



*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!*

*"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."*

### 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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 3, 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](http://www.sfxclayton.org)**

**For more information & announcements**

To sign up to receive text message  
announcements & updates

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



Lord, we are the clay and You our Potter:  
we are all the work of Your hand.

ISAIAH 64:7

## KNOWING YOUR FAITH...

### LECTIONARY READINGS & REFLECTIONS

Monday, December 4— Sunday, December 10, 2017

**MONDAY:** Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11

**TUESDAY:** Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

**WEDNESDAY:** Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

**THURSDAY:** Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Memorial of St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor**

St. Ambrose (340-397) was born at Treves in Gaul, a territory which embraced modern France, Britain, Spain, and part of Africa. He studied in Rome and later became governor of Liguria and Aemelia with residence at Milan. While supervising the election of a new bishop of Milan in 374, he himself was suddenly acclaimed the bishop. He was only a catechumen at the time. He was ordained a priest and consecrated a bishop on Dec. 7. He wrote much on the Scriptures and Fathers, preached a homily every Sunday, resisted the interference of the secular powers with the rights of the Church, opposed the heretics, and was instrumental in bringing about the conversion of St. Augustine. He composed many hymns, promoted sacred chant, and took a great interest in the Liturgy. (Catholicculture.org)

**FRIDAY:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 Lk 1:26-38

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the solemn dogma defined by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854. As Our Lady Immaculately Conceived is the patroness of the United States of America, this is a holy day of obligation in the United States.

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (Catholicculture.org)

**SATURDAY:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Memorial of St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin**

Today the Church in the United States celebrates the optional memorial of St. Juan Diego, an Indian convert, to whom the Virgin Mary appeared as he was going to Mass in Tlatelolco, Mexico. Our Lady asked him to tell the Bishop that she desired a shrine to be built on the spot to manifest her love for all mankind. She left a marvelous portrait of herself on the mantle of Juan Diego as a sign for the Bishop. 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, Patroness of the Americas. (Catholicculture.org)

**SUNDAY:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Mk 1:1-8

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check often for updates,  
information, and inspiration!!

### CHRISTMAS ANTICIPATION PRAYER

Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment In which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [here mention your request] through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

### Why Advent?

Advent is a time of warning, a time of preparation, a time of urgency. It is when the Church wants us to ask, "What do I need to do to be ready to greet the Lord?" We know Jesus will come at our death and he will come at the end of time. The season of Advent encourages us to make the necessary preparations so we can joyfully greet Jesus whenever we meet him next. (Growing in Faith, Advent)

### ¿WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

*Why is purple the color of Advent?*

The Catholic Church uses visual aids to highlight a season of the liturgical year or a mystery of the faith. Purple-violet—represents a time of penance and preparation. During the weeks of Advent, the priest wears violet vestments and the altar is decorated with violet to remind us to prepare penitentially for Christ's coming. On the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), rose vestments and altar cloths are used to signal that Advent is almost over. This is a happy time when we anticipate the joy of Christ's coming. (Growing in Faith, Advent)

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](http://www.archdiocesesantafe.org)

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

[w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html)

[www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)

[www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

[www.sfxclayton.org](http://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, Nov 18** + Clare Wood by Sam & Rosalee Britt Family  
+ Robert Ruiz by Viola Ruiz & Family  
+ Feliz Ruiz by Viola Ruiz & Family
- Sun, Nov 19** + Pal Austin by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+ Ben Farias by Ross & Shelley Carter  
**SI** Peace Among Nations
- Mon, Nov 20** + Pal Austin by Ross & Shelley Carter
- Sat, Nov 25** + Clare Wood by Sam & Rosalee Britt Family  
+ Jack McReynolds by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+ Freddie Archuleta, Jr by Stella Archuleta
- Sun, Nov 26** + Roy Kimble by Donna Kimble & Family  
+ Pal Austin by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+ Ben Farias by Ross & Shelley Carter
- 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  
+ All Deceased listed on the Memorial Board
- Sat, Dec 16** + Clare Wood by Sam & Rosalee Britt Family  
+ Jack McReynolds by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+ All Deceased listed on the Memorial Board
- Sun, Dec 17** + Pal Austin by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+ All Deceased listed on the Memorial Board

Lay Minister Schedule		
	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Sat, Dec 2nd</b>	Shelley Carter	Danielle and Brittney Arellano
<b>Sun, Dec 3rd</b>	Children's Mass	Jack Chosvig and Rosie DeHerrera
<b>Fri Dec 8th</b>	Shelley Carter and Rosie DeHerrera	Debbie Reeves and Donna Kimble
<b>Sat, Dec 9th</b>	Sammie Wood	Anita Miera and Monica Barrus
<b>Sun, Dec 10th</b>	Effie Walker and Dixie Fernandez	Sophie Arguello and Debbie Reeves

**Parish Collection Counters Schedule**

**Sun, Dec 3:** Tim and Mary Alice Gallagher  
**Sun, Dec 10:** Richy and Christina Hidalgo  
**Sun, Dec 17:** Larry and MaryLou Harkins  
*Questions? Contact Mary Alice Gallagher (575)374-8353.  
Ask another team to substitute if necessary.*

**Altar Ministry Schedule**

<b>Saturday, Dec 2</b>	Gracie Gallagher
<b>Sunday, Dec 3</b>	Benjamin and Kirk
<b>Friday, Dec 8</b>	Ross and Craig
<b>Saturday, Dec 9</b>	Gracie Gallagher
<b>Sunday, Dec 10</b>	Craig and Joey

**Church Cleaning Schedule**

**Nov 26-Dec 2:** Rose Alford, Becky Gonzales, Ester Garcia, Dorothy Nobles  
**Dec 3-Dec 9:** Lewie and Patty Baker  
**Dec 10-Dec 16:** Shelley Carter, Joann Padilla, Donna Kimble

**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 and Parents:*

**November 29,** December 13

5:00pm SFX Church, 6:00pm Family Social-Parish Hall

*Children & Youth Mass-Dec 3 10:30 am SFX*

Check Children's Ministries on the website for updates!

**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:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Mass, 9 am, Community Center

**SFX KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall

**ALTAR LADIES SOCIETY:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6 pm, Parish Hall

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:**

To be announced Jan 2018

**MONTHLY & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS SUMMARY: Nov 2017**

	SFX	OLOG
All Saints Souls	\$ 1289.22	
November 4-5	\$ 1531.25	\$ 562.00
November 11-12	\$ 2384.40	\$ 444.50
November 18-19	\$ 1479.00	\$ 443.00
Bazaar	\$ 9051.11	
Thanksgiving	\$ 428.00	
November 25-26	\$ 1850.00	\$ 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*



**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!!!*

