

All for the greater glory of God! ~St. Francis Xavier

Welcome to ST. FRANCIS XAVIER Catholic Parish

115 N. FIRST STREET CLAYTON, NEW MEXICO 88415 PHONE: (575) 374-8894

> Emergency <u>Only</u>: (575) 374-8900 Fr. Joel's Cell: (505)697-1875 Office: (575) 374-8894; Fax: (575) 374-9500 E-mail: frjoelbugas@gmail.com Missions: Des Moines, Folsom, Moses

> > THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

Clergy





Please call Donna Kimble 374-2789 or cell 575 207-7203 if there are errors/problems with the schedule that will help with future scheduling. Thank You.

Please find substitutes if you are to be absent. Refer any errors/problems with the schedule to Donna Kimble 374-2789.

NOWDNG YOUR FADTH...



MONDAY:

"... They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith ... "~Acts 14:27

LECTIONARY READINGS & REFLECTIONS Monday, January 23rd-Sunday, January 29th, 2017

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection

of Unborn Children Heb 9:15, 24-28 Mk 3:22-30 "January 22 is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade and the day established by the Church of penance for abortion, has been formally named as the 'Day

of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children."" (~Catholic Culture.com) TUESDAY:



St. Frances de Sales Heb 10:1-10 Mk 3:31-35 "His ardent love of God and souls, his great kindliness, rare wisdom and sure teaching made St. Francis exceptionally influential in bringing about conversions and in guiding souls in the spiritual life. He won back to the faith more than 70,000 heretics, thus restoring to the Church a great part of the Chablais, which had been ravaged by Protestantism. He

was St. Jane de Chantal's spiritual director, and with her founded the Order of the Visitation. He is the author of Treatise on the Love of God and Introduction to the Devout Life. St. Francis died at Lyons in 1622." (~Catholic Culture.com)

WEDNESDAY:

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18 "St. Paul, named Saul at his circumcision, a Jew of the tribe



of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centers of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome in 66, and his body is kept in the Basilica of St. Paul near the Ostian Way." (~Catholic Culture.com)

THURSDAY:



St. Timothy & St. Titus 2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 4:21-25 "St. Timothy, born in Galatia in Asia Minor, was baptized and later ordained to the priesthood by St. Paul. The young Galatian became Paul's missionary companion and his most beloved spiritual son. St. Paul showed his trust in this disciple by

consecrating him bishop of the great city of Ephesus. St. Timothy was stoned to death thirty years after St. Paul's martyrdom for having denounced the worship of the goddess Diana. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite St. Timothy's feast is celebrated on January 24 and St. Titus on February 6.

St. Titus, a convert from paganism, was a fellow laborer of St. Paul on many apostolic missions. St. Paul later made him bishop of Crete, a difficult charge because of the character of the inhabitants and the spread of erroneous doctrines on that island. St. Paul's writings tell us that St. Titus rejoiced to discover what was good in others and drew the hearts of men by his wide and affectionate sympathy." (-Catholic Culture.com

FRIDAY:

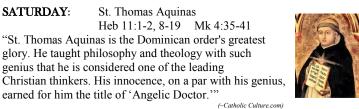
St. Angela Merici Heb 10:32-39

Mk 4:26-34 "St. Angela was born in northern Italy. In 1516, she founded the Order of Ursulines, the first teaching order for women approved by the Church." (~Catholic Culture.com)

SATURDAY:

St. Thomas Aquinas Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Mk 4:35-41 "St. Thomas Aquinas is the Dominican order's greatest glory. He taught philosophy and theology with such genius that he is considered one of the leading

earned for him the title of 'Angelic Doctor.""





4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zep 2:3, 3:12-13 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a "Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." (~www.catholicculture.org)

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2017 Evangelization: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25, 2017 "The theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 'Reconciliation-The Love of Christ Compels Us.' (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-20). According to Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute (GEII). . it was in the context of the Reformation Anniversary that the Council of Churches in Germany took up the work of creating the resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017. It quickly became clear that the materials for this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity would need to have two accents: on the one hand, there should be a celebration of God's love and grace, the 'justification of humanity through grace alone', reflecting the main concern of the churches marked by Martin Luther's Reformation. On the other hand, the materials should also recognize the pain of the subsequent deep divisions which afflicted the Church, openly name the guilt, and offer an opportunity to take steps toward

reconciliation." (~www.USCCB.org)

Visit www.USCCB.org for additional information.



God of all, we pray as one, that we *may be one, just as the Lord Jesus* prayed we may be one in Him. Your son Jesus compels us to be reconciled to one another. May our spirits be joined to your Holy Spirit, that we may witness to the visible unity of your Church. May we all recognize that we are truly one with you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and grow together in peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute Garrison, NY 10524-0300 www.geii.org

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: JANUARY 21-29, 2017

"January/Roe Events: Learn how you can participate virtually or in person as the Church marks the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal." (~www.USCCB.org)



Visit www.USCCB.org for the 9 days of prayers

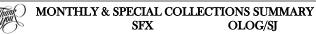
Congratulations to All the 2016 Raffle Draw Winners THANK YOU SO VERY MUGH

TO ALL OUR SPONSOR'S, BENEFACTOR'S, DONOR'S & SUPPORTER'S AND FOR ALL WHO SUPORTED THE FUNDRAISING DURING OUR 2016 RAFFLE DRAWING

Visit: www.sfxclayton. org for complete list of winners

Special Thanks to...

Thank First National Bank, Ranch Market, Big Country Realty You!!! Farmers and Stockmens Bank, Altar Ladies Society Hass Funeral Homes, SFX Family and Anonymous donors THAN K YOU VERY MUCHIII



1/14 - 1/15/17: Collection totals were not available at time of printing. Please see future bulletins. Thank you.

"Glorify the Lord generously, and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness."~ Sirach 35:8-9 Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity!!!