



# St. Francis Xavier Parish

3801 Scott Road, Burbank, CA 91504

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

## *The Transfiguration of Jesus*



### 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 Friends,

A sculptor once chipped away at a block of marble day after day. When a boy later saw the magnificent lion that had emerged, he asked, “How did you see the lion inside the stone?” The sculptor replied, “I simply removed what wasn’t the lion.”

This is a powerful image for us as we reflect on the Gospel of the Second Sunday of Lent—the Transfiguration of Jesus. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John, and the Father proclaims, “This is my beloved Son... listen to Him.” Transfiguration means transformation.

Lent is not about becoming someone else; it is about becoming who God created us to be. We are children of God. Like the prodigal son, if we have disfigured our image by wrong choices, Lent is the time to recognize our present reality and reclaim our true identity.

Like the sculptor, we need to allow God to chip away whatever is not part of His beautiful design for us. Sometimes that chipping is uncomfortable. Sometimes it challenges our plans. However, it is always an act of love.

Peter wanted to stay on the mountain and build tents. He wanted to hold on to the moment. But God redirected him: “Listen to my beloved Son.” True transformation begins when we listen—deeply and faithfully—to Jesus.

Think of Mary and Joseph. Their lives did not unfold according to their original plans. Yet they trusted God completely. In their hearts they said, “Lord, not our will, but yours be done.” That surrender transformed not only their lives but also the entire world.

We are not a finished block of stone. God is still at work in us, and what He sees within us is far more beautiful than we can imagine. May this Lent be a season of courage, surrender, and powerful transformation in all our lives.

Our Lenten retreat was a beautiful experience of transformation. Thank you, each one of you, for your part in making our retreat such a transformative experience.

May God bless you.



# PARISH NEWS



## LENTEN PROGRAM

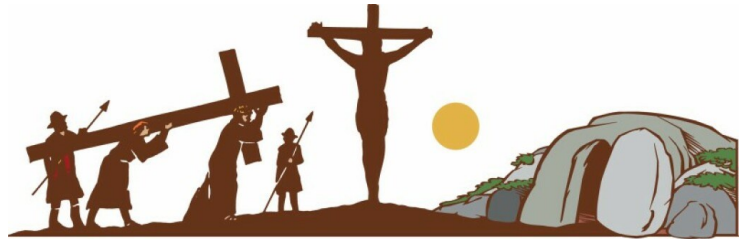
### YOUTUBE PRESENTATION: Lenten Reflection

Fr. Sebastian and the Deacons are presenting a YouTube Video every Monday during Lent. Join Monday mornings at: <https://www.youtube.com/@st.francisxavierchurchburb5056>

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm  
Lenten Soup at 6: pm

Please attend. Let us grow together and enjoy the joy of the resurrection.



STATIONS of the CROSS

JOIN ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FOR A LENTEN

# FISH FRY

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## Dine-in or Takeout

Friday, March 6th — 6pm-8pm  
at the St. Cabrini Hall

Friday, March 20th — 6pm-8pm  
at the Holy Cross Hall

Adult Fish & Chips, 3 pieces of fish with chips — **\$15**

Kids Fish & Chips, 2 pieces of fish with chips — **\$10**

Mac & Cheese with Fries — **\$5**

Garlic Fries or Cheese Fries — **\$5**

Complimentary Salad Bar, Lemonade & Water with  
Dinner Order

SFX accepts cash, credit card and Venmo as payment  
options at the time of purchase.

## Fish Fry Hosted By Knights of Columbus

Dine-in or Take Out

Friday, March 6th — 6pm-8pm  
in Cabrini Hall (lower building)

Friday, March 20th — 6pm-8pm  
in Holy Cross Hall (upper building)

Adult Fish & Chips, 3 pieces of fish w/chips  
—**\$15**

Kids Fish & Chips, 2 pieces of fish w/chips  
—**\$10**

Mac & Cheese w/fries — **\$5**

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# PARISH NEWS



## Baptism Workshop

Tuesday, March 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.

# 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, **March's most needed item is canned tuna.** 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.

# COME TO ME MINISTRY

## What a way to begin our Lenten journey!



Come To Me Ministry  
Family Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST  
at 10AM

Light refreshments following Mass



## Women's & Men's Studies

Men - Mondays, March 2nd, 16th & 30th  
7pm-9:00pm

Women - Wednesdays, March 4th & 18th  
7pm-8:30pm

St. Francis Xavier Lower  
Building Conference Room



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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:rosie.roope@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Food Drive

Saturday, February 28th at 5–6p  
Sunday, March 1st at 8a–12:30p

**Suggested Donations:**  
Canned Goods: Soup, Vegetables, Fruits, Meats  
Dry Staples: Rice, Pasta, Beans, Cereal, Oats

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## SCHOOL NEWS

## DID YOU KNOW?



### Entrance to St. Francis Xavier School

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 names to be placed on our waiting list of students interested in entering Transitional Kindergarten through Eighth Grade in August 2026. 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. **This includes families who have children currently enrolled at St. Francis Xavier School and would like younger or older siblings considered for admission.**

**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 1<sup>st</sup>** to be eligible to take the entrance screening. **Transitional Kindergarten applicants must turn 4 years old by November 1<sup>st</sup>** to be eligible for the entrance screening.

We look forward to meeting with you!

### Children and Non-Consensual Images

Non-consensual intimate imagery (NCII) abuse can affect anyone, regardless of age or gender. In many cases, it can seem like the victim is part of the distribution of his or her own image. Even though a child may provide an intimate picture, children are not capable of understanding the implications or coping with perceived pressure to do so. No matter how an offender obtains intimate material, the victim's fear of images being shared can leave him or her feeling powerless and ashamed. NCII abuse can be used to further manipulate or blackmail a victim into more abusive scenarios. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Take It Down Act" 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:

Benvienido Garcia Manalang, Orlando Ortega, Peg Setti, Adelaida Manalang and Elaine MacMartin.

## MASS INTENTIONS

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

People of St. Francis Xavier

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

Nilo Lantín & Berm Stiver †

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Felicidad Ramos †

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Antonio Roman Carrasco & Pedro Francisco †

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

John-Luke & Rose Laue

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Consolacion D. Garcia †

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

People of St. Francis Xavier

### Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4/Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22/2 Tm 1:8-10/Mt 17:1-9  
 Monday: Dn 9:4-10/Ps 79:8-9,11,13/Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10,16-20/Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23/Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6,14-16/Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4,6/Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43,45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15,18-20/Ps 103:1-4,9-12/Lk 15:1-3,11-32

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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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