

You Decide

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign that we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions we demonstrate that we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself but in the options given to us that require a decision. And there is the rub. Often these are options not of our choosing. This can make decision-making very difficult.

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights that our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize that the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will undermine the foundations of the society we have. Which will it be? You decide.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

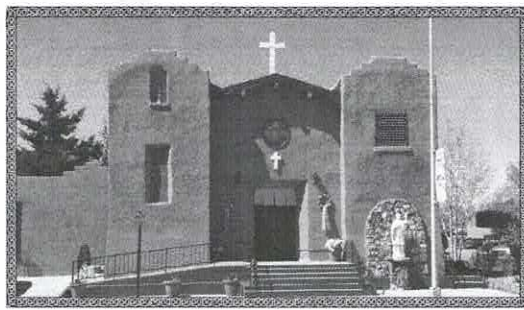
- ✦ *How might you have compromised your religious values in order to get by in life?*
- ✦ *Might God be asking you to choose something new?*

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

JOHN 3:19



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Contact Pastor

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

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

MARCH 14TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

Daily Mass: Thursday: 5:30pm Friday: 12:10pm

Adoration: Thursday 6:00pm-7:00pm

Confession: Friday 4:45pm-5:45pm 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

Confession: Sunday 1:30pm - 2:00


Nursing Home, Clayton

Every 4th Sunday 1:30 PM

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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 March 2021  
+ 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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| <p><b>Tuesday, Mar. 13</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, Mar. 14</b></p> <p>(OLOG)</p> <p>(OLOG)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Mar. 19</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, Mar. 20</b></p> | <p>SI Britt &amp; Agnes Fisk<br/>+Sam Britt<br/>+Joan Lee<br/>+Carolina Gonzales</p> <p>SI Luke Khang<br/>SI Phei van Hoang<br/>+Inez Romero<br/>+Sam Britt<br/>+Ellen Theresa Long<br/>+Rosalie Commiato Kelsey</p> <p>SI Intentions of the Parishioners<br/>And Missions of SFX<br/>+All the Souls in Purgatory<br/>+Margaret Herigna</p> <p>SI Britt &amp; Agnes Fisk<br/>+Sam Britt<br/>+Inez Romero</p> | <p>by Ross &amp; Shelley Carter<br/>by Margaret Heringa<br/>by Ross &amp; Shelley Carter<br/>by Ross &amp; Shelley Carter</p> <p>by Dieu Thi Hoang<br/>by Dieu Thi Hoang<br/>by Donna Kimble<br/>by RosaLee Britt<br/>by Marjorie &amp; Grant Long<br/>by Marjorie &amp; Grant Long</p> <p>by Dieu Thi Hoang<br/>by Ross &amp; Shelley Carter</p> <p>by Ross &amp; Shelley Carter<br/>by Donna Kimble<br/>by Eloisa Trujillo</p> |
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**Weekly Collections Summary: Feb. and Mar. 2021**

|                | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|----------------|------------|-------------|
| March 6-7      | \$2,072.00 | \$ 530.00   |
| February 27-28 | \$2,033.00 | \$ 725.00   |
| February 20-21 | \$2,964.00 | \$ 295.00   |
| February 6-7   | \$2,646.00 | \$ 531.00   |

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

**Announcement**

Daily Mass Thursday at 5:30 & Adoration 6-7pm

Friday Daily Mass at 12:10pm

During Lent Friday Confession 4:45-5:45pm

During Lent Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 6pm

Confession is Saturdays at 4:00-5:00pm or by Appointment

Rejoice with Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice with her, all you who mourned her!

**Isaiah 66:10**

**Announcements**

All Parishioners are encouraged to form prayer groups or Bible studies on their own, and welcome to use the church or CCD Building for such activities.

“The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.” -- Pope John Paul II, *Christi-fideles Laici* (1988), n. 38.

**Lectors for Masses**

- Saturday, Mar 20– Effie Walker
- Sunday, Mar 21– Andrea Naranjo
- Saturday, Mar. 27–Sammie Wood
- Sunday, Mar.28– Jack Chosvig

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 friend's parish is having a St. Joseph's Day Altar. What is that?

According to tradition, the altar to St. Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested and by distributing their plentitude to those most in need.

Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage.

Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it's a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one's faith and charity in its execution.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*



*Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness!*

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19, 2013

## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 15

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

### Friday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph,

Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a,

12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

or Lk 2:41-51a

### Saturday

MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

### Sunday

MARCH 21

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33