



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



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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Missions: Des Moines, Folsom, Moses, NENM Detention Facility



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

"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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 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)

PLEASE VISIT...

www.sfxclayton.org

For more information & announcements

To sign up to receive text message
announcements & updates

- Text 84576
- Type the message: SFXClayton
- Follow instructions

Rejoice
always;
Pray
without ceasing;
in everything
give thanks;
for this is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus.

1 Thess 5:16-18

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KNOWING YOUR FAITH...

LECTIONARY READINGS & REFLECTIONS
Monday, December 18— Sunday, December 24, 2017

MONDAY: Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

TUESDAY: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25

WEDNESDAY: Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38

THURSDAY: Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45

St. Peter Canisius, priest and doctor

St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597) was born at Nijmegen, Holland, at the very time that Luther began to rebel against the Church and St. Ignatius Loyola was laying the foundations of the Jesuit Order. After studying the arts, civil law and theology, St. Peter joined the Jesuit Order and was ordained a priest in 1546. He is noted especially for the following services to the Church: he defended the Catholic faith against the Protestants; by preaching, writing, founding colleges and seminaries, he caused Catholic life to flourish; he rendered invaluable services to the ecumenical Council of Trent; he wrote many Catechisms which were translated into twelve languages in his own life time. He died in Fribourg, Switzerland. (Catholicculture.org)

FRIDAY: 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

SATURDAY: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34 Lk 1:57-66

St. John of Kanty, priest

Today the Church celebrates the optional memorial of St. John of Kanty, priest. Born in Kanty (Cracow, Poland), he taught at the university and became pastor of a parish. He was distinguished for his piety and love of neighbor. (Catholicculture.org)

SUNDAY: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16 Lk 1:26-38

Please visit the following very informative websites:

www.archdiocesessantafe.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.

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!!

Bring all your sold raffle tickets to the church for the drawing on Dec. 17!!

www.sfxclayton.org

Check often for updates and information!!

FIVE WAYS TO KEEP THE SEASON PEACEFUL

Without our really knowing or intending it, the joy of Christmas can get lost in the wrappings and trappings of a hectic holiday. That's why the Church created Advent as the season for quiet and joyful preparations. Here are some ways to help savor the spirit of the season.

Plan ahead. Try to anticipate and avert the usual holiday problems. Sit feuding relatives at opposite ends of the Christmas dinner table. Plan how to handle guests who smoke.

Stay within your budget. Try postponing shopping as long as you can. You won't have the luxury to overbuy.

Stockpile gifts. Afraid of getting a gift without having one to give in return? Wrap and set aside a few extra batches of Christmas cookies just in case.

Make time for personal prayer. Throughout the season, make time for peaceful meditation and prayer—even if it's only a few minutes a day. Not only will it help defuse the tension, you'll be less frazzled when Christmas arrives.

When in doubt, sing. If you find your patience and good cheer running out, sing your favorite Christmas carol—the louder, the better. A little silliness might be the best antidote to holiday stress. (Growing in Faith, Advent)

Why do we light wreaths during Advent?

Advent wreaths are a time-honored tradition and are rich in symbolism. The wreath is an ancient symbol of victory, in this case, paying tribute to Christ's victory over sin. The circular shape of the wreath reminds us that God is eternal; he-like his everlasting love for us-has no beginning and no end. The wreath is usually made of evergreen branches, symbolizing everlasting life.

Traditionally, the four candles (three violet, one rose) represent the four thousand years between the fall of Adam and Eve and the birth of Christ. Each week an additional candle is lit, accompanied by Scriptural meditations and prayers. The three violet candles stand for the prayers, penances, and good works we do to prepare for Christ's coming. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent as a reminder to rejoice, because it tells us the season is almost over. Finally, the progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the light of Jesus' arrival, which brought us out of the darkness of sin.

(Growing in Faith, Advent)



*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
	+ Jose Gutierrez, Hilda Orozco, Jose Miguel Moreno, Javier Torres by Valenta Gutierrez
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
Sun, Dec 31	+ Roy Kimble by Donna Kimble & Family
	+ All Deceased listed on the Memorial Board

Parish Christmas Party and Raffle Draw-December 17 @ Noon
Check the website for which dish to bring to the potluck!!

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

Check Children's Ministries on the website for updates!

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 tithe with gladness."*

Sirach 35:8-9



Lay Minister Schedule

	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat, Dec 16th	Shelley Carter	Danielle and Brittney Arellano
Sun, Dec 17th	Andrea Naranjo and Jack Chosvig	Pat Crisp and Donna Kimble
Sat, Dec 23rd	Sammie Wood	Anita Miera and Monica Barrus
Sun, Dec 24th	Effie Walker and Dixie Fernandez	Pat Crisp and Jack Chosvig
Mon, Dec 25th	Andrea Naranjo and Rosie DeHerrera	Donna Kimble and Sophie Arguello

Parish Collection Counters Schedule

Sun, Dec 17: Larry and MaryLou Harkins

Sun, Dec 24: Ross and Shelley Carter

Sun, Dec 31: Effie Walker and Della Wetsel

Questions? Contact Mary Alice Gallagher (575)374-8353.

Ask another team to substitute if necessary.

Altar Ministry Schedule

Saturday, Dec 16	Ross and Joey
Sunday, Dec 17	Kirk and Abade
Saturday, Dec 23rd	Ross and Abade
Sunday, Dec 24th	Kirk and Craig
Monday, Dec 25th	Joey and Abade

Church Cleaning Schedule

Dec 10-Dec 16: Shelley Carter, Joann Padilla, Donna Kimble

Dec 17-Dec 23: Rosie, Joe, Christina, and Jennifer DeHerrera

Dec 24-Dec 30: Craig and Debbie Reeves

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!!!

