



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter



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.

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Parishioners,

Today, May 4, during the 5:00 PM Mass, 31 young people from our St. Francis Xavier Community will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from His Excellency, the Most Reverend Albert Bahhuth, our regional bishop. Let us keep them in our prayers, asking God to guide them as they discern His will and take their place in the life of the Church, participating in ministries according to their unique callings. We are deeply grateful to Bishop Bahhuth for his love, care, and support of our SFX Community.

Also this month, the conclave for electing our new Pope will begin in the Vatican. Let us unite in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to give us a Shepherd after the heart of Jesus.

Today's Gospel is both challenging and encouraging. We hear Jesus ask Peter three times, "Peter, do you love me?" In Greek, there are different words for love. Agape means unconditional love — a love willing to sacrifice everything. Phileo refers to a love of friendship and affection. The first two times, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you Agape me?" And Peter responded, "I Phileo you." The third time, Jesus met Peter where he was and asked, "Peter, do you Phileo me?"

This moment reveals the gentleness and greatness of Jesus. He does not demand more than we are able to give. Instead, He invites us to offer what we can with humble hearts — and then He does the rest. Jesus sees in us what others do not, even what we cannot see in ourselves. Here's the Good News: Jesus saw in Peter endless possibilities. He gave him a new name — Rock — and a new mission.

Today, we are excited to launch a new ministry for Young Adults and Families called "Come to Me." Our first gathering — our "Come and See" event — is this Wednesday, May 7, at 6:00 PM. Please join us! Enjoy dinner, fellowship, and learn more about this beautiful new opportunity. It's part of our Jubilee celebration!

Yesterday (Saturday), 32 of our children received their First Holy Communion — what a joyful day for our young saints! Congratulations to them, and heartfelt thanks to Rosie, Mrs. Terry, and their wonderful team for preparing them so well. Thank you also, dear parents, for giving your children the greatest gift — Jesus Himself in the Eucharist. Children, now that you have received First Communion, you are invited to serve as Altar Servers, the first ministry in the Church! Herman, our Director of Altar Servers, will be reaching out to you.

The Month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary. May Crowning is a beautiful tradition of honoring her. I encourage you to crown the image of Mary in your homes and to pray the Rosary daily as a family. I promise you: blessings upon blessings will flow from it!

This month, we also have many exciting events planned as part of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Please see the inside pages of the bulletin for details. Finally, thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your prayers for my healing. I have felt it. I sincerely appreciate your caring love.

Our sincere condolences to Christina Sanchez who lost her beloved Father, Cecil Diaz. May his soul rest in peace.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS



COME TO ME

"Come to Me" is designed to bring our community together through faith-based events, leadership development, service, and fellowship.

If you're interested in being a part of this amazing ministry or would like to join my team, I invite you to our

"Come and See Dinner" on Wednesday, May 7th from 6:00–7:30 PM in Cabrini Hall.

Enjoy great food, hear about our mission and upcoming events, and share your ideas for the ministry.

Hope to see you there!

Easter Sunday



May Crowning

You are invited on May 25th, May Crowning during the 10a Mass

First Communicants, Confirmandee and Graduates are also invited to attend this parish event.

Baptism Workshop

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Tuesday, May 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.



Save the date — Our Next Jubilee Event is May 18th .

You are invited to an Outdoor Mass & BBQ.

Mass in the Park....ing Lot

Mass will be at 10:30a and a BBQ with games will immediately follow Mass. **Fun for the whole family!!!**
(We will combine 10a & 11:30a Masses)

OLD TYME COUNTRY FAIRE NEWS



SAVE THE DATE!!!

June 6 6:00 p—Midnight

June 7 3:00 p—Midnight

June 8 11:30a— 8:00p

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We are asking for donations of glassware, mugs, bowls, unchipped dishes, shot glasses, glasses with your favorite sports team logo, cartoon characters, vacation destinations, etc. for our Dime Pitch game. (No plastic please)

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Sunday, August 3rd, 1p-4p Lower School,
Sunday, October 5th, 1p-4p Lower School,

Upcoming Fingerprinting hosted at SFX

Saturday, June 28th at SFX Lower School

Contact Mrs. Rosie Roope
at rosie.roope@gmail.com to register for
VIRTUS and/or Fingerprinting

Registration for Sacramental Preparation Classes for the 2025-26 Year Opens at the Beginning of April.

This includes preparation for First Holy Communion (Elementary), Teen Confirmation, and Adult Sacraments (Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation). For information regarding these programs, please visit our religious education website at: <https://sfxfamilyprep.weebly.com/>

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St. Francis Xavier School is currently accepting students 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.

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?

Safe Adults Can Have A Generational Effect

A child who is a victim of sexual abuse does not just suffer in the moment of the abuse, but in the short and long term afterwards. Abuse has far-reaching consequences, and studies have shown that children of parents who were abused as children, and even grandchildren, are more likely to also experience abuse. Safe adults can break this cycle, by being aware of potentially dangerous situations and by providing a safe space and listening ear for the children in their care. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Superpowers: Safe Adults Have Them" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

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, Mary Estrada, Charin Barone, Israel Garcia, Stacy and George Schumacher, Xenia Renteria, Ric Blazon Nestor Arenas, Herman Buitrago, Susie Warner, Ariel Ortega, Mayra Alas and Linda Munoz.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of May 4, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32,40-41/Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1/Ps 31:3-4,6-8,17,21/Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8/Ps 66:1-7/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 4

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, MAY 5

Florentino Naguit & Bernardino Peralejas †

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Liam Tarello & Caloza Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Rosauro SJ Naguit & Mario Dela Rosa †

THURSDAY, MAY 8

Felino Lapugot & Maria Rubio †

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Mel Reyes †

SATURDAY, MAY 10

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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.

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