



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Renew

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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Come and grow with us. We are a welcoming and inclusive community of love centered on the Holy Eucharist and helping one another to become a Eucharist to the World.



From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Friends,

Part of today's gospel reading recounts the healing story of Peter's mother-in-law. To fully appreciate the meaning of this narrative, it is essential to be aware of the events preceding it. Jesus was in the synagogue with Peter and other disciples, and there was an individual in the synagogue under the influence of an evil spirit. Jesus healed him, and Peter personally witnessed the divine power working through Jesus. Unwilling to confine the Christ experience to the synagogue, Peter took Jesus with him to his home so that his mother-in-law could also experience the divine power.

Every Eucharistic celebration concludes with the commissioning: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." The Christ experience is not confined within the four walls of the church building; it must transform us and our surroundings. We should carry Jesus with us wherever we go, bringing Jesus into our homes and extending His presence to those in need.

In today's broken world, where every person carries a wound, we need Jesus more than ever. He is our redeemer, healing not only our physical ailments but also liberating us completely. Take, for instance, the healing story of Peter's mother-in-law. The Bible states: "He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up." In the time of Jesus, women were not treated equally or fairly; they were often isolated in the kitchen. Jesus could have healed her with a simple command, but he went a step further, grasping her hand and lifting her up. Through this revolutionary act, Jesus restored her to her rightful place in society.

Today, we are representatives of Jesus, entrusted with the mission to fulfill His purpose. To effectively represent Jesus, we need a close and intimate friendship with Him. In pursuit of this goal, we have scheduled a retreat on February 9 and 10 (Friday evening and Saturday until Noon), directed by Sr. Chris Machado SSS. Registration is free for all, and we encourage you to sign up by calling the office. 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.

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.

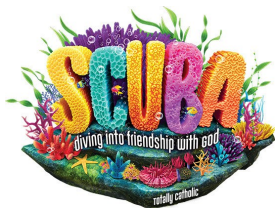
Sessions are weekly, Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the Library (across from the front entrance to the church).



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

Meeting Dates: 2/22, 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/19 Reconciliation



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024 - July 15-19th - 8:30am to noon daily (time may change slightly) For children in grades TK through 5th grade Location-SFX Lower School and Holy Cross Hall

At Scuba VBS your kids will dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Children will have a great time singing songs, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. But most important, they'll learn how their lives can be transformed by God's great love for them.

More information to follow. Save the date today!!
We need your help!

For volunteer opportunities (Jr. High, Teens and adults), please email rosie.roope@gmail.com

PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS



Peace & Justice Food Drive Collection

The food item featured for January is macaroni and cheese. 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, canned soups, peanut butter and jelly. etc.

Please leave your donation in the grey can located in the back of the church.

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Annual Dinner Auction Gala will take place on Friday, February 23rd at Castaway Restaurant in Burbank.

Please join us for a Roaring 20s night of Dinner, Live Entertainment, Silent and Live Auction and more. Tickets are available via St. Francis Xavier website and invites will be passed out after Mass. All are welcome to come. We hope to see you there!

Catholic Schools Week

As we celebrate our annual observance of Catholic Schools Week, we want to acknowledge your special contributions to the success of St. Francis Xavier School and thank you for your support.

This year, the week's theme was "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." Through your efforts, you have helped us in our mission to provide high-quality, faith-based education to our students and instill in them a lifelong commitment to serving others. Your support provides a real-life example of how service can truly make a difference. Your actions benefit not only our school, but also the entire community of St. Francis Xavier. Thank you for helping us as we educate the next generation of community leaders.

Please accept our deepest gratitude and may the blessing of our generous Lord be yours, today and always.

Sincerely, Ms. Samantha Sanchez,
Principal St. Francis Xavier School



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024
@ 6:30PM
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ONLINE SILENT AUCTION
STARTS: FEBRUARY 16 @ 8PM
ENDS: FEBRUARY 21 @ 8PM

ROARING 20s ATTITUDE ENCOURAGED

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, is a special Open House for just Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten 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?

Effectively Communicating With Your Teenagers

During conversations with teenagers, focusing on the matter at hand is essential. It is tempting to make every dispute an opportunity to discuss multiple issues at the same time, but this is often counterproductive. Instead, addressing a particular issue at a time you are better able to guide and mentor teenagers by helping them look with clear eyes at the situation in front of them and work toward a solution. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Communicating Tip No. 9: Avoid "Scope Creep" with Teens" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Fernando M Hizon & Aimee Chao †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Richard Bloomfield & Mary Abrajano †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

John Joseph Blatter & Mary Abrajano †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Jaime & Marie Echavarri †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Dahlia Bendanillo & Coletta Trainor †

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4,6-7/Ps 147:1-6/1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23/Mk 1:29-39
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30/Ps 84:3-5,10-11/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4,35-37,40/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19/Ps 81:10-15/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7,19-22/Mk 8:1-10

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, Andrew Jayaraj and Stacey Plunkett.

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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.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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