



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord



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

Please call the parish office

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Friends,

Once President G. Ford was asked to name three people he considered as the greatest of the century. The first name he mentioned was the name of Gandhi. He had chosen Gandhi's name because he was a great unifier. He sacrificed his life to bring people together.

The feast of the Epiphany that we celebrate today, traditionally understood, as the visit of the three Magi to the Child Jesus, is a Feast of Unity. According to one tradition, these three Kings represented three different categories of people: the white, the black and the brown. The search for truth brought them together. In the presence of Jesus, they discovered their common bond. The world today needs to hear the message of unity.

As disciples of Jesus, it is our privilege and mission to take that mission. To achieve this noble goal, it is important to have a radical transformation in our thinking. This may include two major steps. We need to look out and step out as the Magi did. The Three Wise Men "looked out". We do not possess the full truth. A person who thinks that he knows everything, holds his values as absolute and he does not need help from outsiders, will not see the star of possibilities. The problem with Herod was that he was not willing to look beyond himself.

It is not enough to simply see the reality. We need to have the courage to step out from our own little 'palaces of security and world of illusion' to see the truth and embrace it. The three wise men took the risk. They stepped out of the palace and made the dangerous trip. Very often, we travel the wrong path, our values and beliefs are not authentic. However, we are not ready to change because we do not want to take the risk. Success belongs to the brave. These extraordinary steps took the three wise men to Jesus.

Their meeting with Jesus opened up a new horizon for them. They surrendered what they thought was absolute. They found a 'new way' and returned home on this 'new way.' Herod on the other hand, stepped into his own world. He looked in, stepped in and stayed in.

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. His baptism reminds us of our own baptism. Our baptism commissions us to go and make a difference in the world with the light of Jesus.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS

Generosity is Thoughtful

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love."



BAPTISM WORKSHOP

Tuesday, January 9th 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.

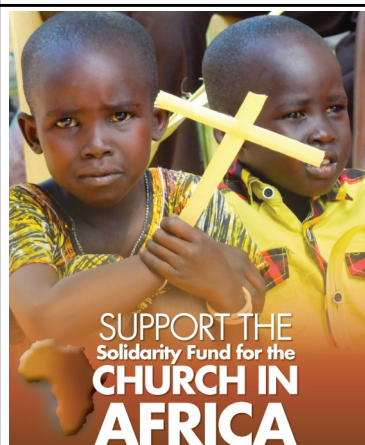


JOY (Just Older Youth)

JOY will be meeting on January 18th at 4p in Cabrini Hall.

We want to welcome you to a fun and exciting way to enjoy your youth, We play games, snack on some appetizers, and this is a great opportunity to interact and meet new people. Don't be shy, join us on January 18th!

All seniors are welcome!



Pastoral Solidarity Fund Collection—January 21, 2024

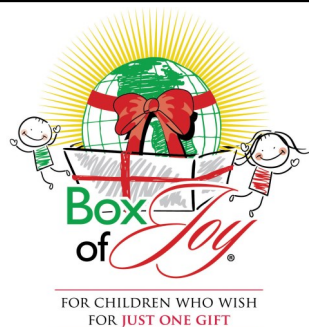
Catholic dioceses in the United States will take up a collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, a program of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) that works in partnership with the Catholic Church in Africa to strengthen pastoral capacity, nurture relationships, and encourage accountability and good stewardship of resources.

Thank you for all the support, your support will make a difference.



*Parish Office is closed Monday, January 15th
for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS



Christmas Joy Out Reach

We want to thank everyone who donated to the Rincon Reservations, Philippines and Himalayan in Nepal.

Every Christmas season these donations are taken to heart and bring smiles to children. Lets start off this New Year with joy in our hearts and keeping those in need in our hearts as well.



Peace & Justice Food Drive Collection

The food item featured for January 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

Entrance to St. Francis Xavier School

Come and explore the academics, special subjects, extracurricular activities, and enrichment at St. Francis Xavier School. School tours are available by request. Please call the school office at (818) 504-4422 for an appointment.

St. Francis Xavier School is starting to place names on our waiting list of students interested in entering Transitional Kindergarten through Eighth Grade in August 2024. All families who wish to have their children considered for Fall entrance are asked to contact the school office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. This includes families who have children currently enrolled at St. Francis Xavier School and would like younger or older siblings considered for admission.

In regard to Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Applicants: Due to the difference between ability and maturity levels and the corresponding relationship to school readiness, Kindergarten applicants must turn 5 years old by November 1st. Transitional Kindergarten applicants must turn 4 years old by November 1st.

We look forward to meeting with you!



SCHOOL NEWS

WINTER CLOTHES



Winter Clothing Drive

The St. Francis Xavier School Student Council is sponsoring a Winter Clothing Drive starting January 4, 2024 through January 18, 2024.

We will collect any outgrown or reasonably worn, warm winter clothing during this time. All of the collected clothing will be given to the St. Charles Service Center to subsidize their efforts in taking care of the needy people who call upon them for help.

Please send in your donations to the breezeway every Sunday. We will deliver the collection to the St. Charles Service Center.

Many thanks for your help with this important drive.

DID YOU KNOW?

Engage With Your Adolescents and Provide Healthy Guidance

During adolescence, young people require more parental engagement – rather than less. This is a time when they begin to experience the many facets of their personality and to test their parents as well as themselves. During this time, adolescents will try to do what is forbidden because it can be exciting to break the rules. Though our adolescents may push us away or disregard our rules and suggestions, they need our guidance—during this time more than ever. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Be aware of your adolescent’s peers and activities” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/Eph 3:2-3,5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: Is 42:1-4,6-7/Ps 29:1-4,9-10/Mk 1:7-11
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20/Ps 40:2,5,7-10/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11,14-15,25-26/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Elena Bernardo & Daisy Barlaio †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

John & Lisa Laue & Vincent Tomooka

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Michael Angelo Lazaro †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Nenita Valerio †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Carlos Montano †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

People of St. Francis Xavier

PRAY FOR THE SICK



We pray for our sick parishioners that they may know the healing of Christ:

Teresita Blazon, Ray Landless, Matthew Balano, Joanne Figliuzzi, Teri Kaczmarek, Bertha Padilla, Maria Sampley, Richard Fox, George Billy Allen and Martha Peale.

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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.franisxavier—Instagram

St. Francis Xavier Burbank—Facebook

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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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