



# St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Faith in Action  
and  
Love in Motion*

## 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 Friends,

Time flies! We began our 70th Jubilee celebrations last November, and now we already find ourselves in the month of August. The concluding ceremony of our Jubilee Year will take place on Sunday, September 14th. While we mark the end of this special year, it is truly a new beginning for our parish and our shared journey of faith. It is an invitation to move forward with renewed enthusiasm and determination, keeping our vision bright and alive.

Our theme for the future is: “Faith in Action and Love in Motion.” To prepare and equip us for this joyful journey, we have scheduled a three-part Tuesday evening series on August 12th, 19th, and 26th. This is open to everyone, and I warmly invite you to join us for “Igniting Our Faith” in the Holy Cross Hall, beginning each evening at 7:00 p.m.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells us: “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit” (Luke 12:35). He speaks of vigilance—not the vigilance of fear, but of love. It is the readiness of a servant who eagerly awaits the Master—not out of fear of punishment, but from the deep desire to serve and be in His presence. Vigilance is love in motion.

What is love in motion? It watches for the needs of others. It notices when someone is hurting. It listens for the gentle whisper of God in everyday life. It’s the same love a parent shows when checking on their child at night, or the quiet care of a friend who’s always there in time of need. Every act of kindness, every prayer for someone, every decision to forgive—these are all ways we keep our faith in action.

This coming Friday, August 15, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—a Holy Day of Obligation. This feast reminds us of the final reward that awaits the faithful steward. In addition to our usual Mass schedule, there will be a special Mass at 7:00 p.m. I hope you can join us.

Have you seen our new science lab at the school? It’s absolutely beautiful—a true sign of growth and hope for our future. It is one of the first fruits of our Capital Campaign. Thank you for your generous support of our parish and school community. I especially want to thank Brad Recker for his expertise and hard work in bringing this project to completion, Brittney Recker for her beautiful design, and Rita Recker for her vigilant stewardship throughout the process.

May God continue to bless you and our parish family.

## PARISH NEWS



### IGNITING OUR FAITH Jubilee Renewal Gatherings – Please Join Us!

When: Tuesdays, August 12, 19, and 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Holy Cross Hall

Through reflections and group sharing, we will pray and grow together on these inspiring themes: “Who do you say that I am?” “Come and follow Me!” “You are the light of the world.”

Fr. Sebastian will facilitate these sessions.



### THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION

On August 15, 2025, we celebrate the Assumption of Mary—her being taken body and soul into heaven. It is a sign of hope and a promise of eternal life for all who follow Christ.

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8a & 7p.



### The Catholic Relief Services Collection August 16th & 17th

For people living in developing countries around the world, lack of access to traditional financial services keeps them from providing for their material needs. A Catholic Relief Services program has created Saving and Internal Lending Communities (SILCs) to address this lack by helping poor communities to pool savings, which then can be lent to SILC members to build or grow businesses at a low cost.

Your support will help our brothers and sisters.



### Baptism Workshop

Tuesday, August 12th 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.

## PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS

### Peace & Justice Ministry Collection Request

Unwanted solicitation gifts received in the mail are being collected to support this year's St. Vincent Meals on Wheels Christmas Stocking project. The items will be collected through the end of November and include, but are not limited to, the following: socks, 2026 calendars, pens/pencils, notepads, key chains, flashlights, etc. Unopened hotel toiletries are also being collected. Because the religious affiliation of the clients is not known, items such as prayer cards, prayerbooks, rosaries, etc., are not being included in the collection nor are any clothes items or shoes.

The donations can be put in a bag marked “St. Vincent’s” and placed in the St. Vincent's collection barrel in the vestibule of the church. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Bocek at 818-321-0901. Thanking you in advance for your contributions.



## SCHOOL NEWS

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

All registration forms can be found at [www.sfxburbank.com](http://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](mailto: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

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### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Far-reaching Effects of Child Abuse

Children who suffer from sexual abuse run a greater risk of negative associated outcomes, not only with their mental health, but also suicidal tendencies, potential future abuse, more cognitive deficits, or lower educational interests and efforts. Abused children also are at higher risk for eating disorders, obesity, early onset of puberty, or chronic health issues. Ultimately, abuse has far-reaching consequences beyond childhood for many victims, and it is critical to act quickly to protect potential victims. It's important to remember that any intervention or supportive response from a safe adult can reduce the risk of many or all negative outcomes. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Disclosures Part 1: Why are Disclosures Important?" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://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, Mayra Alas, Linda Munoz, and Brian Betton.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Readings for the week of August 10, 2025

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33,1,12,18-22/Heb 11:1-2,8-19 or 11:1-2,8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40  
 Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15,19-20/Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8;32:3-4,7-9,12/Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14  
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3,5,8,16-17/Mt 18:15-20  
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-11,13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21-19:1  
 Friday: Rv 11:19;12:1-6,10/Ps 45:10-12,16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56  
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2,5,7-8,11/Mt 19:13-15

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

People of St. Francis Xavier

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Ann Sherdian & Maria Rita Las Marias †

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

Ruben Nunez & Nunez Family

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Myrna Cimini †

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Aurora Marcelo & Bob Taylor †

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

People of St. Francis Xavier

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

People of St. Francis Xavier



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