




St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“No greater love than
for a man to give his life
for his friends.”*

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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on the Holy Eucharist and helping one another to become a Eucharist to the World.*



From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Friends,

It is said that the great Michelangelo painted the magnificent frescoes on the ceiling of the Sistine chapel, lying on his back for endless hours to finish every detail with great care. A friend asked him why he took such pains with figures that would be viewed from a considerable distance. After all, the friend said, "Who will notice whether it is perfect or not?" "I will," replied the artist.

Today's readings stress the need for authenticity. Authenticity is supporting our words with action. "The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires," says William Arthur Ward.

Jesus Christ preached with authority. When Jesus taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath, the people were amazed: "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey Him." The people cannot but notice the authority of His teaching. Jesus taught with authority. His words always accompanied by his deeds, and his deeds are invariably in consonance with his words. For example, he said, "No greater love than for a man to give his life for his friends." He lived his teachings when he willingly offered his life on the cross for us, even "while we were still enemies" because of our sins (cf. Rom 5:8).

Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing. In Baptism, we have become Christians – we are supposed to be like Christ. Once a man asked the bishop, "Bishop, why is it that some preachers are almost always shouting when they give their talk?" He replied, "Well, you know, when the preacher has nothing really important to say, he has to shout so that the people will listen to him."

We learn faith by seeing. Let us live our faith whether it is convenient or not. Let us not trade our authenticity for approval. Remember the words of Jesus: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

School is the place where we teach about authentic Christian living. This year the National Catholic Schools Week is from January 28 to February 3, 2024. NCSW is a time to reflect on the blessings of Catholic education and to extend our support to those less fortunate. Special thanks to all religious educators, teachers and the principal, for their unwavering dedication.

Please sign up for the upcoming weekend retreat: Cheerful Living. It is scheduled for 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.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS

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!

Baptism Workshop

BAPTISM WORKSHOP

Tuesday, February 13th at 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.

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
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Francis Xavier Adult Confirmation

The Adult Confirmation process is for Catholics who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, which completes their full initiation into the Catholic Church.

This five week process emphasizes the basics of Catholic teaching. The last session is reconciliation (confession) with a priest in Church.

Sessions are weekly, Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the Library (across from the front entrance to the church).

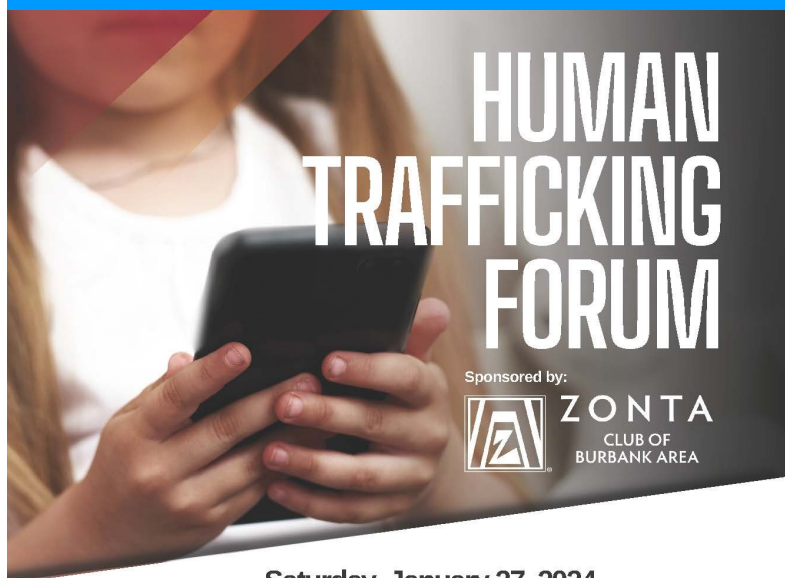
Requirements for Adult Confirmation Preparation

- A Roman Catholic adult who has received first Eucharist
 - A copy of Baptismal Certificate
 - One must select a Confirmation sponsor



*Adult
Confirmation*

PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS



Saturday, January 27, 2024

10:30am-12:30pm

Online sexual exploitation including exploitation of minors is an increasingly rising threat. Come learn from leaders and advocates on how to protect your children from online abuse and exploitation.

Please register by visiting:
www.zontaburbank.org/events
or email info@zontaburbank.org



Speakers

Sandy Esparza, Survivor, Zoe International
Patrick Erlandson, Father-Con
Nayeli May, Executive Director, Journey Out
J.H. Walker, Sgt. Los Angeles Co. Human Trafficking Taskforce

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Peace & Justice Food Drive Collection

The food item featured for January is canned soups. We will accept any canned items or items in plastic containers such as dried beans, tuna, pasta and pasta sauce, 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.



ARCHDIOCESE NEWS



Healing Retreat

For Adult Children of Divorce or Separation

Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

The Life-Giving Wounds Retreat is a special weekend for adult children of divorced or separated parents. The Retreat Team accompanies the participants through their feelings of loneliness and loss and guides them in the process of finding lasting healing and love.

March 1 -3, 2024, Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside; \$325 Single Occupancy, \$375 Double Occupancy includes meals & materials. Registration: <https://rcbo.org/acod>. Partial scholarships are available through Divorced and Separated Ministry for participants from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles:

email jmonell@la-archdiocese.org for more information.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Crime of Child Pornography

Child pornography is the visual depiction of a minor in sexually explicit conduct. There is some general public confusion surrounding the term “child pornography” — for example, some people believe that child pornography can be accidentally found while browsing the internet, or that the “children” depicted are actually older and simply appear younger. Using the term “child pornography” can also minimize the horrors of children being exploited for profit in this way. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article “Responding to the Crime of Child Sexual Abuse Materials” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Lisa Taylor & Rufino Perez †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Lowelio Perez & Florentino Naguit †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

Salvacion Dizon Biniegla & Family
& Lourdez M. Sol †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Lily Echavarri

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Sherwin Serna & Tina Bass †

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

People of St. Francis Xavier

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10,14,24-25,30—19:3/Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2,9-17/Ps 32:1-2,5-7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12/(Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34

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.

St.francisxavier—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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