



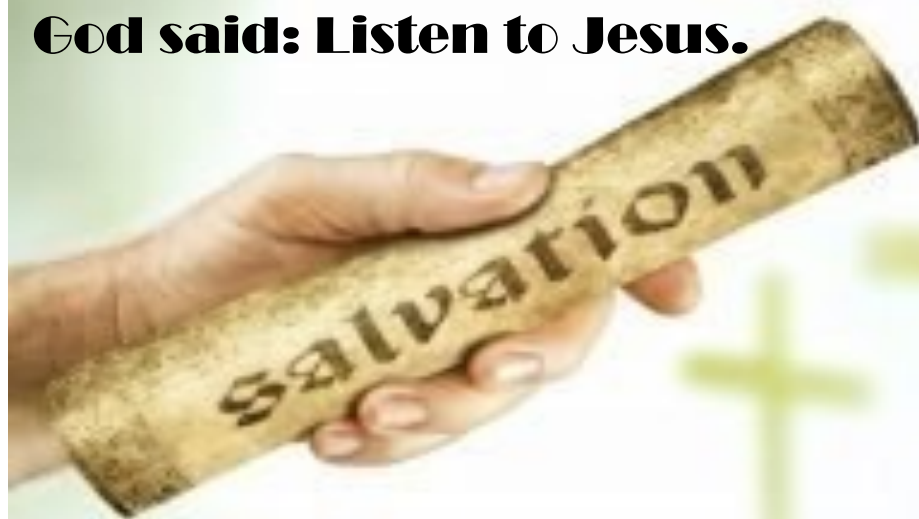
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3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

God said: Listen to Jesus.



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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/

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Friends,

The Gospel reading for the second Sunday of Lent is the Transfiguration of Jesus. Through the Transfiguration Event Jesus showed three of his disciples a glimpse of heavenly life. Heaven is real. Our ultimate goal is to get to heaven. The question is how we get there.

When the disciples had the heavenly vision, with all excitement Peter said, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." However, God did not approve his proposal. Instead, God said: Listen to Jesus. Salvation is not a free gift. We need to do our part.

Making a plan for ourselves independent of God will disfigure us. Adam and Eve set aside God's plan and listened to the Serpent. The people of Babel set out to make a name for themselves. The result was tragedy.

Renewal happens when we begin to listen to Jesus and surrender our plan to His plan. Abraham is a great example of active listening. Their obedience to God's plan did not go in vain. God blessed them abundantly. Abraham became the Father of faith when he gave up his plan and accepted God's plan. Mary became the Mother of God, when she gave up her plan and accepted God's plan. Paul became the great evangelizer when he gave up his plan and accepted God's plan...! Listen to God, discern his plan and live it faithfully. As we read in the book of Romans (Roman 8:31), "If God is with us who can stand against us?"

Lent offers us a chance to remember what matters, to strip away what is unimportant, and to reclaim our identity. We may not necessarily get a Mountain Top experience like Peter, James and John had. However, Jesus is coming to us today through different spiritually uplifting programs. He is speaking to us through the Eucharistic celebration, through the Sacrament of reconciliation, through Lenten reflections, through Holy Hour, and so forth.

Do not miss opportunities of grace. Tune into Jesus and say: Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.

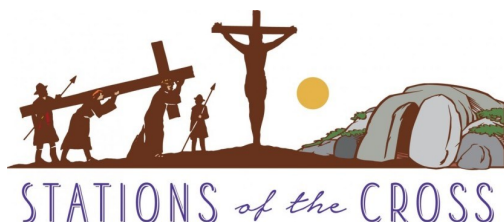
May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN PROGRAMS

YOUTUBE PRESENTATION: Rising with Jesus

Every Monday during Lent.
(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 28, at 6:45 pm

Untie Him.

(Presenter: Deacon Tony)



Friday Fish Fries

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



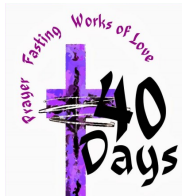
Please attend. Let us grow together and enjoy the joy of the resurrection.



JOY (Just Older Youth)

Our next JOY meeting is March 14th at 4 pm in Cabrini Hall. Our guest speaker will be sharing tips on "How to up your Safety Game". Light refreshments will be served.

All Seniors are welcome.



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/Lent/ or just by using this **QR Code**:



PARISH NEWS

St. Francis Xavier celebrating our First Sunday of the Lenten Season



Lets begin our journey towards the Cross.



"Let light shine out of darkness."

PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS

Peace & Justice Food Drive Collection



The Peace & Justice Ministry thanks you for your continuing food donations. While all non-perishable food items are welcomed,

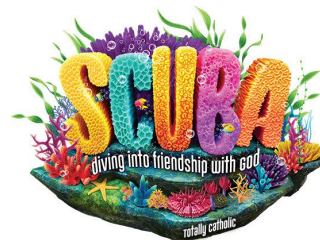
February's most needed item is macaroni and cheese.

Please place your food donations in the marked container in the vestibule of the church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cabrini in Theaters March 8th

This film details the life of famed Roman Catholic missionary and future Saint Francesca Cabrini, portrayed by Cristiana Dell'Anna, as she encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts in New York City.

You can buy your tickets at angelstudios.com and select the theater and times.



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.



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!

DID YOU KNOW?

Understanding “sexting”

“Sexting” is the sending of sexually explicit messages or images via text. Sexting commonly happens in conversations between teens and tweens, and usually involves nude “selfies.” When these images are shared or distributed on social media platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and Snapchat, the problem is made worse. Some states have laws against sexting that could have criminal ramifications for teens. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article “Responding to the Crime of Child Sexual Abuse Materials” at iacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Mary Rubio & Paul Stiver †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Mary Abrajano & Laura Shea †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Rey Poblete & Dizon Biniegla & Family †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Mary Abrajano & Tom Lee †

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Mary Abrajano & Louie Kardos †

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

People of St. Francis Xavier

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of February 25, 2024

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2,9-13,15-18/Ps 116:10,15-19/
Rom 8:31-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4-10/Ps 79:8-9,11,13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10,16-20/Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6,14-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4,6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28/Ps 105:16-21/
Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15,18-20/Ps 103:1-4,9-12/Lk 15:1-3,11-32

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, Mary Estrada
and Anna Rivera.

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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.francixavier—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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