



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The most important thing that we are called to do is bringing others, especially our family to Jesus."



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,

The mystery of human existence lies not in just staying alive, but in finding something worthwhile to live for. If a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he is not fit to live (MLK). More men fail through lack of purpose than lack of talents.

"What are you looking for?" Jesus asked Andrew and his friends who followed him. This is the most important question all of us need to ask. "What am I looking for? What is the purpose of my life? What is that drives me when I wake up in the morning? When I go to work, or when I go to school."

Let us all recognize that God has a purpose for our lives. "Many are plans in a person's heart, but it is Lord's purpose that prevails" (Proverbs 19:21). To understand His plan, one has to go to Him. So Jesus said to them, "Come and see where I am living."

When Andrew stayed with Jesus, he found his purpose. His purpose was to evangelize his family. He went home and brought Peter to Jesus. Then, Peter introduced Jesus to his mother-in law.

The most important thing that we are called to do is bringing others, especially our family to Jesus. We may have a family member, a friend, co-worker, or acquaintance who is not a Christian right now. Sharing the gospel with them can be difficult. However, we are commanded to share the gospel, and there is no excuse for not doing so (Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Peter 3:15). Let us make this an important priority this year.

Finally growing in Faith is a continuous process. We need to take advantage of every opportunity for that. We have scheduled a Weekend Retreat on February 9 and 10 (Friday evening and Saturday until Noon). Sr. Chris Machado SSS will direct the retreat. This is for all. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

With great sadness and sorrow, I share the passing of our beloved Mary Abrajano, Betty Quigg and John Joseph Blatter. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the bereaved family members. May their souls rest in peace.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS



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

**PARISH WEEKEND RETREAT
CHEERFUL LIVING
February 9th and 10th**

Do you want to live cheerfully? Attend our weekend retreat on Feb 9th and 10th (Friday and Saturday).

Retreat begins Friday evening (6:30pm to 8:30pm) and continues on Saturday from 8:15 am until 1pm. Sr. Chris Machado SSS will direct the retreat. It is a great way to begin the season of lent. Please sign up!



*MARY ABRAJANO
(02/03/1943—01/09/2024)
Funeral: January 19th at 10:00 a.m.*

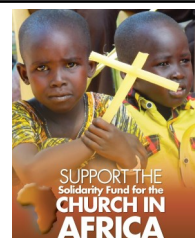
Mary Abrajano was a woman of faith, hope and commitment. Her heart was always in the church. She was part of almost every ministry including the parish faire. She was the head of bereavement ministry for decades. If you want to get anything done, Mary was the answer. She was friendly, serviceable and generous. She is going to be missed very badly. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to Jess and Mary's family.

She can very well say with St. Paul: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Yes! She went about doing good.

PARISH NEWS

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.



We were blessed to have 6 altar servers last Sunday at the 8 am mass. 3 girls and 3 boys! We love seeing these young community members grow with us.



On Sunday, January 14th, Sister Regina will be hosting an open house at the Mother Cabrini Chapel. It will be open from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Please join us.



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. The Faculty and Staff are hosting an Open House on Sunday, February 4, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. On Saturday, February 3, 2024, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten will host an Open House from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.



St. Francis Xavier School is currently accepting names to be placed 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 to be eligible to take the entrance screening. Transitional Kindergarten applicants must turn 4 years old by November 1st to be eligible for the entrance screening.
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 ending on 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?

How to Actively Listen to Abuse Disclosures

Disclosing abuse is one of the hardest — and most important — steps for a victim to take. If a child chooses to tell you about abuse, make sure you are actively listening. Give the child all of your attention and listen calmly, without making judgements or assumptions. Listen patiently without filling in the blanks or making suggestions. The best thing is for the child to tell his or her own story. Ask limited questions, and only for information needed to report abuse. For more information on actively listening, read the VIRTUS® article “Responding to Youth Disclosures or Concerns of Abuse” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3-10,19/Ps 40:2,4,7-10/1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20/Jn 1:35-42
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22,27-28/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51/Ps 144:1-2,9-10/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9,19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3,9-14/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4,6,11/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27/Ps 80:2-3,5-7/Mk 3:20-21

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Tomooka Family & Francisco Saldana

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Ruben Nunez & Nunez Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Fernando Rubio Jr.

& Evangeline Claravall Schlimm†

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Andrea & Christopher Echavarri

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

The Filipino Parishioners

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

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, Maria Sampley, Richard Fox, George Billy Allen, Martha Peale, Sophie Lucero and Andrew Jayaraj.

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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.

St. Francis Xavier is on Social Media! Follow us so you don't miss out on our great events and activities.

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St. Francis Xavier Burbank—Facebook

@LoveSFX—Twitter

St. Francis Xavier Elementary Alumni (Burbank) — Facebook

**Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Parish!**

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