



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent



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/

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Friends,

Every first Sunday of Lent, we reflect on the temptation story of Jesus in the desert. This narrative elucidates three crucial aspects. Firstly, it underscores the reality of temptations. If Jesus, the Son of God, faced temptations, how much more susceptible are we? Secondly, temptations unveil our inner desires, our driving forces. Thirdly, they equip us with the tools to combat and conquer temptations.

Jesus encountered his temptations in solitude. One prevalent tactic the Devil employs today is busyness. Consequently, we lack the time for introspection. By the time we discern our trajectory, it may be too late to effect change.

The Devil is cunning. His tactics was to confuse Jesus of his identity. The Tempter challenged Jesus: "If you are the Son of God, turn these stones into bread." Essentially, the Tempter questioned Jesus' certainty about his identity and demanded proof. Jesus did not yield to this temptation. Many of us today grapple with the temptation to assert our independence—our independence from God and from one another.

To help us turn more intensely to Jesus, we have scheduled several spiritually uplifting programs. Please participate in them and grow in your relationship with Jesus. This Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent, each family will receive a lighted purple candle along with a Lenten prayer. This candle serves as a reminder of our identity: 'We are a chosen people and God's special possession. We are chosen and called out of darkness into his wonderful light.' (1 Peter 2:9). Please light the candle every evening and recite the Lenten prayer. Let us walk in the light of Jesus.

Additionally, don't miss Sunday Mass during Lent. If possible, try to attend daily Mass as well. Please join us for the Stations of the Cross, Soup Supper, Lenten Reflections (on Wednesday evenings starting at 5:30 pm), and Holy Hour on Fridays at 6 pm. During the Holy Hour on Fridays, a priest will be available to hear confessions. Engaging in these spiritual practices will help us live our lives more fully.

We had a beautiful and highly successful retreat. Thank you for attending. I am grateful to Deacon Jaime for coordinating the retreat, efficiently and effectively. I am also extremely appreciative of Richard Dixon for sponsoring the retreat. Thank you.

Let us make an earnest effort to make this season of Lent a time of spiritual renewal for our community and for each one of us personally.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN PROGRAMS

YOUTUBE PRESENTATION: Rising with Jesus

Every Monday during Lent, starting February 19th.
(Reflection with Fr. Sebastian)



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm

Lenten Soup at 6:00 pm

Lenten Reflection: Journey Within

Wednesday, February 21, at 6:45 pm
WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?
(Presenter: Fr. Sebastian)



Friday Fish Fries

Fish Fry Dinners hosted by the Knights of Columbus
in Holy Cross Hall
March 8th & 15th at 6:00 p.m.



Please attend. Let us grow together and enjoy the joy of the resurrection.

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and schools in the Archdiocese and gather as a
Catholic family together.

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The Family Life Ministry

This coming Lent, the
Family Life Ministry
would again like to
invite you and your family to join in
the Praying Lent resources from
Creighton University.

They can be found
at www.onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Francis Xavier Adult Confirmation



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.

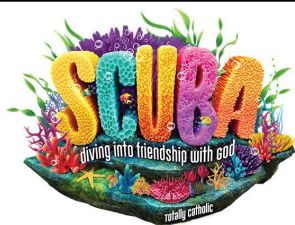
Sessions are weekly, Thursday evenings at 6:30 in the Library (across from the front entrance to the church).

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

To register visit: sfxburbank.com/confirmation



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

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS



A JOURNEY TO MENTAL RESILIENCE

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7:30PM - 9PM Lenten Mission Night

6PM Stations of the Cross with
Reflections on Mental Illness

6:30PM Eucharistic Mass dedicated
for those who seek support and healing
and families who have lost loved ones
to suicide.

Main Celebrant: **Bishop Albert Bahuth**

Gather with the community for a
Lenten Soup meal with a special
presentation on Ministry on Mental
Health by **Paul Brogan, MFT**

With all that we are, we walk with you in this journey.



**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



Our Annual Dinner Auction Gala will take place on Friday, February 23rd at 6:30pm, at the Castaway Restaurant in Burbank.

Please join us for a Roaring 20s night of Dinner, Live Entertainment, Dueling Pianos, 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!

DID YOU KNOW?

Why does it help to communicate your concerns?

If you have concerns about someone's behavior, sharing those concerns is critical to protecting the children in that person's life. If you see or hear about inappropriate behavior, you can take your concerns to a supervisor or program director for further action. This helps those in charge launch an investigation, ask questions, and start to look for signs on their own — all of which can help keep children safe from potential abuse. Communicating your concerns, and having them investigated, can also discourage a potential offender, pushing them to leave the program or stop their behaviors. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Communicating Your Concerns Matters" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Mary Abrajano & Louie Kardos †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Ruben Nunez & Nunez Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Mary Abrajano & Betty Quigg †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Anneliese & TJ Decker & Caloza Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Mary Abrajano & Louis Kardos †

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

People of St. Francis Xavier

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2,11-18/Ps 19:8-10,15/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7,16-19/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8/Mt 5:43-48

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, Stacey Plunkett and Mary Estrada.

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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.francisxavier—Instagram

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

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Ministry Interest: _____





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