



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Friends,

There is this interesting tale, a Teenager decided to follow Jesus. He got a piece of paper and made a list of great things that he was planning to do for God, and then placed it on the altar. However, he did not feel anything. His feeling was sheer emptiness. He made a longer list of doable things and put it on the altar; but still he felt nothing. He went to his pastor for help. The pastor said, "Take a blank sheet of paper, sign your name at the bottom of it and place it on the altar." The young man did as suggested by the pastor, and then peace came to his heart.

Christianity is not about doing something for Christ. It is not about a doctrine or an idea. It is not about a set of rules and regulations. It is all about a person. It is all about the person of Jesus. For example, when Jesus called his disciples he did not offer them something nor did he promise them anything. *He told them: "Follow me."*

Following Jesus means humbly submitting our entire self to Him through the process of repentance. Repentance is more than turning away from sin. It is awakening the presence of Jesus in us. It is re-discovering God's image in me. It is clearing my heart for Him.

To follow Jesus and experience repentance the first condition is to know Jesus more intimately through meditative prayer. Meditate on Jesus until you can see through the eyes of Jesus. Remember Paul's words: It is not me but Jesus lives in me. Living in Jesus and with Jesus is the most joyful experience.

We have scheduled a weekend retreat under the theme: Cheerful Living, on February 9th and 10th (Friday evening and Saturday until Noon). Sr. Chris Machado SSS will direct the retreat. Please call to the office and register your name. It is for all, and registration is free. Please attend. This will help us to prepare our heart for Jesus and follow him more deeply.

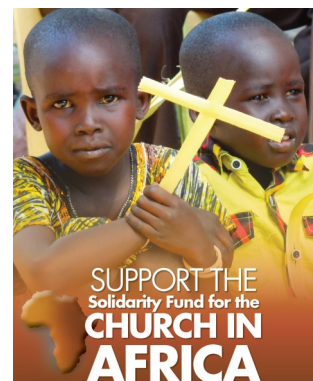
May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS

Pastoral Solidarity Fund Collection—Today, 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 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).

The retreat is Friday evening from 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!



Wells of Life

Wells of Life, presented last week by Sr. Joan at all the Masses, works to provide clean water wells in rural Uganda, East Africa.

Sr. Joan was very grateful for the contributions totaling over \$4,000.00. Thank you for your donations.

Home Again LA

Looking for volunteers to prepare and serve meals for the families in the HALA program

SFX is partnered with local churches to bring meals to the families in the HALA program. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this. This is a great opportunity for families to provide for those in need.

To find out more , contact :JoDee Geryak
geryak@sbcglobal.net



PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS



Food Collection

The Peace & Justice Ministry thank you for your continuing food donations. While all non-perishable food items are welcomed, January's most needed item is canned soups. Please place your food donations In the marked container in the vestibule of the church.

SCHOOL NEWS



Join us for Our School Open House

The Faculty and Staff are hosting an Open House on Sunday, February 4, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. for grades TK-Grade 8.

On Saturday, February 3, 2024, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten will host an Open House from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Invite all potential new school families that have students entering Tk-8th in the Fall.

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 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



Kindergarten celebrated Epiphany. They followed the star to the baby Jesus.

A prayer was said to thank God for the gift of Jesus.

DID YOU KNOW?

Guidelines for Online Interaction With Young People

Appropriate behavior online is critical to maintaining boundaries and being a trusted adult to the young people in your care. Do not use your personal social media account to "friend" or "follow" the children you work with. Do not email from a personal email address. If you do interact with young people online, do not comment on their social media accounts or use them to obtain more information or start conversations. If your organization does not have rules about social media use for employees, work with management to put some in place. For more, read the VIRTUS® article "Social Media Rules to Follow with Children" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Virginia S. Albert &
John Henry Riffero Sr. †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

John Henry Jr. & Emma Riffero &
Domingo Hernandez †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Carla Palma

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Rose & Jonathan Echavarri

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Marinela & Mario Morales †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5,10/Ps 25:4-9/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7,10/Ps 89:20-22,25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12-15,17-19/Ps 24:7-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5,27-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16/Ps 117:1-2/Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 96:1-3,7-8,10/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7,10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41

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

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:** Dennis Ehling; **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.franisxavier—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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