



*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!*

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High”

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 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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LECTIONARY READINGS & REFLECTIONS
Monday, December 25— Sunday, December 31, 2017

MONDAY: Is 52:7-10 Jn 1:1-18

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Today the Church celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ, the first day in the octave of Christmas. Throughout Advent the Church longed ardently for the coming of our Savior. Today she celebrates His birth with unrestrained joy. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The Son of God became man to give us a share in that divine life which is eternally His in the Blessed Trinity. Christmas time begins on December 24 with the first Vespers of the feast and ends on the feast of the Baptism of Christ. White vestments reappear in our churches as a sign of joy. (catholicculture.org)

TUESDAY: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22

Feast of St. Stephen, first martyr

Today is the second day in the octave of Christmas. The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. Stoned outside Jerusalem, he died praying for his executioners. He was one of the seven deacons who helped the apostles; he was "filled with faith and with the Holy Spirit," and was "full of fortitude." The Church draws a comparison between the disciple and his Master, emphasizing the imitation of Christ even unto the complete gift of self. His name is included in the Roman Canon. (catholicculture.org)

WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1A, 2-8

Feast of St. John, apostle and evangelist

Today is the third day in the octave of Christmas. The Church celebrates the Feast of St. John, apostle and evangelist. Born in Bethsaida, he was called while mending his nets to follow Jesus. He became the beloved disciple of Jesus. He wrote the fourth Gospel, three Epistles and the Apocalypse. His passages on the pre-existence of the Word, who by His Incarnation became the light of the world and the life of our souls, are among the finest of the New Testament. He is the evangelist of the divinity of Christ and His fraternal love. With James, his brother, and Simon Peter, he was one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration. At the Last Supper, he leans on the Master's breast. At the foot of the cross, Jesus entrusts His Mother to his care. John's pure life kept him very close to Jesus and Mary in years to come. John was exiled to the island of Patmos under Emperor Domitian. (catholicculture.org)

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18

Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

During this octave of Christmas the Church celebrates the memory of the small children of the neighborhood of Bethlehem put to death by Herod. Sacrificed by a wicked monarch, these innocent lives bear witness to Christ who was persecuted from the time of His birth by a world which would not receive Him. It is Christ Himself who is at stake in this mass-murder of the children; already the choice, for or against Him, is put clearly before men. But the persecutors are powerless, for Christ came to perform a work of salvation that nothing can prevent; when He fell into the hands of His enemies at the time chosen by God it was to redeem the world by His own Blood. Our Christmas joy is tempered today by a feeling of sadness. But the Church looks principally to the glory of the children, of these innocent victims, whom she shows us in heaven following the Lamb wherever He goes. (Catholicculture.org)

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

Memorial of St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr
Today is the fifth day in the octave of Christmas. The Church celebrates the optional memorial of St. Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr. He was born in London and after studying in Paris, he first became chancellor to the king and then in 1162 was chosen Archbishop of Canterbury. He went from being "a patron of play-actors and a follower of hounds" to being a "shepherd of souls." He absorbed himself in the duties of his new office, defending the rights of the Church against Henry II. This prompted the king to exile him to France for six years. After returning to his homeland he endured many trials and was murdered by agents of the king. (Catholicculture.org)

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40

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

Feast of the Holy Family

Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

— Excerpted from *With Christ Through the Year*, Rev. Bernard Strasser, O.S.B. (catholicculture.org)

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.archdiocesesantafe.org www.usccb.org

w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html www.ewtn.com

www.catholicculture.org www.sfxclayton.org

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 preaching the faith and forming the new generations.

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: Jan 13*
5:00pm SFX Church, 6:00pm CCD Social-Parish Hall

• *Children & Youth Mass-Jan 7 10:30 am SFX*

Check Children's Ministries on the website for updates!



*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** + Richard, Evelyn, & Jim Sintas by Teri & Peter Mansfield
+ Mary Archuleta & Earlene Encinias by Teri & Peter Mansfield
- Sat, Dec 30** + Edward O. Miera by Anita Miera
+ Clare Wood by Sam & Rosalee Britt Family
+ Judy Davidson by Father John R. Shedlock
+ Mary Silversmith & Elsie Fernandez by Dixie Fernandez
- Sun, Dec 31** + Roy Kimble by Donna Kimble & Family
+ Mary Silversmith & Elsie Fernandez by Dixie Fernandez
+ All Deceased listed on the Memorial Board
- Mon, Jan 1** + Abie Montoya by Lupe Montoya

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Check often for updates and information!!

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
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
Sat, Dec 30th	Shelley Carter	Anita Miera and Monica Barrus
Sun, Dec 31st	Jack Chosvig and Effie Walker	Donna Kimble and Debbie Reeves
Mon, Jan 1st	Dixie Fernandez and Pat Crisp	Donna Kimble and Rosie DeHerrera

Parish Collection Counters Schedule

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 23rd	Ross and Abade
Sunday, Dec 24th	Kirk and Craig
Monday, Dec 25th	Joey and Abade
Saturday, Dec 30th	Ross and Joey
Sunday, Dec 31st	Craig and Kirk

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
Dec 31-Jan 8: Dixie Fernandez, Gloria Lucero, Mary Burton, Cindy Trujillo

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

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.

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!!!