



*Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know  
when the time will come.*

MARK 13:33

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## Hurry Up and Wait!

**W**e've all had this experience. We rush to get ready...and then we wait: at the doctor's office, for a train, at a restaurant. For what do we hurry up and wait this Sunday? Some might say we are waiting for the birth of Jesus. But today's readings don't say this. The first reading describes people waiting for relief from the guilt of their sinfulness. Paul talks about waiting for "the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ" at the end time (1 Corinthians 1:7). The people in the Gospel are waiting for the return of the householder to settle accounts. There's no waiting for Christmas—yet.

For what should we wait if not Christmas? Isaiah tells us to hurry up and change our lives of pettiness, selfishness, and arrogance, and then to wait for the graciousness of God to "rend the heavens and come down" (Isaiah 63:19). Paul tells us to hurry up and

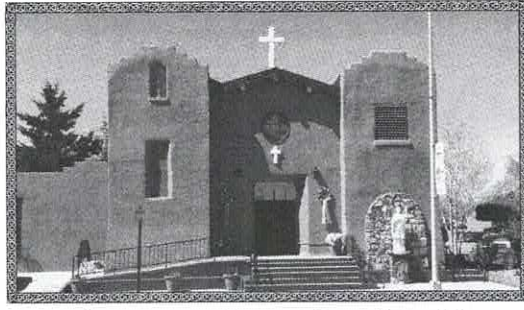
embrace "the grace of God bestowed on [us] in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:4), and then to wait for the final revelation of his glory. The Gospel tells us to hurry up, be alert and ready for Christ's return, and then to wait for it to happen.

If we don't prepare ourselves for the coming of God in the reality of our own lives, we might not recognize this salvation when it comes. We're not waiting for an event that happened in the past; we are waiting for the grace of God that is calling us into the future. So, hurry up and wait!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *If you are waiting for salvation, from what weakness or sin must you be saved?*
- ★ *How are you readying yourself for that salvation to take root in your life?*



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Pastor: Rev. Jason Pettigrew  
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## Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9:00AM - 1:00PM  
Closed on Wed, Fri and Church & Civil Holidays

## Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)  
Contact Pastor

## Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)  
Contact Fr. Jason - 6 Months Prior

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

## NOVEMBER 29TH

### St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

Daily Mass: (Wed-Spanish)-Fri at 12:10pm

Thurs at 5:30pm

Adoration /Confession: Tue 5:30-7:30pm Thurs 6:00-7:00pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass: 1ST Sat 10:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

### Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

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

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

### St. Joseph, Folsom

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

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

### NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM

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*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 & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered November-December 2020  
+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
SI All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX Clayton  
SI Good Health & Well Being of all Parishioners & Families*

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|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Wed, Nov.25</b>  | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk                                                                 | by Chip & Sammie Wood                                                                                      |
| <b>Thur, Nov.26</b> | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk                                                                 | by Chip & Sammie Wood                                                                                      |
| <b>Fri, Nov. 27</b> | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk                                                                 | by Chip & Sammie Wood                                                                                      |
| <b>Sat, Nov. 28</b> | SI Freddie Archuleta Jr.<br>SI Freddie Archuleta<br>SI Michael Encinias<br>+Sam Britt | by Stella Archuleta<br>by Stella Archuleta<br>by Stella Archuleta<br>by Scott & Jane Piercy & Family       |
| <b>Sun, Nov. 29</b> | SI Britt Fisk<br>SI JB & Helen Sintas<br>+ Gladys Jesko<br>+ Sam Britt                | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Teri Mansfield<br>by Sam & RosaLee Britt<br>by Scott & Jane Piercy & Family |
| <b>Wed, Dec. 2.</b> | SI Britt Fisk<br>+ Sam Britt                                                          | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Scott & Jane Piercy & Family                                                |

**Weekly Collections Summary: October /November 2020**

|                  | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|------------------|------------|-------------|
| November 21-22   | \$1,864.00 | \$165.00    |
| November 14-15   | \$2,863.00 | \$391.00    |
| 2nd Week of Nov. | \$ 741.00  | \$ 0.00     |
| 1st Week of Nov. | \$ 360.00  | \$ 275.00   |

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- [v2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html](http://v2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html)
- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- [www.catholic culture.org](http://www.catholic culture.org)

**Announcement**  
**Please Note The New Office Hours Listed!**

**Adoration /Confession: Tue 5:30-7:30pm Thurs 6:00-7:00pm**

**No Weekday Masses at this time**

**UPDATE: Raffle Drawing**  
The drawing date has been extended to:  
Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 11:00am  
All sold tickets must turned in by December 28th

**ACA Pledge Goal Report**  
**St. Francis Xavier-Clayton**  
**% of Participation - 12.42%**  
**Number of Families -314**  
**Parish Goal - \$13,500.00**  
**% Goal Pledged -74.03%**  
**% Goal Paid -76.59%**  
**Total Pledge-\$9,994.00**  
**Total Paid-\$10,339.00**  
**Short-\$3,161.00**

**Announcements**  
**SFX Celebration Raffle Tickets**  
We will start selling the  
2020 "The Birth of CHRIST!!!"  
Raffle Tickets early this year at \$5.00 a ticket or  
\$20.00 a book.  
You can get them at the office during office hours,  
the church after mass, or call the office and we will  
mail them if need be.

**Lectors for Masses**  
**Sun.Nov, 29 10:30am- Pat Crisp**  
  
December Lectors TBA

All Ministry schedules are updated  
monthly and posted on the church website.  
If you need to know when you serve,  
check **www.sfxclayton.org!!**

# Dear Padre,

**My husband of fifty years has no medical issues with his hearing, but he still doesn't listen to me in conversation. How can I feel heard?**

I humbly suggest that your husband read this edition of "Dear Padre."

You might leave this bulletin someplace where he will see it.

"Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice," wrote Shakespeare in *Hamlet*. Likewise, the Bible reads, "Everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak" (James 1:19).

Good listening skills require effort and discipline. Researchers say that only about 10 percent of us listen effectively. Generally, people hear only a fraction of what someone says. Moreover, during an emotional conflict, we tend to hear even less of what another is saying. Nevertheless, Pope Francis said, "We are called to meet others and listen to their life, their cry for help." He called listening "an act of love!" In other words, being available to listen to someone in need is an expression of charity, and being present to others—a spouse, a friend, the bereaved, for example—may actually speak louder than words.

In conversations, people feel heard when their feelings are validated and restated by the listener. But often the listener finds it easier to give advice, fix the problem, or win an argument, than to actively hear what the speaker is trying to communicate. It's advisable to eliminate distractions when someone wants to engage in an important conversation. People don't feel heard when a listener's short attention span wants to resume watching television. Nor do they feel respected during a serious phone conversation while the click of a computer mouse or yawning is overheard!



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—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Take time, quality time. This means being ready to listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say....Often the other spouse does not need a solution to his or her problems, but simply to be heard, to feel that someone has acknowledged their pain, their disappointment, their fear, their anger.*

—AMORIS LAETITIA, MARCH 19, 2016

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## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 30  
St. Andrew,  
Apostle  
Rom 10:9–18  
Mt 4:18–22

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 1  
Advent Weekday  
Is 11:1–10  
Lk 10:21–24

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 2  
Advent Weekday  
Is 25:6–10a  
Mt 15:29–37

### Thursday

DECEMBER 3  
St. Francis Xavier,  
Priest  
Is 26:1–6  
Mt 7:21, 24–27

### Friday

DECEMBER 4  
Advent Weekday  
Is 29:17–24  
Mt 9:27–31

### Saturday

DECEMBER 5  
Advent Weekday  
Is 30:19–21, 23–26  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8

### Sunday

DECEMBER 6  
Second Sunday  
of Advent  
Is 40:1–5, 9–11  
2 Pt 3:8–14  
Mk 1:1–8

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