



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



CHRIST
THE KING



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 4:00p.m.—4:30p.m

HOUSE BLESSING/SICK VISITS/BAPTISM/

MARRIAGE/FUNERAL

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Friends,

We are at the end of the Liturgical year. On this final Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This Feast was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in an encyclical titled "Quas Primas" and was Pius' response to the increasing secularization and nationalism in the aftermath of World War I. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

As we all know, there is a spiritual illness (Spiritual Alzheimer) slowly crawling across the world. Moreover, great forces are actively working at present to undermine the reality of spirituality. What is the truth? The truth is that in the absence of Jesus who is the light, the whole world will be in darkness. If we ignore Jesus who is the way to true life, then we will wander in the world cluelessly.

As disciples of Jesus, it is our duty to be counter cultural. In other words, we are called to proclaim the supremacy of God and the futility of secularization. If we don't do it, then who will do it? The story of Padre Miguel Pro is inspiring. During the religious persecution in Mexico, this young Jesuit priest did not plead for his life, instead he kissed the crucifix and stood up shouting, "Viva Cristo Rey." It means 'long live Christ the King.' Thomas More on his way to his execution said to King Hendry, "I am the Kings good servant, but God's first."

Representing Jesus Christ in our time is our baptismal call. The sacrament of Baptism anoints and commissions us to be a king, prophet, and priest. To remind us of this noble call, this Sunday at all masses we anoint the hands of everyone.

Next Sunday, we begin a new Liturgical year with the Holy Season of Advent. Advent is the sacred time when we prepare for the incarnation of Christ the King. As we did last year, this year too we will have the "Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony." A Christmas tree will be erected in the breezeway. Children are invited to bring ornaments on the First Sunday of Advent to decorate the Tree. This will continue the second Sunday of Advent as well. On the second Sunday, after 5 pm Mass, we will light the tree. Decorating the Christmas Tree is a symbolic gesture of preparing our heart for Jesus. Let us make every opportunity a moment of grace.

On the First Sunday of Advent (December 3), that is the Feast Day of St. Francis Xavier our patron saint too, our Native American Community is having a special celebration at the 10 am Mass. Let us welcome them by attending the celebration.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

COME ONE, COME ALL, to the Parish Family Christmas Tree Lighting!!!

Bring your family's own decoration to contribute to the tree and come join us on Sunday, December 10th after the 5 pm Mass for Christmas Carols, lighting of our Parish Family Christmas Tree, and cookies and hot cocoa together!

Our Christmas Tree will be put up in the breezeway on December 1st and we invite each family to bring a special ornament to adorn our tree sometime between then and December 10th!

(All ornaments can be reclaimed after our celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany on January 7th or, if left it will be used on our trees for years to come.)

Make sure your family is part of our community celebration of the anticipation of the Birth of our Lord, and help us create the prettiest Christmas Tree ever seen in Burbank!

Sponsored by the SFX Family Life Ministry.



Native American Day Celebration Mass

St. Kateri Tekakwitha will be celebrated on December 3rd at the 10 a.m. Mass. We will gather in the Cabrini Hall for fellowship. We hope you can come and bring your friends and family. Fr. Henry Sands will be the presider at the Eucharistic Liturgy.



Immaculate Conception Mass

Please join us on December 8th, for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 7 p.m.

"O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, You intercede for us with Your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

PARISH NEWS

Baptism Workshop

BAPTISM WORKSHOP

Tuesday, November 14th 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.



Advent Penance Service

Friends and family, please join us on December 19th at 6:30p for our Advent Penance Service.



Journey to the Manager

Please Join! On Friday, December 15 at 6 pm for a one-hour prayer service in preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It includes scripture readings, reflections, prayers and music.

PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS

Thank you to SFX parishioners for helping Peace and Justice collect food for the needy.



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



**SFX November Dinner
Night Fundraiser**



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Wednesday, November 29
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DID YOU KNOW?

How do groomers work?

Groomers start by picking out a potential
victim, often a child who is emotionally
vulnerable or isolated, or with low self-esteem.

Then, groomers will start to slowly build a
relationship — bonding over an alleged shared
interest and expanding relationships out to
build trust with the victim's family and friends.

Groomers work hard to make themselves
appear trustworthy and safe, to gain better
access to their victims. From there, they can
isolate their victims and perpetrate abuse. For
more information, read the VIRTUS® article
"The Many Stages of Grooming"
at iacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Paula Claravall, Elizabeth Schaer
& Erlinda Cal †

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Ruben Nunez & Nunez Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Sour Adolorata Obal
& Manolo Juguilon †

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Castro Obal, Zaldúa Nievera
& Leonor Families †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Francisco, Beatrix & Amparo Morales †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

People of St. Francis Xavier

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12,15-17/Ps 23:1-3,5-6/
1 Cor 15:20-26,28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6,8-20/(Ps) Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-
4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/(Ps) Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28/(Ps) Dn
3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/(Ps) Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/(Ps) Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-
36

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.

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