



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

June 29, 2025

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles



Today is the Solemnity of
*St Peter and St
Paul, Apostles*

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 friends,

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul—two great pillars of the early Church. Though vastly different in personality and mission, they were united in their love for Christ, their zeal for the Gospel, and their willingness to lay down their lives for the faith.

Peter, a humble fisherman, was often impetuous. He spoke quickly, acted impulsively, and even denied Jesus three times. Yet, after each fall, he returned with a repentant heart. Jesus embraced him and made him the 'rock' of the Church. His life teaches us that the Christian journey is not about perfection, but perseverance. Peter reminds us that "God does not choose the qualified; He qualifies the chosen."

Paul's story is equally powerful. Once a fierce persecutor of Christians, he encountered the risen Lord on the road to Damascus, and that encounter changed his life forever. From then on, Paul could say with boldness, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). He became the Church's greatest missionary. Paul reminds us that no past is too broken for God to heal, and no life is beyond the reach of divine grace.

Though Peter and Paul were different—Peter representing the pastoral heart of the Church, and Paul its missionary fire—they were both necessary. The Church needs both: the stability of Peter and the outreach of Paul; the centripetal force that gathers the faithful and the centrifugal force that sends us out on mission.

Today, the Church still longs for hearts like theirs—courageous, repentant, and set on fire by love for Christ. As St. Paul wrote: "*Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!*" (1 Corinthians 9:16). And as Peter exhorted: "*Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope*" (1 Peter 3:15).

Before concluding this reflection, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you who took part in our Eucharistic Procession. It was a powerful and moving testimony of our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. May this faith not remain only in words or rituals, but truly transform our lives—so that, like Saints Peter and Paul, we may become living witnesses of Christ in our world today.

This Friday is 4th of July. I wish you a joyful Independence Day filled with gratitude, peace, and celebration. As we remember the sacrifices made for our freedom, may we also renew our commitment to unity, justice, and hope for all. May God bless America and guide us to be a nation that always seeks truth, peace, and the common good.

May God bless you.

PARISH NEWS



Baptism Workshop

Tuesday, July 8th 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.



Jubilee T-Shirts

Celebrate our Jubilee by buying a Jubilee T-shirt. You can purchase them from the Parish Office.

T-Shirts can be worn to all upcoming Jubilee events, as spirit clothes or formal uniform shirts at school, and just around town.

Be proud to be a St. Francis Xavier Parishioner!



SFX has a brand new Ministry for Young Adults and Young Families! Sign-up for updates and see how you can get involved!

For more information, contact Come To Me Ministry Coordinator, Christina Sanchez at cvsanchez13@gmail.com or scan the QR Code to sign-up!



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VIRTUS Protecting God's Children trainings Hosted at SFX

Sunday, June 29th, 1p–4p Lower School, Sunday,
August 3rd, 1p–4p Lower School, Sunday, October 5th,
1p–4p Lower School,

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

Register Today for All Sacramental Preparation Programs for the 2025-26 Year Opens.

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/>

Sunday School registration is open as well for littles ones ages 3&4.

 A colorful graphic for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) event. At the top, it says "COME TO A PAWS-ITIVELY WILD ADVENTURE!" in bold, playful letters. Below this is a large, stylized bear silhouette filled with a rainbow, standing on a log. To the left of the bear is a moose head. The background shows a mountain landscape with a lake and trees. The text "VBS" is in large, green, block letters. Below the bear, it says "TRUE NORTH" in a stylized font, with "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World" underneath. To the right of the bear, it says "For 1st-5th Grades And Jr. High / High Sch. Leaders". At the bottom, it says "Trusting Jesus in a wild world. \$85 first child/ \$75 siblings".

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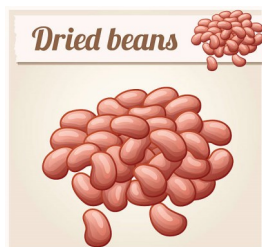
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Peace & Justice Food Drive Collection



The Peace & Justice Ministry thanks you for your continuing
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welcomed, **June's most needed item is dry beans.** 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.

SFX SCHOOL

**First Day of School: August 19th, 2025****Accepting Applications for 2025-2026 School Year!**

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. Transitional Kindergarten applicants must turn 4 years old by November 1st.

**DID YOU KNOW?****Summer and Water Safety at Home**

While parents are often hyper vigilant around pools and lakes, drowning can happen at home in an instant, especially with very young children. This summer, watch children around water at home, including buckets, containers, and kiddie pools. Children can drown in as little as an inch of water, so constant supervision is necessary. It's also important to empty water containers as soon as play is done. For more tips about home water safety, visit <https://www.safekids.org/watersafety>.

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, Mayra Alas, Linda Munoz and Brian Betton.

SCRIPTURE READINGS**Readings for the week of June 29, 2025**

Sunday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
 Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1-4, 8-11/Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 20:24-29
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1-5/Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1-6/Mt 9:14-17

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, JUNE 29**

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, JUNE 30

Pete Claravall & Farah Family †

TUESDAY, JULY 1

The Carrasco Family & Caloza Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Alex P. Perez & Vidal Sandajan †

THURSDAY, JULY 3

Kendall Fortner, Rocky & Mary Honda †

FRIDAY, JULY 4

Utano Otsuki & Junior Olinger †

SATURDAY, JULY 5

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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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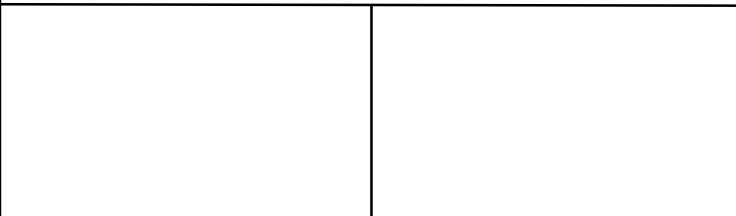
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