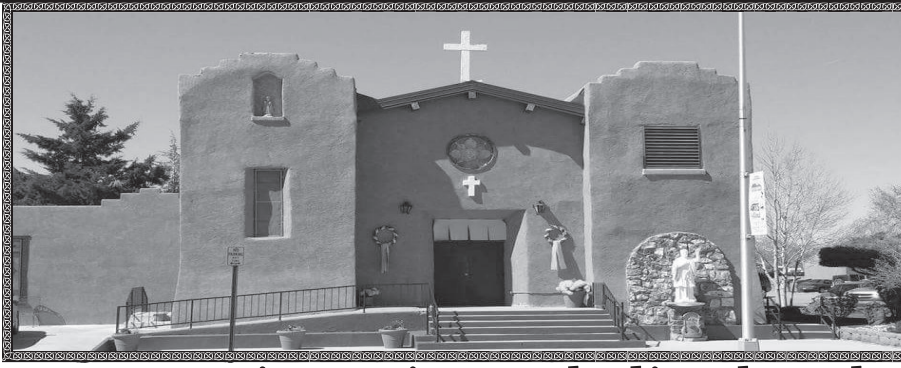




*All for the
Greater Glory
of God!
St. Francis Xavier*



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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*Hail Mary,
Full of Grace!
Holy Mary,
Mother of God!*

"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Joel Bugas

Deacon: Dcn Louis Montoya

Part-Time Secretary: Monica Barrus

Part-Time Bookkeeper: Theresa Gard

Communication/Technology: Hayley Encinias

Religious Education: Andrea Naranjo

Adult Religious Education: Sophie Arguello

Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

M, W, F 1:00pm -5:00pm

Closed on T, TH and Church & Civil Holidays

Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)

Contact Deacon Louis Montoya

Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)

Contact Fr. Joel -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2017

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00am

SFX Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel

Confession: Saturday 4:15-4:50pm OR by appointment

Holy Hour: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm (before Mass)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appointment

St. Joseph, Folsom

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00 m (Jun 1 - Sept 30)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appointment

NENM Detention Facility, Clayton

Tuesday (1st & 3rd) 2:00pm (for Residents/Staff only)

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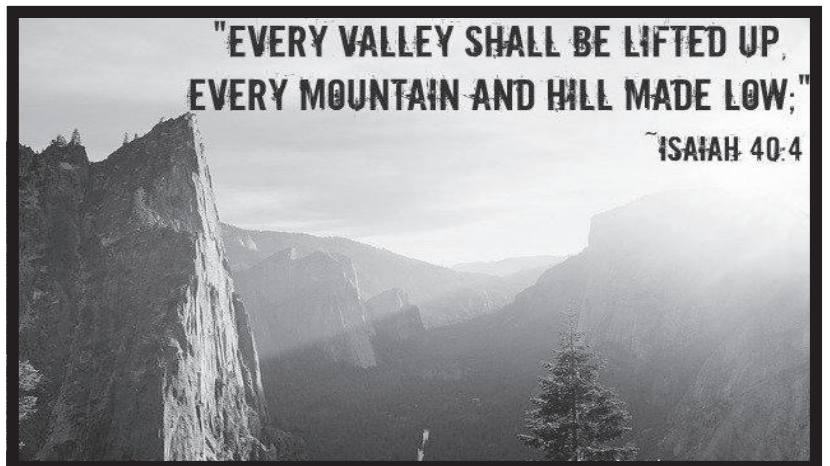
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- Text 84576
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**"EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE LIFTED UP,
EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL MADE LOW;"**

~ ISAIAH 40:4



KNOWING YOUR FAITH...

LECTIONARY READINGS & REFLECTIONS Monday, December 11– Sunday, December 17, 2017

MONDAY: Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26

Memorial of St. Damasus I, pope
St. Damasus was Supreme Pontiff from 366 to 384. He was a very learned man, well versed in the Scriptures. He commissioned St. Jerome to complete the translation of the Bible into the Latin language. Shortly after his reign the 72 books of the Bible, hitherto scattered in different parts of the Orient, were collected into one volume. He defended the rights of the Holy See, and beautified the Roman resting places of the Christian dead and of the saints. He also confirmed the practice of singing the Psalms day and night in the churches and adding a Glory Be at the end of each Psalm. (Catholicculture.org)

TUESDAY: Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
In 1910 Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared Patroness of Latin America, and in 1945 Pope Pius XII declared Her to be the Empress of all the Americas. She appeared to an Indian convert named Juan Diego on December 9, 1531. She left a marvelous portrait of herself on the mantle of Juan Diego. This miraculous image has proved to be ageless, and is kept in the shrine built in her honor, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. (catholicculture.org)

WEDNESDAY: Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30

Memorial of St. Lucy, virgin and martyr
St. Lucy (283-304) was born in Syracuse, Sicily, where she also died. She was of a noble Greek family, and was brought up as a Christian by her mother, who was miraculously cured at the shrine of St. Agatha in Catania. Lucy made a vow of virginity and distributed her wealth to the poor. This generosity stirred the wrath of the unworthy youth to whom she had been unwillingly betrothed and who denounced her to Paschasius, the governor of Sicily. When it was decided to violate her virginity in a place of shame, Lucy, with the help of the Holy Spirit, stood immovable. A fire was then built around her, but again God protected her. She was finally put to death by the sword. Her name appears in the second list in the Canon. (catholicculture.org)

THURSDAY: Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15

Memorial of St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor
St. John of the Cross (1542-1591) was born and died in Spain. His parents were poor and could not give him training in any trade. Hence he became the servant of the sick in the hospital of Medina. In 1563 he offered himself as a lay brother to the Carmelite friars, who, however, perceiving his unusual talents, had him ordained a priest. When he was about to join the more severe Order of the Carthusians, the saintly Teresa persuaded him to remain and help her in the reform of the Carmelite Order. This reform of his order caused him such sufferings and brought him many trials. But his sufferings served only to detach him from creatures. He had a great devotion to Our Lord's Passion and voluntarily sought out humiliations. When Our Lord asked him what reward he would ask for his labors, John answered: "To suffer and to be despised for Thee." He died of a cruel disease, embracing the crucifix. Because of his profound treatises on mystical theology Pope Pius XI proclaimed him Doctor of the Church. According to the 1962 Missal of Bl. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite St. John of Cross' feast is celebrated on November 24. (Catholicculture.org)

"Draw near to God and he will draw near to you" (James 4:8).

FRIDAY: Is 48:17-29 Mt 11:1-19

St. Virginia Centurione Bracelli (Italy)
Today the feast of St. Virginia Bracelli is celebrated in Italy. She was born in 1587 and was forced into marriage in 1602. She bore two daughters and was widowed in 1607 aged 20. She refused another marriage and took up a vow of chastity. She devoted the rest of her life to helping the needy and the sick and died in 1651 aged 64. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II on May 18, 2003. (catholicculture.org)

SATURDAY: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

SUNDAY: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 Jn 1:6-8, 19-

A Holy Advent Leads to a Joyful Christmas

During Advent, we wait for the gift of pure love. Taking time each day this season to create moments of watchful silence and thoughtful preparations will lead to real joy at Christmas. Watchful silence. "For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him" (Psalm 62:5). God does not shout. He speaks softly, in a "still small voice" (1 Kings 19:11-12). It isn't always heard in the rush of daily life but in the silence of our hearts. During Advent, slow down, quiet down and listen for the still small voice of God.

Prepare. "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving" (Colossians 4:2). We fall into sin because our hearts are not continuously turned to God. When we confidently turn to him each day, he will give us the protection and strength we need to withstand the darkness of sin. God does not expect us to be perfect but he does want us to be a little better today than the day before. Regular Confession is indispensable.

Celebrate. We were created to have a mutual, loving relationship with God. In fact, he loves us so much that he sent his Son to show us, tell us, and die for us. Celebrate our love story on Christmas with Mass and joy. (Growing in Faith, Dec. 2017)

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Check often for updates and information!!

"I am with you always." Sometimes God can seem distant and silent. Yet, he promised to stay with us always (Matthew 28:20). The same God who came to Bethlehem 2000 years ago still comes to us now to live in our churches and our hearts. Today be mindful of God's loving presence. Ask him to help you grow closer to him.

If you made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please pay the balance of your pledge before the end of December.

Thank you so much for your generosity!!

Please visit the following very informative websites:

www.archdiocesasantafe.org www.usccb.org
w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html www.ewtn.com
www.catholicculture.org www.sfxclayton.org

If there is a death in a parish member's family or a serious hospitalization, please call the Good Samaritan Ministry at (575) 447-2196 so they can provide a small meal or a card to the family to let them know their Parish family is thinking about them.



*This is my body, which will be given up for you.
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all... so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.*

*** Masses will be offered **December 2017*****

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Member's
SI All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX Clayton
SI Good Health & Well Being of all Parishioners & Families

- Sat, Dec 2** + Clare Wood by Sam & Rosalee Britt Family
+ Laina Grotegut by Ross & Shelley Carter
+ Jack McReynolds by Ross & Shelley Carter
- Sun, Dec 3** + Pal Austin by Ross & Shelley Carter
+ All Deceased listed on the Memorial Board
- Sat, Dec 9** + Clare Wood by Sam & Rosalee Britt Family
+ Laina Grotegut by Ross & Shelley Carter
+ Jack McReynolds by Ross & Shelley Carter
- Sun, Dec 10** + Pal Austin by Ross & Shelley Carter
+ Ruben Trujillo by Alice Trujillo
+ Lorene Montoya by Conrado & Craig Montoya
- Sat, Dec 16** + Clare Wood by Sam & Rosalee Britt Family
+ Jack McReynolds by Ross & Shelley Carter
+ Ruben Trujillo by Alice Trujillo
- Sun, Dec 17** + Pal Austin by Ross & Shelley Carter
+ Judy Davidson by Father John R. Shedlock
+ All Deceased listed on the Memorial Board
- Sat, Dec 23** + Joseph Trujillo by Cynthia Montoya
+ Jack McReynolds by Ross & Shelley Carter
+ Judy Davidson by Father John R. Shedlock
- Sun, Dec 24** + All Deceased listed on the Memorial Board
- Sat, Dec 30** + Clare Wood by Sam & Rosalee Britt Family
+ Judy Davidson by Father John R. Shedlock
+ All Deceased listed on the Memorial Board
- Sun, Dec 31** + Roy Kimble by Donna Kimble & Family
+ All Deceased listed on the Memorial Board

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, el 12 de diciembre
Misa a las 5:00pm con una cena después.
Trae una comida para compartir.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

- 5 to 6:15pm for pre-K to 5th grades
- 6:30 to 7:45pm for 6th-8th grades
- Adoration with our Lord for Children, Youth & Parents: **Dec 13**
5:00pm SFX Church, 6:00pm CCD Christmas Party-Parish Hall
- The Star Child Movie Night, **Dec 21st**
- Children & Youth Mass-**Jan 7** 10:30 am SFX

MONTHLY & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS SUMMARY: Nov 2017

	SFX	OLOG
All Saints Souls	\$ 1746.00	
November 4-5	\$ 2327.47	\$ 562.00
November 11-12	\$ 2427.40	\$ 444.50
November 18-19	\$ 1705.00	\$ 443.00
Bazaar	\$ 9051.11	
Thanksgiving	\$ 428.00	
November 25-26	\$ 1865.00	\$ 324.00

Please Note: The weekly collection for the month is printed at end of the month as a summary collection report.

*"Glorify the Lord generously, and do not stint the first fruits of your hands.
With every gift how a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithes with gladness."
Sirach 35:8-9*



Lay Minister Schedule

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Fri Dec 8th	Shelley Carter and Rosie DeHerrera	Debbie Reeves and Donna Kimble
Sat, Dec 9th	Sammie Wood	Anita Miera and Monica Barrus
Sun, Dec 10th	Effie Walker and Dixie Fernandez	Sophie Arguello and Debbie Reeves
Sat, Dec 16th	Shelley Carter	Danielle and Brittney Arellano
Sun, Dec 17th	Andrea Naranjo and Jack Chosvig	Pat Crisp and Donna Kimble

Parish Collection Counters Schedule

- Sun, Dec 10:** Richey and Christina Hidalgo
 - Sun, Dec 17:** Larry and MaryLou Harkins
 - Sun, Dec 24:** Ross and Shelley Carter
- Questions? Contact Mary Alice Gallagher (575)374-8353.
Ask another team to substitute if necessary.

Altar Ministry Schedule

Friday, Dec 8	Ross and Craig
Saturday, Dec 9	Gracie Gallagher
Sunday, Dec 10	Craig and Joey
Saturday, Dec 16	Ross and Joey
Sunday, Dec 17	Kirk and Abade

Church Cleaning Schedule

- Dec 3-Dec 9:** Lewie and Patty Baker
- Dec 10-Dec 16:** Shelley Carter, Joann Padilla, Donna Kimble
- Dec 17-Dec 23:** Rosie, Joe, Christina, and Jennifer DeHerrera

The Holy Father's Intentions for December 2017
The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

MEETINGS! — MEETINGS! — MEETINGS!

- OLOG/SJ KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS:**
2nd Wednesday Mass, 9 am, Community Center
- SFX KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS:**
1st Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
- ALTAR LADIES SOCIETY:**
3rd Thursday, 6 pm, Parish Hall
- CONFIRMATION CLASS:**
To be announced Jan 2018

EVERY SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

HOLY HOUR — "Could you not spend ONE HOUR with me?"

- EVERY Saturday HOLY HOUR at SFX:**
- 4:00 PM** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 4:15 PM** Holy Rosary and Confession
- 4:50 PM** Benediction
- 5:00 PM** Regular Saturday Mass



Please be a part of our weekly family "prayer warrior" sponsors!!!