



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Celebrating Pope Leo XIV

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 Parish Family,

The gospel reading is a scene from the Last supper. The atmosphere is heavy. Judas had just left to betray Jesus. Jesus turned to his disciples and said something deeply beautiful: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

Jesus does not say, "Be successful," "Be impressive," or "Be right." He says, "Love." And not just any kind of love—but a love that mirrors his own: self-giving, sacrificial, and unconditional. A love that washes feet. A love that endures betrayal. A love that lays down life. Jesus' life redefines love: not as a feeling or a philosophy, but as an action rooted in humility and service.

The true mark of a Christian is not how much we know or how perfectly we follow rules. It's how well we love. That means in our families, our parishes, our communities, even in our disagreements—we are called to show a love that reflects Jesus. Jesus is clear: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

As we continue through this Easter season, let us allow the risen Christ to transform our hearts. Let us love not just when it's easy, but especially when it's hard. Let us forgive. Let us serve. Let us listen. Let us be patient. Because in the end, what will matter most is not how loudly we spoke, or how much we achieved—but how deeply we loved.

We will celebrate Mass in the parking lot this Sunday at 10:30 am as part of our Jubilee Celebration. After Mass, there will be BBQ and games for kids. Join us in this joyful expression of community!

We will honor our Blessed Mother with a May Crowning, Next Sunday at the 10:00 AM Mass. Children who received First Holy Communion and our Confirmands will lead the Rosary Procession to the grotto and the crowning ceremony. Please join us for this beautiful tradition.

Let us keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers as he begins his new role as the Shepherd of the Church. We are proud that he is our fellow citizen—what a privilege and blessing! Let us offer him our congratulations through our prayers.

Let us keep in our prayers the students who will be graduating on May 29. May they reflect their Christian identity wherever they go for their future studies. Let us also pray for our parish, its ministries, and school. May the Holy Spirit, who transformed the disciples on Pentecost, keep us close to Jesus and to one another.

May God bless you always and all ways.

PARISH NEWS



Our Jubilee Event is Today, 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)



JOY Meeting (Just Older Youth)

Thursday, May 22nd at 4pm in Cabrini Hall
guest presenter is Deacon Tony
"the Kingdom of God; the animal kingdom"
light refreshments & game with prizes

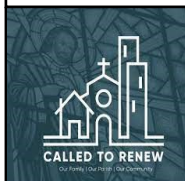
All Seniors are welcome!



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.*



The Called to Renew Capital Campaign

Parish Goal: \$585,000.00
Total Pledged: \$1,293,725.00
Total Paid: \$691,013.61

This is the start to our future. As pledges come in we will get closer to finishing our new science lab for the school, and starting a new community space for meetings, an outdoor gathering structure and important maintenance items. It's never too late to make a pledge.



OLD TYME COUNTRY FAIRE NEWS

**June 6 6:00 p—Midnight, June 7 3:00 p—Midnight
& June 8 11:30a— 8:00p**

Support our Old Tyme Country Faire:

Consider donating merchandise, gift certificates, professional services, and promotional items. For families it's a way to give back to our community. If you are a business it's an opportunity to advertise your business to local residents and do something good for the community.

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We thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Congratulations to Our Parish Family!



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the children, teens, and adults of our parish who recently received the Sacraments.

On Saturday, May 3rd, our children took a beautiful step in their faith journey by receiving their First Holy Communion — a sacred moment of encountering Christ in the Eucharist for the first time.

On Sunday, May 4th, our teens and adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation, sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and strengthened in their commitment to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

We are truly blessed to witness these joyful milestones and to walk in faith with each of you. May God continue to guide and bless you as you grow in His love and grace.

To each of you who celebrated a Sacrament — welcome deeper into the life of the Church. We are so proud of you, we are praying for you, and we are so grateful to have you as part of our parish family.

Sincerely, All St. Francis Xavier Parish catechists who helped to prepare you on this journey of faith. ❤️



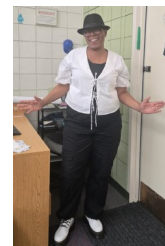
SFX SCHOOL

HONORING OUR TEACHER AND FACULTY



Ms. Erika Fraire is an amazing leader both in and out of the classroom! She is knowledgeable and fair, always putting in the time and effort to help her students shine. Her students thrive with her structured routines, and they know she has their best interests at heart. Whether it's solving a student issue or helping a parent or teacher, she's always ready to listen and find a fair solution. Ms. Fraire also knows the importance of making learning fun—finding creative, exciting ways to inspire her students to work hard and give their best every day!

Ms. Allan Barton is a fun-loving teacher. Her lively personality lights up the classroom, and she's all about pushing her students to step outside their comfort zones and grow. Whether it's in class or coaching the Mock Trial team, she's always ready to put in the effort to help students succeed. She's passionate about sharing her love of literature, theater, music, and more, making learning exciting and memorable. And when we need an extra hand, Ms. Barton is always there, ready to jump in and help with a smile!



Mrs. Bobbi Cranston brings the aloha spirit wherever she goes! Her caring and calm presence is just what our students need when they're feeling unwell or nursing an injury—she's like a soothing breeze on a tough day. She's always happy to step in and help wherever needed, whether it's covering in the school office without missing a beat or leading us in song during Mass. And let's not forget how graciously she puts together the slides for all our school Masses. Mrs. Cranston truly does it all, and she does it with kindness and a big heart!

DID YOU KNOW?

Age-appropriate Curiosity in Young Children

Knowing the difference between age-appropriate and inappropriate behaviors in children can help safe adults determine whether something feels “off” about a child's behavior and could indicate potential sexual abuse. For preschool children and young children (around ages 4-6), exploring their bodies is natural. They are not yet old enough to understand the idea of “private” naturally, and may also be curious about others' bodies – parents, friends, etc. These behaviors are common and developmentally appropriate for their age and stage.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior” at 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 18, 2025

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5/Jn 13:31-35
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4,15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13,21/Jn 14:27-31
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3,10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1-3,5/Jn 15:18-21

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 18

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, MAY 19

Lisa Levy & Vincent MacNeil †

TUESDAY, MAY 20

Ruben Nunez & Nunez Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Bernardino Peralejas & Suitberto Curilan †

THURSDAY, MAY 22

Patsy Alexander †

FRIDAY, MAY 23

Aurora Marcelo †

SATURDAY, MAY 24

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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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