many choices." Unfortunately, they did not know what they were missing.

The Holy Eucharist is our heavenly banquet today. "Every time we receive him, he reminds us that we are precious, that we are guests he has invited to his banquet, friends with whom he wants to dine. And not only because he is generous, but because he is truly in love with us. He sees and loves the beauty and goodness that we are," (Pope Francis). Come to Jesus who is really, truly and substantially present in the Eucharist. Jesus is inviting us every Sunday to the Eucharistic Table to encounter him, consume him and become his Eucharistic presence in the world.

Please remember: 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. Our Rosary Rally is on Sunday October 29th at the 10 am Mass. Celebration of wedding Anniversaries for all couples who have completed 25 years or more is on Sunday, November 5 at the 10 am Mass.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS



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
the 10 am Mass.

"Abandon yourself in the
hands of Mary. She will take
care of you."



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.*



JOY

Thank you for contributing to the Pop Tab Collection for the Margaret Aylward Center. MAC is a ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Faith and serves those in need in the Pico Rivera area. We were able to deliver a donation of \$505.87 to MAC with your help!



All Souls Day Mass Thursday, November 2 at 6:30 pm

If you have lost a loved one between November 2, 2022 to the present, whose funeral services were held outside of St. Francis Xavier Church, and you would like to have them remembered at the All Souls Day Mass, please contact Mary Abrajano at 818-767-1721 or Barbara Bocek at 818-321-0901 on or before October 25th.

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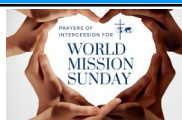


The Called to Renew Capital Campaign

Parish Goal: \$585,000.00
Total Pledged: \$1,342,525.00
Total Paid: \$285,520.88

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.



World Mission Sunday Collection—October 22nd

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice.

Every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions grow – as new dioceses are formed, as new seminaries are opened because of the growing number of young men hearing Christ's call to follow Him as priests, as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and as other areas, long suppressed, are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. Thank you for your donation.

Let's get down and Derby! Pony up for



A NITE AT THE RACES November 4, 2023



6pm—Saint Francis Xavier Holy Cross Hall



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- ♦ Event tickets

Purchase Tickets to Attend!

- Presale tickets are \$35
- Tickets at the door are \$40
- Tickets include food and \$25 in play money

COMMUNITY NEWS



Beginning Experience of Los Angeles (BELA) Presents In the Beginning... Coping with Life Alone

When: Saturday, October 21 at 9a–4p

Where: St. Clare of Assisi Parish, 19606 Calla Way Canyon Country, Santa Clarita (Renahan Hall)

Cost: \$10—Please bring your own lunch (Coffee, water & snacks provided)

This experience give grief support after a spousal loss for Divorced, separated and Widowed Adults. There program topics will help cope with the loss of your loved one. Please register by October 17th by calling Maria at 909-592-0009 or email: beginningexp.losangeles@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Protecting Vulnerable Adults

While a primary focus of those in ministry is on protecting children from harm, protecting vulnerable adults is just as important. This includes adults living with mental, emotional, or physical disabilities, adults who have court-appointed guardians, elderly adults in vulnerable positions, and anyone else who may be unable to consent to or understand what is happening to them. Every year, nearly 500,000 reports of abuse against vulnerable adults are made to the Adult Protection Service, and even more go undetected. The same steps and processes outlined for protecting children can help vulnerable adults as well — know the warning signs, screen all employees and caregivers, and monitor environments for safe practices. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Protecting Vulnerable Adults” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Lope Marquez & Priscilla Monido †

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Joanne Williams &
Adelaida Barrinuevo †

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Crisostomo Peredo &
Joy Lauerice Gayapia †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Vicente A. Quitzon †

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Fernando Rubio Sr. †

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 25:6-10/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14,19-20/Mt 22:1-14
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-13,17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-6/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2,5,11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13,16-18/Ps 105:6-9,42-43/Lk 12:8-12

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, Teri Kaczmarek, Jennifer Martines, Christian Magallon and Aitana Magallon.

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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.francisxavier—Instagram

St. Francis Xavier Burbank—Facebook

@LoveSFX—Twitter

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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Ministry Interest: _____





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