



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

July 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Saturday 4:00p.m.—4:30p.m

HOUSE BLESSING/SICK VISITS/BAPTISM/

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,

Dear Parish Family,

Today's Gospel presents the beautiful and familiar story of Martha and Mary. When Jesus visited their home, the two sisters responded to Him in different ways. Jesus affirms Mary's choice over Martha's. Why? What did Mary do right, and what did Martha do wrong?

Mary responded to Jesus the way He desired, while Martha responded in the way she thought was best. Jesus likely arrived at their home tired after a long day of preaching and teaching, perhaps even misunderstood and mistreated by many. He was not looking for food, but for a listening and understanding heart. Mary recognized this and offered Him exactly what He was longing for.

A gift is only truly a gift when it meets the heart of the one receiving it. This truth applies to all our relationships. Do we take the time to understand others? Or do we treat them only in the way we prefer?

Listening is the first step toward understanding—both God and others. It is in stillness and silence that we discover God's will. As Scripture reminds us, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Listening is salvific. Like Mary, let us choose "the better part"—the path that leads to true intimacy with Christ and one another. Many of our failures in relationships and spiritual life stem from our haste to speak rather than to listen and understand.

This weekend, we warmly welcome Fr. Raymond, who is representing the Diocese of Massin in the Philippines. He will share with us stories of their missionary work and invite our support. Let us respond with generosity, remembering that we are part of the Church's global mission.

We also had a wonderful Vacation Bible School (VBS) this past week! I extend my heartfelt thanks to Rosie Roope and her dedicated team for organizing such a meaningful and joyful program for our children. A special word of thanks to our teens—your spirit and love for the Church were truly inspiring. Great job!

Our Parish 70th Jubilee concluding celebration will take place on Sunday, September 14, with the 10:00 AM Mass. The theme of our Jubilee year has been "Remember, Rejoice, and Renew." As we enter the final phase of this special year, we now focus on the theme of Renew—which means igniting our faith.

To help us renew and deepen our faith, we have planned three special evenings in August—times of reflection, sharing, and fellowship for all. Let us come together and ignite the flame of faith once more! Dates: Tuesdays—August 12, 19, and 26 at 7:00 PM.

Our "Come to Me" Ministry for Young Adults and Young Families will be hosting a BBQ on July 25. This event is for you—please come and enjoy food, fellowship, and fun! We look forward to seeing you there!

May God bless you all.

PARISH NEWS



SFX Young Adults & Young Families BBQ, hosted by Come To Me Ministry

(Flyer to the Left)

Our Young Adults & Young Families are invited to our Summer BBQ!

Join us on **Friday, July 25th from 6–8 PM** in the lower parking lot for a fun-filled evening with delicious BBQ-style food, family-friendly games, a waterslide, live performance by The Knights, and a great opportunity to connect with young adults & young families of our SFX community. Let us know you'll be there and RSVP with the QR code attached.

We can't wait to see you all!

70th JUBILEE CONCLUDING CEREMONEY



**September 14, with
the 10:00 AM Mass
President: Bishop Albert
Bahuth**

Our Parish will conclude its 70th Jubilee celebration on Sunday, September 14, with a special 10:00 AM Mass. As we enter the final phase of Jubilee year, let us focus on the theme "Renew,"

To help us to renew our spiritual journey, we are hosting three special evenings in August under the title "**Igniting Our Faith.**" These evenings will offer time for reflection, sharing, and fellowship for everyone in our community. Let us come together and kindle our faith!

Dates: Tuesdays—August 12, 19, and 26 at 7:00 PM

Facilitator: Fr. Sebastian

OUR TOGETHER IN MISSION GOAL FOR YEAR 2025 IS \$53,875.00

Together in Mission 2025



Let us embrace this year's theme of Gifts of the Heart. Your gifts will make a better tomorrow for generations of students and parishioners alike.

We have raised \$31,105.00

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Missionary Cooperation Plan Collection

Today, as part of the Missionary Cooperation Plan of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, we will take a second collection to support the Diocese of Maasin in the Philippines. Fr. Raynold, who is representation this mission, will be sharing about their work.

Please Welcome Father warmly and support their mission efforts generously.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

St. Francis Xavier Parish Religious Education Programs CLASSES BEGIN LATE SEPTEMBER—REGISTER TODAY!

All registration forms can be found at www.sfxburbank.com, then click "Faith Formation"

Below is information regarding Faith Formation programs offered at St. Francis Xavier Parish. For more information, please email Mrs. Rosie Roope at rosie.roope@sfxburbank.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—(For children in Pre-K or Kindergarten (ages 4-6)) St. Francis has a Sunday School program designed just for them which meets during the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Using music, storytelling and crafts this program is designed to nurture young children's natural tendency to seek a relationship with God, reinforcing a strong sense of community and love. Parents drop their child off at 10am in the lower school building and pick up immediately following Mass. Fee: \$35.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ELEMENTARY-AGE CHILDREN - GRADES 1-5

This program is designed for children in public or non-Catholic schools. Baptized children typically begin sacramental preparation in first grade, celebrating First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in second grade. However, children in grades 3-5 are also welcome to enroll. This is a two-year program. Classes meet on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m., running from September through early May. Fee: \$125 per year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AFTER FIRST COMMUNION Catholic education doesn't end with First Communion. Children in grades 3 through 5 continue to grow in their understanding of the many truths and traditions of our faith. In these classes, students learn to make moral choices and deepen their faith through Gospel dramatizations, discussions of current events, and original stories that connect Scripture to their own lives. The lives of the saints and imaginative activities help students see how the Gospel message can be lived out. Thoughtful "think" questions reinforce key doctrinal concepts. Classes meet Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m., running from September through mid-May. Fee \$125/year

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (For children in the 1-3 Grade)

This program runs from late September through April during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. It offers children in grades 1-3 the opportunity to hear and understand the Sunday Gospel at their own age level. After the opening prayer at Mass, children are dismissed to a classroom in the lower school building, where they enjoy colorful activities and handouts that reinforce what they learn about God's Word from their adult leaders. They then return to the church to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the rest of the parish family. **This program is free and requires no registration.**



CONFIRMATION (for high schoolers)



Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation that brings your teen into full communion with the church. St. Francis Xavier follows a two-year preparation process for reception of this Sacrament designed to help our young people come to a deeper understanding of how the Holy Spirit works in our lives and in the life of the Church. Boys and girls begin the process anytime in their high school years, although most start as freshmen. Please visit our parish website for detailed information. Fee \$125/year

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Are you a baptized Catholic who has received First Communion and now wish to complete your full initiation into the Catholic Church? We warmly invite you to join our Adult Confirmation process—a meaningful journey of faith, learning, and spiritual growth. This process is designed for adults (18 and older, no longer in high school) who actively participate in parish life and are ready to deepen your commitment to Christ and the Church. Together, we'll explore the basics of Catholic teaching in a supportive and engaging environment. January—May, FEE \$50/year

OCIA— ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Are you yourself interested in becoming baptized in the Catholic Church, or completing your sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation? We have an excellent program for you - it is called OCIA. The St. Francis Xavier parish community invites you meet with members of the OCIA team who welcome your Interest and questions regarding the Catholic Church and our parish community.



OCIA FOR CHILDREN (AGES 7 AND ABOVE)

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults adapted for Children (OCIA for Children) is designed for young people age 7 and older who have not been baptized or who were baptized in another Christian tradition and wish to become Catholic. Through age-appropriate catechesis, prayer, and participation in parish life, children prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism (if needed), Confirmation, and First Holy Communion, typically celebrated at the Easter Vigil or during the Easter season. **Who Can Participate:**

- Children age 7 and older who are not baptized
 - Children baptized in another Christian denomination who wish to enter the Catholic Church
 - Older children baptized Catholic but who have not received First Reconciliation or First Communion and need additional preparation
- OCIA FEE \$50/year

SFX SCHOOL



Looking for a school as a perfect fit to your family & community?

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 students entering Transitional Kindergarten through Eighth Grade in August 2025. 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 environment tips

Everyone that works and interacts with children should have clear boundaries in place. This can include rules like: staying in public view and avoiding isolated one-on-one situations with children and ensuring that two or more adults are always paired together to work with children, as well as other guidelines on appropriate physical contact. For the Archdiocese of Los Angeles's guidelines on how to interact with minors at our parishes, schools and ministries please visit <https://lacatholics.org/policies-and-procedures/>.

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, Brian Betton and Cathy Armendariz-Mayes.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
 Monday: Ex 14:5-18;15:1-6/Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4 or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6,8-9/Jn 20:1-2,11-18
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5,9-15/Ps 78:18-19,23-28/Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20/Dn 3:52-56/Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15/Mt 13:24-30

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 20

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, JULY 21

Jesus Perez & Jose De Jesus Montano Perez †

TUESDAY, JULY 22

Ruben Nunez & Nunez Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

Lowelio P. Perez †

THURSDAY, JULY 24

Brian Fox & Jim Martin †

FRIDAY, JULY 25

Alicia Montano Perez
& Montano Perez Family

SATURDAY, JULY 26

People of St. Francis Xavier

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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.

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**Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Parish!**

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