



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



BLESSED

are the clean of heart, for they will see God

Matthew 5:8



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/

MARRIAGE/FUNERAL

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,



Dear Friends,

Today we joyfully celebrate our School Open House, and we warmly welcome you. SFX School is truly the heart of our parish—a place where the light of Jesus is planted, nurtured, and allowed to grow in young hearts. Forming our children on a strong foundation of faith, while fostering academic and social excellence, is one of the greatest gifts we can offer them, and our school lives this mission beautifully each day.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the importance of building our lives on a solid foundation in God: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." These words call us to trust, humility, and faith—values we strive to instill in our students. We are deeply blessed with an exceptional faculty and staff under the inspiring leadership of Dr. Nicdao. Please help us spread the word and invite families to consider SFX School—a place where faith, learning, and community grow together.

Through our school, we also form students to participate actively in the life and ministry of the Church. One of the first ministries young people are invited to join is the Altar Server Ministry. After First Holy Communion, students are encouraged to serve at the Altar. An Altar Server Appreciation Gathering will be held on February 21 at 12:30 p.m., and training for new servers will be offered soon. I extend my gratitude to our new Altar Ministry team Stephanie Rofail, Preethi Jayaraj and Audrey Abrera. My sincere gratitude goes to Herman Buitrago who by his exceptionally incredible commitment and passion made this ministry thriving.

Our Sunday reading continues, "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God." As Lent approaches—beginning February 18—we are invited to renew our hearts and refocus our lives on Christ. A parish retreat will be held on February 28 for all parishioners, especially those in ministry, with the theme "Called to Serve and Blessed to Lead." Please keep in prayer all those preparing for the sacraments.

This Sunday is Announcement Sunday for our Together in Mission Campaign. This year's theme is "This Is the Hour for Love." Our parish goal is \$53,020. Please begin to prayerfully consider how you can support parishes and schools in our Archdiocese that depend on our generosity. May the Beatitudes become our attitude, and may we be peacemakers in our time.

May God bless you.



PARISH NEWS



The Together in Mission 2026 annual appeal is here. We will ask you to generously support the parishes and schools of our Archdiocese, We invite you to begin praying about your role in the appeal.

Archbishop Gomez has chosen the theme of ***This is the hour for love***. It is such a great reminder that the Lord is working through each of us, and the time is now for us to respond.

Your continued generosity to Together in Mission and your faith in our ministries are proof that by offering the Lord what we can, He will provide what we need.

The way the Lord gave of Himself for us is a great reminder that we are united as one Church, that when we come together and support our parishes and schools, we can do so much good. Each of us has benefited from our ministries.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of:

Jack DeMartínis



A funeral Mass has been scheduled for Friday, February 6th at 10:00am. A vigil with rosary is scheduled for Thursday, Feruary 5th at 5:00pm.



Thank you to everyone who attended the JOY breakfast. We look forward to our next get-together.



Baptism Workshop

Tuesday, February 10th 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.

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Congress – Anaheim February 20, 21 & 22 Anaheim Convention Center

Participants will gather for an enriching experience like no other. Choose from more than 140 workshops, participate in daily liturgies, find peace and reflection in Sacred Space, and explore a wide variety of resources in the Exhibit Hall.

Whether you seek spiritual growth, professional development, or a deeper connection with your faith, RE Congress offers something for everyone.

For more information and to register, please visit:
<https://recongress.org>

FAITH FORMATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



VBS RETURNS THIS SUMMER!

Save the date and please plan to have your child join us for "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God"

Dates: July 13–17 & **Time:** 8:30 a.m.–12:00 noon
(Extended care available until 3:00 p.m.)

Registration Fees:

- \$95 – Campers (Grades 1–5)
- \$30 – Junior High Leaders (Grades 6–8, limited spots available)
- \$20 per day – After-VBS Care (12:00–3:00 p.m.)
 - No fee – High School Senior Leaders

This fun-filled week includes songs, skits, crafts, and games, and most importantly, helps children discover how their lives can be transformed by God's great love for them.

Registration opens March 2nd.

For any questions, please contact Mrs. Rosie Roope at rosie.roope@sfxburbank.com

ADULT CONFIRMATION BEGINS SOON!

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 their commitment to Christ and the Church. Together, we will explore the foundations of Catholic teaching in a supportive and engaging environment.

Led by Dn. Tony Hobbs, meetings begin on **Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower school.** If you are over 18 years of age, have been baptized Catholic, and have received First Eucharist but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, this program is for you. Pre-registration is required. Participants must provide copies of their Baptism and First Communion certificates.

To register, contact rosie.roope@gmail.com

COME TO ME MINISTRY

Come To Me Ministry February Events Updates

-February 11th at 7p, Cabrini Hall— Dive right into the topic of Baptism with our speaker, Dn. Tony.

-February 15th, after the 10am Mass in the Sports Court—Snow Day of Love (Family Day)

St. Francis Xavier Church is bringing back "Snow Day" with our new "Snow Day of Love." Come play in **REAL** snow! (See the flyer below)

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Feb 2026	Feb 2026	Feb 2026	Feb 2026
Link Up: Faith In Focus, Men's Studies 7pm-9pm Conference Room in the lower building	Link Up: Faith In Focus, Women's Studies 7pm-8:30pm Conference Room in the lower building	Anchored Night w/Dn. Tony - BAPTISM: Deep Water New Life 7pm-8pm Cabrini Hall	Snow Day of Love After - 10am Mass
	16 Feb 2026 Link Up: Faith In Focus, Men's Studies 7pm-9pm Conference Room in the lower building	18 Feb 2026 Ash Wednesday Mass - No Meeting 7pm Church	

Anchored Series
For both Women's & Men's Groups

Baptism

deep water
New Life

Dive right into the topic of Baptism with our speaker, Dn. Tony.

**Wednesday, February 11th at 7pm
Cabrini Hall**

Contact: [Christina Sanchez, CTMM Coordinator](mailto:cvsanchez13@gmail.com)
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Family Day

Snow Day of Love

February 15th, After the 10am Mass in the Sports Court

Bundle up and come ready to slide down the slopes, sip on warm hot chocolate, and munch on some yummy treats! Our Family Snow Day of Love is the perfect mix of winter fun and Valentine's cheer.

Don't forget your closed-toe shoes and pants—brrr, the snow can be chilly! Got a favorite sled? Bring it along and let the fun begin!

Contact: [Christina Sanchez, CTMM Coordinator](mailto:cvsanchez13@gmail.com)
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SCHOOL NEWS

**Saint Francis Xavier
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HOUSE

2026



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Facts About the Missing Children Hotline

Since the Missing Children 24-hour hotline (1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678) launched 41 years ago, countless children have been safely found and brought home.

The hotline has received over 5 million calls in the last 41 years. During national emergencies and disasters, the National Center for Missing and Endangered Children has helped find lost children, working with emergency responders to reunite families. For more information about the Missing Children hotline, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/isyourchildmissing>.

PRAY FOR THE SICK



We pray for our sick parishioners that they may know the healing of Christ:

Teresita Blazon, Lulu Landless, Matthew Balano, Maria Sampley, Charin Barone, Israel Garcia, Stacy and George Schumacher, Xenia Renteria, Ric Blazon Nestor Arenas, Herman Buitrago, Susie Warner, Mayra Alas, Linda Munoz, Brian Betton, Mary Estrada, Teresita Blazon, Juan Garcia, Benvenuto Garcia Manalang, Benny Lolo, Fr. Sebastian Vettickal, Orlando Ortega and Adelaida Manalang.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday: Zep 2:3;3:12-13/Ps 146:6-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10,14,24-25,30—19:3/Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2,9-17/Ps 32:1-2,5-7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12/(Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31,47,50-51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Napoleon D. Garcia & Lourdes Miguel Sol †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Sherwin Serna & Brian Mull †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Lily & Michael Echavarri

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Fernando M. Hizon & Nilo Lantin †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Montano Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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Ministries & Groups

Altar Server Training: Herman Buitrago; **Altar Society:** Emie Decena; **Annulments and Convalidation:** Dn. Jaime Abrera; **Baptism Workshop:** Dn. Tony Hobbs; **Bereavement Ministry:** Barbara Bocek & Joanne Armendariz ; **Come to Me Ministry:** Christina Sanchez; **Confirmation Program:** Dn. Jim Roope; **Coordinator of Liturgy:** Dn. Jaime Abrera & Fr. Mathew; **Cornerstone Music:** Paula Lucero; **Eucharistic Minister Training:** Dn. Jaime Abrera; **Family Life Ministry:** Denis Ehling; **Filipino-American Group:** Rene Decena; **Grief Support:** Jose and Nora Hizon; **Joy Senior Group:** JoAnn Cardona; **Knights of Columbus:** Rod Chapman **Lector Training:** Mike Imfeld; **Marriage Preparation:** Mike and Debbie Maddigan; **Minister Scheduling:** Parish Office; **Ministry to the Sick:** Fr. Mathew & Audrey Abrera; **Music Director:** Jack Clapper **Old Tyme Country Faire:** Parish Office; **Parish Finance Council:** Richard Dixon; **Parish Council:** Brad Recker **Parish Hospitality Committee:** Karry Ann Luttge; **Peace & Justice:** Rosed Flores; **RCIA:** Paula Lucero; **Religious Education Programs:** Rosie Roope; **Sacristan Training:** Dennis Ehling; **Sandwich Sundays:** Peg Setti; **Usher and Greeters:** Karry Ann Luttge; **VIRTUS Training and Fingerprinting:** Rosie Roope; **Vocation:** Fr. Mathew; **Wedding Coordinator:** Yvette Rubio;

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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