



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

March 2, 2025

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Get ready for *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

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Parish Community,

This Wednesday, we begin the sacred season of Lent. It is a time when God calls us by name, saying: "Return to me with all your heart." (Joel 2:12). Lent is not just about giving up certain things; it is about growing closer to God. It is a time to look into our hearts and ask: Where am I in my relationship with God? Have I been drawing closer to Him, or have the worries, distractions, and temptations of life pulled me away?

The beautiful truth is that God never stops waiting for us. He is always ready to embrace us with mercy. Traditionally, the Church gives us three spiritual tools to help us return to God: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

As a community, we are called to deepen our prayer life. We can do this by attending daily Mass when possible, praying the Rosary together, or simply sitting in silence with God for a few extra minutes each day.

Fasting is about making room for Christ. It means detaching from whatever takes priority over God in our lives. We can fast from impatience, anger, or distractions. Imagine how our families, friendships, and community would be transformed if we fasted from negativity and instead chose love, kindness, and understanding.

The purpose of almsgiving is to share God's love with others. During this Lent, let us seek ways to serve—whether through acts of charity, kindness, or reaching out to someone who is struggling.

Lent is a season of hope. It is a time when we prepare not just for the Cross but also for the Resurrection. The struggles we face, the sacrifices we make, and the prayers we offer are all leading us to new life in Christ.

Do not wait for the perfect moment to change—the time is now. As a community, let us walk this Lenten journey together. We have planned several uplifting programs during Lent. Please see the inside pages of the bulletin for details.

I also take this opportunity to thank everyone involved—Rita Recker, Rene Decena, Anna Jackson, Chris Hardin, Jack Clapper and Cornerstone—for making our celebration of Saints of St. Francis Xavier so beautiful. I am also grateful to Richard Dixon for his assistance last Sunday in promoting the Together in Mission campaign.

I will be traveling to India to visit my brother, who is sick, and I will be back on Monday, March 10. Please keep me in your prayers.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS

“Celebrating the Saints of St. Francis Xavier”

If you were not able to attend last Sunday, there is a beautiful video on our website. Visit our page at sfxburbank.com, scroll down to the video.



Baptism Workshop

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Tuesday, March 11th at 7p in the church, is our next Baptism Workshop for parents and godparents.

Community Connection



The Hospitality Room has been completed! The countertops have been installed as well as the sink faucet and a few last minute electrical items. The faucet is gold to match the knobs and handles in the room. The stainless steel sink is extra large to accommodate coffee pots. The refrigerator has returned to its new

location. Everything looks very pristine.

The Science Lab also had countertops installed. The plumber also added four faucets to our eight-foot sink and a dishwasher. The existing sound boards are being re-installed on the ceiling. I am learning about acoustics. I didn't know that to be effective, sound boards shouldn't be more than 23" apart. Ideally they should be 1.5-2.0" thick. We are going to start in the center of the room and work our way out with the ones we have. We are going to wait for the rest of the furniture to be ordered and installed before we buy more.

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.



Ash Wednesday March 5, 2025
Masses: 8a, 4p & 7p

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”



Welcome New Altar Servers. Last Sunday we welcomed Rafaela and Samantha to the altar server ministry.

May God continue to ignite the hearts of our youth!



Fish Fry Dinners
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus in the Holy Cross Hall

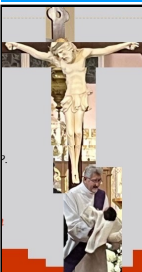
March 28th and April 4th at 6:00p

Please attend. Let us grow together!

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

Virtual Diaconate Information Day Sunday March 2, 2025 at 2p—4p

Serving in the Image of Christ. Are you being called to serve? Are you being Called to be a Deacon? Come and see. Next session is on July 13, 2025. To register email Deacon Melecio Zamora at dmz2011@la-archdiocese.org or scan the QR code



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Registration opens March 1st
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Adult Confirmation Led by Dn. Tony Hobbs - begins Thursday, March 13th.

If you are an adult, have been baptized Catholic and have received First Eucharist, however have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation, this program is for you.

To register, contact rosie.roope@gmail.com

SCHOOL NEWS

Application for the Position of Principal

St. Francis Xavier School is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the position of Principal for the academic year 2025-2026. We are seeking a highly qualified and passionate individual who is a practicing Catholic and upholds strong moral values. The ideal candidate will possess a demonstrated ability to inspire and lead both students and staff, fostering a positive and inclusive school environment.

The successful applicant will be committed to promoting educational excellence through innovative and effective teaching practices, and will have a deep understanding of the evolving needs of students in today's educational landscape. The Principal will be expected to work collaboratively with faculty, staff, and parents, while also actively engaging with the broader community to uphold the mission and vision of the school.

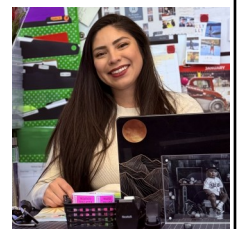
This position requires a visionary leader who is not only capable of guiding the academic and spiritual growth of students but also adept at implementing new strategies to enhance the overall educational experience. Strong communication, organizational, and leadership skills are essential, as is a deep commitment to the values of Catholic education.



This Month We Honor

Mrs. Echavarri is in her 12th year teaching TK at SFX. She is always a calm, patient, and kind presence on our campus. Mrs. Echavarri loves providing her students with fun and creative ways to learn and enjoy school. She is always ready to collaborate with the other teachers and looks for ways to adjust activities for her students that allows them to participate in activities just like the older students.

Ms. Barragan is a dedicated teacher of Science. She loves working with the students and gives them many opportunities to discover and explore the world around them. She has found ways to provide the students with the tools to complete so many interesting and fun experiments and hands-on activities. Ms. Barragan has also taken great pride in helping design the new Science Lab in order to give the students the best Science experience possible.



SFX SCHOOL



Mr. Macalintal is a dedicated music teacher. He has a great passion for music and wants to help the students develop a love of music as well. He thoughtfully plans the music for our school Masses to encourage the students to sing, often selecting songs that the students have added movements to. Mr. Macalintal puts an amazing amount of time and energy into our Christmas Show each year and loves to be able to provide the students with the experience of performing with a live band. Mr. Macalintal is always willing to help around the school and is a great colleague to his fellow teachers.

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, **March's most needed item is canned tuna.** We cannot provide to others expired product so please check the dates on what is given. Please place your food donations in the marked container in the vestibule of the church.

DID YOU KNOW?

Resources to Help With Coping During Natural Disasters

Disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, transportation accidents, or wildfires are typically unexpected, sudden, and overwhelming. For many people, there are no outwardly visible signs of physical injury, but there can be nonetheless an emotional toll. It is common for people who have experienced disaster to have strong emotional reactions. Understanding responses to distressing events can help you cope effectively with your feelings, thoughts, and behaviors, and help you along the path to recovery. For resources from the American Psychological Association please visit, <https://www.apa.org/topics/trauma>.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Esperanza & Anne-Marie Laue

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Felicidad Ramos & Pedro Francisco †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

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THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Anthony Francis & Nabil Moutran †

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Francis Clements & Fely Arenas †

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

People of St. Francis Xavier

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of March 2, 2025

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3,13-16/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
 Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2,5-7/Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8,14,23/Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6,12-14,17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6,16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4,6/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9/Ps 51:3-6,18-19/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

PRAY FOR THE SICK



We pray for our sick parishioners that they may know the healing of Christ:

Teresita Blazon, Lulu Landless, Matthew Balano, Joanne Figliuzzi, Maria Sampley, Andrew Jayaraj, Mary Estrada, Charin Barone, Israel Garcia, Stacy and George Schumacher, Xenia Renteria, Ric Blazon Nestor Arenas, Herman Buitrago, Susie Warner and Ariel Ortega.

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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:** 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:** Denis Ehling; **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; **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. Mathew; **Wedding Coordinator:** Yvette Rubio;

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.

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