



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

November 19, 2023

Thirty-Third 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

Friday 6:00 p.m. —7 p.m.
Saturday 4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.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,

There was a blind boy. He sat on the corner of a road with a signboard: "I am blind. Please help me." Not many people paid attention to the boy. He got only a few coins. A monk came that way. He gave him some money. But he did something different also. He changed the words on the signboard like this. "Today is a beautiful day, Thank God. I can see it."

Things changed dramatically. A lot more people started noticing that boy and trying to help him. What made the difference? The first sign simply told them that he is blind. The second sign made the people aware that they were not blind.

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. Gratitude is intrinsically related to our Christian spirituality. We call ourselves a 'Eucharistic People.' "Eucharist" is a Greek word, which means "thanksgiving." So, we are 'Thanksgiving People.'

Gratitude is ultimately an expression of humility. It affirms our dependence on God. It is an expression of our acknowledgement that everything is a blessing. God has bestowed us with many gifts and talents according to our abilities. Some may have one talent and someone else may have three or five talents. Compliment it. Compliments bring happiness and complaints bring misery. "Some people grumble that roses have thorns; I am grateful that thorns have roses," says Alphonse Karr.

Often, we are not aware of our own blessings. A man was complaining about his shoes until he noticed a person without a leg. Let us open our eyes and see our blessings. Let us count our blessings today. The more we think about our blessings the happier we will be. Acknowledging the good that we already have in our life is the foundation of all abundance.

I am grateful to our St. Francis Xavier Community. This community is beautiful and joyful because of each one of you. Your generosity with your time, talents and treasure is the salt of this community. Let us celebrate it with a grateful heart.

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Christ the King. We will have the anointing of the hands at all masses. This symbolizes our commissioning to work for the Kingdom of God.

May God bless you

PARISH NEWS



*The Parish Office
will be closed on
Thursday, November 23rd
and Friday, November 24th.*

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

*Have a wonderful
Thanksgiving!*

*Join us for
Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 23rd at 9
a.m.*

Loving God,

*In this season and all year
long give to us the gift of a
thankful heart. So that we
appreciate your blessings,
and acknowledge you as the
Giver of all that is good in
our lives.*

"Give Thanks to the Lord!"

Amen



Today, November 19th is the Catholic Campaign For Human Development Collection

The CCHD is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes.

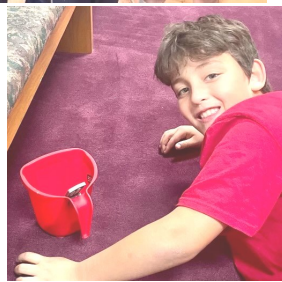
Please donate prayerfully and generously. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS



Last Friday when school was off, these SFX students scraped gum off the pews because they wanted our church to be perfect.

Super thumbs up for their help!!



PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS

Peace & Justice Food Drive Collection



The food item featured for November 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

Kindergarten celebrated Mrs. Bisson's birthday with lots of fun and games! God bless you Mrs. Bisson with many more!



Kindergarten wishes Coach Altobar a Happy Veteran's Day! Thank you, coach for your service in the Navy. God bless you on this special day!



SCHOOL NEWS



SFX November Dinner Night Fundraiser



Take out or dine in, 10% goes to Saint Francis Xavier school

Wednesday, November 29
All day

Coral Cafe
3321 W Burbank Blvd
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Join Us For Our November Dinner Night Fundraiser at Coral Café on Wednesday, November 29th All Day!

Save the date for November's Dinner Night Fundraiser! We'll be at Coral Cafe on Burbank Blvd on Wednesday, November 29 from 7am-11pm. Whether you go in person, order online, or call in a phone order for pick-up, show them this flyer and a percentage of the sales will go to our school! We hope to see you there!

DID YOU KNOW?

Holiday Hugs and Boundaries

As children get older, they need to understand not just the rules of social interaction but why people act (or don't act) these ways. Children need to know how to set their own boundaries.

The approaching holidays are a great time to discuss these boundaries and how to express them politely. Talk to your children about whether they would like to give hugs to family members, whether they want to give or receive any other forms of affection. For more information, read the article "Teaching Kids about Boundaries" at <https://childmind.org/article/teaching-kids-boundaries-empathy/>.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Paula Claravall, Elizabeth Schaer
& Erlinda Cal †

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Ruben Nunez & Nunez Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Sour Adolorata Obal
& Manolo Juguilon †

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Castro Obal, Zaldúa Nievera
& Leonor Families †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Francisco, Beatrix & Amparo Morales †

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

People of St. Francis Xavier

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63/Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-8/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1,20-31/Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59/(Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19/Lk 20:27-40

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, Marissa Socco, Bertha Padilla, Maria Sampley and Richard Fox.

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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.

St.francisxavier—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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