



St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus tells us, "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."



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

Please call the parish office

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From the Desk of Fr. Sebastian,



Dear Parish Family,

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us, "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." These words remind us that the Christian life is never meant to be a private spirituality. It is a shared mission of love, lived together as one community of faith.

Each year, our Archdiocese invites us to live out this Gospel call in a very concrete way through the Together in Mission campaign. This year's theme is "This is the hour for love." It invites us to reflect not only on what we give, but also on why we give. The Church is one Body. We are not divided into "us" and "them." We have a shared responsibility for one another.

When a parish struggles to sustain its ministries, when a school cannot afford essential resources, the whole Church feels it. And when we give, we do more than make a donation—we express our love for Christ by caring for His people. Your generosity helps keep ministries alive, classrooms open, and the sacraments celebrated with dignity and reverence in many parishes and schools throughout our Archdiocese. Let us step forward for this noble cause with joyful hearts. Our parish goal this year is \$53,020.

Today is Commitment Sunday. I invite you to prayerfully make your pledge according to your ability, in thanksgiving for the many blessings God has given you.

An Altar Server Appreciation Gathering will be held on February 21 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. I invite all our altar servers to attend this gathering with their parents.

To let our light shine for the glory of God, we must first fill our hearts with the light of Jesus. Lent is a time for renewal. A half-day reflection gathering (Ministry Retreat) is scheduled for everyone—especially those involved in ministry and those who wish to join a ministry—on Saturday, February 28. Let our light shine before others.

May God bless you.



PARISH NEWS



The Together in Mission Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend is Here!

I hope you have taken time to consider how you and your family can support this year's Appeal, which focuses on supporting parishes and schools through four core areas:

1. Parish Vitality & Pastoral Ministry:

- Supporting pastors, deacons, catechists, and parish staff.
- Providing sacramental preparation.
- OCIA
- Youth and Young Adult ministry, and faith formation, and ensuring parishes can stay open, celebrate Mass and other vital Sacraments, and serve their neighborhoods.

2. Catholic Education & Assistance:

- Making Catholic schools accessible for families in financial hardship, Funding classrooms, textbooks, up-to-date curriculum and technology support, safe learning environments, and essential staff.
- Supporting schools where more than half of the families rely on assistance.
- Aid in the retention of principals and teachers for student learning stability.

3. Safe, Functional, Welcoming Facilities:

- Repairing roofs, plumbing, electrical systems, and playgrounds
- Enhancing accessibility for seniors and parishioners with disabilities.
- Maintaining spaces where children learn and families gather, and supporting site facility safety measures.

4. Stability for Families & Communities:

- Providing dependable funding year after year.
- Supporting schools that anchor neighborhoods and open pathways to brighter futures.
- Strengthening parish life as a source of belonging, prayer, and hope.

Our goal as a parish this year is \$53,020.00 and I hope you will join me in helping to meet and exceed this year's goal! 100% of the funds raised above and beyond that goal will be returned to our parish.



**Altar Server Appreciation Gathering
Saturday, February 18 | 12:30 pm**

An Altar Server Appreciation Gathering is scheduled on Saturday, February 18 at 12:30 pm. Luncheon, sharing, refresher training are part of the gathering. This is for Altar servers and their parents.

If anyone is interested to join the Altar Server Ministry, you are most welcome to join.



**CALLED TO SERVE AND
BLESSED TO LEAD
You Are Invited:
Lenten Half-Day Retreat**

We warmly invite all those involved in ministry to join us for a Lenten Half-Day Retreat on Saturday, February 28, from 8:30 a.m. to Noon, concluding with a luncheon at Noon.

This retreat is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on and appreciate your call, renew your commitment to ministry, and continue your service with renewed energy and joy. Open to all, this gathering is also a meaningful way to enter the Season of Lent. We hope you will join us! Please RSVP to the parish office to confirm your attendance.

COME TO ME MINISTRY



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!



Come To Me Ministry February Events Updates

-February 8th & 22nd —after the 10a Mass (see flyer below for location)

-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!



Moms & Tots Group

For Moms/Families with children ages 0-4

Come to Me Ministry's Moms & Tots is a group for moms and families with children ages 0-4. Designed to bring young families together, this group fosters meaningful fellowship and a strong sense of community. It offers St. Francis Xavier's younger families the opportunity to build lasting connections—both spiritually and socially—as they grow together in faith and friendship.

February 8th, after the 10am Mass at the SFX Playground - "Meet & Greet" (20-30min)
Meet other Moms/Families and find out more

February 22nd, after the 10am Mass at Brace Canyon Park - "First Meet-Up"

Bring your own lunch, chairs, and picnic blankets- Pastries and snacks will be provided



Contact: Christina Sanchez, CTMM Coordinator
cvsanchez13@gmail.com



Anchored Series

For both Women's & Men's Groups



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

Wednesday, February 11th at 7pm
Cabrini Hall

Contact: Christina Sanchez, CTMM Coordinator
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PARISH NEWS



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.



This Sunday the Mother Cabrini Chapel and Library will be open from 10:00am to 1:00pm. It is located in the upper parking lot.

Please join us for a SUPER experience.

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

PEACE & JUSTICE NEWS



Peace & Justice Food Drive Collection

The Peace & Justice Ministry thanks you for your continuing food donations. While all non-perishable food items are welcomed, **January's most needed item is macaroni and cheese.** 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mass with SFX School



DID YOU KNOW?

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 8, 2026

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30/Ps 84:3-5,10-11/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4,35-37,40/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19/Ps 81:10-15/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7,19-22/Mk 8:1-10

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

People of St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Dina Tomei & Anna Charleston †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Fred Staudhammer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Anneliese & TJ Decker

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Oscar Paez & Hank Charleston †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Sevilla Family & Jim Fanning

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

People of St. Francis Xavier

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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.

St. Francis Xavier is on Social Media! Follow us so you don't miss out on our great events and activities.

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Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Parish!

We invite you to become a member of our community! Thank you for printing neatly and dropping in the collection basket or bringing to the Parish Office.

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